



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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Kids Fair Charleston

The **30th Annual Kids Fair** is presented by the Charleston Jewish Community Center Without Walls and MUSC Children's Health. Kids will have a blast with more than 100 hands-on learning activities, pre-historic huge dinosaur's troupe and more. **Join us on Sunday, February 25, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Kids under 18 admitted **FREE** and must be accompanied by an adult! **Adults are \$5 but see page 2 of this newsletter for a free adult admission coupon.**

FREE Bloodborne Pathogen Training

There is now a **FREE** online Bloodborne Pathogen training available through ProSolutions. This class will meet your annual requirement and will be documented as one hour of DSS credit in Health & Safety. **Please [click here](#) to enroll today!**



FLU Prevention

There are many different strains of the flu virus. The flu shot vaccine protects against the strains that research suggests will be most common in that particular year. (See [Vaccine Virus Selection](#) for this season's vaccine composition.)

Getting the flu shot can prevent you from catching the flu, can make the flu milder if you still do catch it, and it can shorten the time you are sick. Vaccines may also prevent serious [flu complications](#). For people with [high-risk factors](#), the flu shot can be the difference between having a milder illness or a very serious illness that could result in hospitalization.

It is not too late to get your flu shot. Please get your flu shot to help prevent the spread of this deadly virus! Find a clinic [here](#).



5th Annual Health and Fitness Game

Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate health and wellness at the Fifth Annual University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Health & Fitness Game. This game promotes children's wellness and Head Start's Fatherhood Initiative and is a collaboration among S.C. Dept. of Social Services, Head Start, USC's Athletic Department and Dawn Staley, SC Women's Basketball coach and Olympic gold medalist. Booths, activities, prizes and giveaways will be setup up along the concourse starting at section 113 at the College St. entrance. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., the game starts at 1 p.m..

Farm to Early Care and Education Survey

The National Farm to School Network will distribute the Farm to Early Care and Education Survey in late February 2018. Help us to make sure South Carolina is represented by completing the survey when it is available.

NEW Early Learning Standards

The newly revised Early Learning Standards utilized input and expertise from early childhood professionals across the state. These standards have been adopted by the Division of Early Care & Education and the Department of Education, and they represent development and learning in young children ages birth to 5 years old. You will find key features such as developmental continuums, teaching strategies and specific information for young dual-language learners in the standards.

[Early Learning Standards Webinar Slides](#)

[Early Learning Standards Book](#)

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>.

☛ **Wohali Outdoors Children's Sleepwear** due to violation of federal flammability standard.

- ☛ **The Land of Nod Toddler Beds** due to entrapment hazard caused by disconnecting headboard.
- ☛ **Comfort Research Bean Bag Chair Covers** due to entrapment and suffocation hazard caused by zipper.
- ☛ **Skip Hop Convertible High Chairs** due to fall hazard caused by detachable front legs.
- ☛ **Multipro Bassinets** due to violation of bassinet and cradle standard.

Safe Sleep

Safe sleep is important at home and in child care. Here are recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- **Back to sleep** for every sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS. Infants should be placed in a supine position (flat on the back) for every sleep by every caregiver until they are 1 year old. Side sleeping is not safe and is not advised.
- **No sitting devices:** Items like car safety seats, strollers, swings, infant carriers, and infant slings are not recommended for routine sleep in child care, at a hospital or at home.
- **No soft objects** or loose bedding: Keep these items out of the crib to reduce the risk of SIDS, suffocation, entrapment, and

strangulation. This includes pillows, pillow-like toys, quilts, comforters and sheepskins. Wedges and positioning devices are not recommended.

- **Do not elevate** the head of the infant's crib. This is not effective in reducing reflux and is not recommended. Elevation may result in the infant sliding to the foot of the crib into a position that can compromise respiration.

Additional helpful resources provided by American Academy of Pediatrics include:

[Safe Sleep for Babies Video - HealthyChildren.org](#)

[Back to Sleep, Tummy to Play - HealthyChildren.org](#)





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Sunday, February 25, 2018

CHARLESTON GAILLARD CENTER • 11AM-5PM • RAIN or SHINE

- KidsHealthZone
- KidsDiscoveryZone
- KidsSmartZone
- KidsSafetyZone
- KidsPlayZone
- KidsFoodZone

Enjoy a day of over 100 hands-on learning activities, outdoor games, face painting, stage shows, mini golf, crafts, music, food and much more.

- Meet your Favorite Star Wars Hero
- Dancing with Dinosaurs
- Manny Houston presents "Disney Funkdafied"
- Indoor Stage Performances
- Indoor & Outdoor Activities
- Climbing Wall
- Mascots
- Food Trucks



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 ADULTS - \$5 WITHOUT COUPON AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHILD.
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