

Preschool Development Grant Needs Assessment Regional Meetings



South Carolina was awarded a \$3.5 million federal Preschool Development Grant to assess all services available to children from birth through age 5 statewide. To better understand the needs of young children and their families in South Carolina, regional meetings have been scheduled throughout the state to here feedback from you! Please share with others. Please note that the **location for the May 23rd meeting has been changed.**

To register and for more information on May regional meeting's please [click here](#).

Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program



The USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the release of Feeding Infants in the *Child and Adult Care Food Program*. This guide supports Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators in implementing the CACFP infant meal pattern requirements and best practices for infant feeding, including information on:

- CACFP infant meal pattern,
- developmental readiness for solid foods,
- hunger and fullness signs,
- handling and storing breastmilk and infant formula,
- creditable foods, and more!



Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program is currently available in English at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-child-and-adult-care-food-program>. Spanish and print versions will be made available at a later date.



REMINDER: DID YOU KNOW?

Effective June 2018, the Child Care Center Regulations were changed to reflect that

NO Corporal Punishment shall be used against children. All teacher/caregivers shall sign a facility agreement to implement the discipline and behavior management policy, with a statement that specifies No Corporal Punishment. **There are no exceptions to this regulation.**

This means that children shall not be hit, kicked, punched, slapped, pinched, etc., in anyway by anyone in the Licensed Child Care Center. Positive reinforcements should be used to redirect children when needed. If you would like additional information on how to manage children, please let your Licensing Specialist know, and we will be happy to make a referral with our Child Care Resource and Referral partner to assist you.



Free Trainings: Curriculum Activities for the Outdoor Learning Environment (Anderson County)

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time: 12:30PM –3:00PM

Where: West Pelzer Baptist Church, 29 Main Street, Pelzer, SC 29669

It's time to turn our attention to the world of learning opportunities waiting outdoors. This session will provide hands-on activities to incorporate in your outdoor learning environment. Learn to create an exciting outdoor learning environment that will have children, parents, and teachers enjoying the great outdoors daily! **To register or for more information [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. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

- ☛ **Amerex Group Infant Fur Jackets** due to choking hazard caused by detachable snaps.
- ☛ **Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleepers** due to reports of infant fatalities.
- ☛ **H&M Children's Bathrobes** due to violation of flammability standard.

☛ **Go Couture Children's Loungewear** due to violation of federal flammability standard.

☛ **Target Wooden Toy Vehicles** due to choking hazard caused by detachable wheels.

☛ **Flying Tiger Copenhagen Toy Train Carts** due to choking hazard caused by steam dome coming loose.

☛ **TriDerma Pain Relief Cream** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirement.

☛ **Kids II Rocking Sleepers** due to reports of infant fatalities.

National Water Safety Month



May is National Water Safety Month. Water is fun for kids but can also be hazardous. Among preventable injuries drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4. Infants and toddlers can drown in less than two inches of water. This can happen when and where you least expect it, including bathrooms, small areas of water around your home such as ponds or rainfall puddles, and in inflatable pools. Most drowning injuries or deaths are preventable.

Swimming Safety

- Dress children in Coast Guard-approved flotation devices/life vests (with snug fit)
- Children younger than five should wear a vest with a head support and a strap between legs.
- Check for water conditions, such as currents and tides.

[SafeKids](#)
[KidsHealth](#)
[CDC](#)

Injury

- Keep electrical appliances away from children when they are in or near water.
- Dress children in foot protection such as aqua socks or water shoes.
- Don't let children run or jump near water.

Home Safety

- Completely empty all tubs, sinks, buckets, containers, and kiddie pools immediately after use.
- Close toilet lids, and use toilet seat locks.
- Install a fence around a home pool.