



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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Market Your ABC Quality Program to New Families

Staff at the Division of Early Care & Education has been distributing information panel cards to parents all across South Carolina with the hopes of teaching parents about the benefits of selecting an ABC Quality child care provider to care for their children. Now you can give these informational cards to parents who tour your program by requesting free copies of the panel cards [here](#).



Programs with the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care designation give new mothers the support they need during the transition to child care. We know that this can be a difficult time for mothers breastfeeding, and often mothers feel they need to stop breastfeeding when they go back to work. Licensed child care programs that earn the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care designation are ready to support you and your baby to continue breastfeeding while in care.

[Click here](#) to see ABC Quality child care providers that have earned the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care designation. To learn more about Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care or apply to become a breast feeding friendly, [click here](#).

Central Registry Checks in Other States

The Child Care & Development Block Grant that was reauthorized in 2014 requires increased background checks for child care providers. To comply with federal law, Child Care Licensing has begun to check the central registry databases for child abuse and neglect in states where child care workers have lived in the previous five years. Child Care Licensing staff will notify a teacher and provider when CCL sees that the teacher has lived in another state in the past five years. CCL staff will provide the teacher and/or child care provider with a particular state's forms to ask for that check



NEW Family Child Care Super Saturday

Join the Family Child Care Network for a special day filled with informative training sessions for DSS credit hours. Do you have questions about your training requirements, child enrollment capacity, supervision expectations, and other questions regarding operating your Family Child Care Business? Bring your lunch for a special "lunch & learn" session with Child Care Licensing staff to answer your questions about operating a Family Child Care business.

To register or for more information click on the county link:

[Richland County](#) Saturday, December 9, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
[Charleston County](#) Saturday, December 9, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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>.

- **PlanToys Baby Gyms** due to strangulation hazard.
- **Viv&Lul Children's Sleepwear** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **Dondolo Children's Sleepwear** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **Mass Creation Little Mass Children's Sleepwear** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **JW Crawford Children's Rain Ponchos** due to strangulation hazard.

- **Kidde Fire Extinguishers** due to failure to discharge and nozzle detachment.
- **Norco Bicycles Children's Bicycles** due to fall hazard caused by defective cranks.
- **OshKosh Baby B'gosh Quilted Jacket** due to choking hazard caused by detachable snaps.
- **Dollar Mania Sonic Smart Wheels Self-Balancing Scooters/Hoverboards** due to explosion and fire hazards caused by battery pack overheating.
- **Woolino Children's Pajama's** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **IKEA Malm Chests and Dressers** due to serious tip-over hazard.

Severe Winter Weather Prep



Winter weather can be a delight to see, however it can also be very dangerous. Please check out the [2017 Winter Weather Guide](#) for tips on what to do before, during, and after a winter storm. The guide covers a variety of topics. Read to find tips on how to prepare your home for a winter storm and what to do if you're caught driving in a blizzard. Also, learn how to prevent heating-related fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. Preparation can help to keep you safe and may even save a life.

This is 2017 SC Winter Weather Prep Week. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SC EMD) will have tips all week on how you can easily add a little winter weather prep to your holiday plans. We'll share these on DSS social media.