



# Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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### Make Your Plate SC Grown for Farm to School Month!

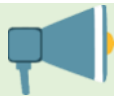
October is National Farm to School Month! Join us and thousands of schools, early care and education sites, farms, communities, and organizations across the country as we celebrate food education, preschool gardens, and meals filled with healthy, local ingredients.

On Monday, October 29th, make your plate SC grown. Have a taste test with your child care program using Certified SC produce. Post a photo with the hashtag #CertifiedSCplate on Facebook or Instagram and be entered to win some Farm to Early Care and Education prizes.

A taste test is a small sample of produce given to children and teachers to introduce them to a new food. Taste tests provide children with an opportunity to try new foods without creating a lot of food waste. It is a great way to introduce Certified South Carolina fruits and vegetables! Be sure your produce is locally grown and in-season to offer the best experience. Some examples of in-season produce include apples, beets, broccoli, butter beans, cucumbers, green onions, leeks, leafy greens, tomatoes, and so much more. Visit the [Certified SC website](#) or [Farmers Market maps](#) to find local produce. Use the [SC Farm to Preschool Taste Test Guide](#) for information on implementing taste tests with children.

[Sign up here](#) to show how you are participating in Make Your Plate SC Grown, and the first 300 participants to sign up will be mailed a packet of stickers and seeds to help celebrate Farm to School month.

Need more resources? Visit the [SC Farm to Institution](#) website.



### All Child Care Providers Notice:

You have received in the mail a revised letter regarding two new forms that are required to be completed when you hire a new teacher/caregiver/staff person that needs to be fingerprinted. **The new forms, DSS Form 1081 and DSS Form 1083, are now required to be completed prior to the staff person being fingerprinted.** Please check your mail soon for these two new forms.

### Family Child Care Resource Fair Georgetown



Thursday, October 11, 2018  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Have you ever wondered if there are valuable resources out there that you've missed out on?

Join us for an EXCLUSIVE Family Child Care Resource Fair! This is an opportunity to explore local, statewide, and national Family Child Care resources that are beneficial in enhancing your Family Child Care business. In addition, you will receive information about financial assistance programs to help families pay for child care, learn how to register for a Family Child Care scholarship to obtain a Certificate or Degree at your local community college and more.

**Location:** JB Beck Administration and Education Center (Board Room), 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440

**To register and for more information [click here.](#)**

### Registered Family Child Care Provider Notice:



The DSS Form 2909, Consumer Parent Statement, has been revised. You, the provider, should complete Section I. Parents of all enrolled children should complete Section II, sign, and date. This form now is in triple form so that you can have a copy for the home file, a copy to be sent to your licensing specialist, and a copy for your CACFP Sponsor, if necessary. **Please [click here](#) to see the revised DSS 2909. Also, the DSS Form 2922 has been revised as well. Please [click here](#) to see the revised DSS 2922.**

### Family Child Care Super Saturday



**Sessions:** 10:00AM -12:30PM Your Family Child Care Home In Full Effect

**DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Health & Safety**

1:30PM -4:00PM FCC Business Practices: Contracts & Policies

**DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Program Admin**

**Spartanburg: Saturday, October 13, 2018**

Spartanburg County Library Barrett, Room 151, South Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306 **To register and for more information on the Spartanburg Super Saturday [click here.](#)**

**Andrews: Saturday, October 20, 2018**

Andrews Library, 105 N Morgan Ave., Andrews, SC 29510. **To register and for more information on the Andrews Super Saturday [click here.](#)**

### Product Recalls

DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at **800-638-2772** or visit their website: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

- ☛ **Desert Harvest Releveum Skin Repair Cream** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirement.
- ☛ **Weeplay Kids Children's Coveralls** due to choking hazard caused by detachable bunny applique.
- ☛ **Boy Scouts of America Neckerchief Slides** due to violation of federal lead paint ban.

### Hurricane Florence

After a natural disaster, excess moisture and standing water contribute to the growth of mold in buildings. Please be aware that your building may be contaminated, which can cause health risks. People who are sensitive to mold may experience stuffy nose, irritated eyes, wheezing, or skin irritation. Allergic reactions include difficulty breathing and shortness of breath. Remove all absorbent items that have been wet for more than 48 hours and that cannot be thoroughly cleaned and dried. These items can remain a source of mold growth and should be removed from the home. Absorbent, non-cleanable items include carpeting and carpet padding, upholstery, wallpaper, drywall, floor and ceiling tiles, insulation material, some clothing, leather, paper, wood, and food. Removal and cleaning are important because even dead mold may cause allergic reactions in some people.

**For more information please click on the following links: [CDC - Mold After a Disaster](#) [CDC - Reentering Your Flooded Home](#)**