



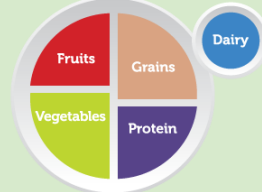
New Family Child Care Home Training Requirements Beginning July 1, 2017



Beginning July 1, 2017, all family child care home providers will have to complete 10 hours of annual training rather than just two. This training requirement is for the operator, any staff and any emergency person caring for the children. This new training requirement must be completed before your registration expires. If the training is not completed, it may affect the status of your registration. A more detailed letter and a copy of this new legislation was sent to you this month. If you have not already received it, a link to this important information can be found here:

Training Requirements Letter and New Legislation

Still have questions? Contact Charlene Caldwell at (803) 898-5082 or Charlene.Caldwell@dss.sc.gov.



Meal Pattern Revisions

The USDA recently revised the Child and Adult Care Food Program meal patterns to ensure children and adults in care programs have access to healthy, balanced meals throughout the day. Under the new meal patterns, meals served will include a greater variety of vegetables and fruits, more whole grains and less added sugar and saturated fat. The changes are based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, scientific recommendations from the National Academy of Medicine and stakeholder input. The effective date of the changes is October 1, 2017. Find more information about the changes to the meal patterns at www.scchildcare.org.

SCAECE 27th Annual Conference

Saturday, February 6, 2017

The Medallion Center 7309 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209

Deadline for early registration - January 18, 2017

Register for conference 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. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to http://saferproducts.gov.

- Recalls for: Roylco Educational Light Cubes, L'echarpe Porte-bonheur Chimparoo Baby Carriers, Target Halloween LED Gel Clings, Fiddle Diddles Car Seat Strap Systems, Mamas & Papas Armadillo Strollers, Peg Perego Children's Ride-On Vehicles, LTD Commodities and The Lakeside Collection Projection Night Lights, Skidders Footwear Children's Shoes, Lexibook Baby Bath Seats/Chairs, Playworld Stainless Steel Playground Slides, World Trading Orbit Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards, Bingo Deals Chicken Toys.



FLU Season

Influenza, a contagious respiratory illness, can be deadly for newborn babies and people with chronic sicknesses. Expecting mothers who contract the flu increase their risk of premature labor and delivery and raise the chance of their baby having birth defects. A variety of viruses cause the flu by passing through the air and entering the body through the nose and mouth. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, they produce droplets that release into the air.

Contracting the flu happens when a person touches, inhales, or ingests anything contaminated with these droplets. A cough or sneeze can spread the flu within a six foot range of the ill person. Adults can infect other people starting one day before flu symptoms show and five to seven days after becoming sick. Children might spread the virus for longer than seven days. Symptoms begin one to four days after the virus enters the body.

Symptoms

- Symptoms: Fever, Sore throat, Chills, Cough, Muscle or body aches, Headache, Runny or stuffy nose, Fatigue

Flu Facts DHEC, Pregnant Women and the Flu CDC, Flu Prevention in Child Care DHEC

Prevention

- Prevention: Flu vaccine, Cover coughs and sneezes, Wash hands regularly with soap and warm water, Frequently wipe down commonly used surfaces, Separate infected adults/children from others, Eat healthy, exercise, and get plenty of rest