



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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ABC Quality Road Show

ABC Quality staff are coming to an area near you to conduct trainings on the new ABC Quality standards. Multiple trainings will be conducted throughout the state between August 15 and September 25. **Please stay tuned for exact dates, times and locations.**

The program manual is the key document that includes all program revisions. To access, please click below:

[ABC Quality Program Manual 2018](#)

To access other important documents related to the revisions, please click below:

[ABC Quality Library](#)



SC Farm to Preschool: Culinary Skills & Garden Workshop

Tuesday, July 17, 2018
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Child and Adult Care Food Program announces the SC Farm to Preschool's one-day combined culinary skills and garden workshop. Participants will harvest produce and herbs from the garden, learn about food safety, and practice preparing dishes with garden produce. They will also learn general gardening tips and receive a comprehensive overview of food safety in child care facilities.

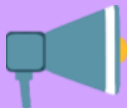
Cost: \$10, lunch included

Location: Greenville Tech - Northwest Campus, 8109 White Horse Rd Greenville, SC 29617

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

Registration will end Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Should you need further assistance, please contact CACFP at (888) 834-8096.

New Child Care Center (only) Regulations



Updated regulations for Child Care Centers have been signed by the Governor, ratified, and are now in effect. See the new regulations and a side-by-side companion

guide for reviewing them to easily identify the changes that Gov. Advisory Board on Child Care Licensing made. Please be on the lookout for other opportunities to review with Licensing staff.

For the new regulations, [click here](#).

For the [side-by-side companion guide](#), [click here](#).

FREE ONLINE TRAINING: ADA Basics for Child Care Providers



This course is designed to provide an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act, specifically the provisions related to child care. In addition, participants will learn the benefits of inclusion, how to communicate with families, and how to develop an inclusive practices policy for their program. The course will also provide multiple resources should providers need assistance including a child with a disability in their program. The target audience for this course is child care owners, directors, and teachers.

DSS Credit Hours: 2 Professional Development

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

Workforce Study Survey:

We Need Your Help!



Attention all Early Care and Education teachers, providers and staff! The Workforce Study Research Team is conducting an anonymous survey of all individuals in the early childhood field. The survey only takes 10 minutes to complete, and the information you provide will help stakeholders better understand the experiences of the early childhood workforce in SC and thus better guide decisions to support a stable and effective Early Care and Education Workforce.

To participate, please [click here](#).

Do you participate in ABC Quality and are you proud of it?

ABC Quality wants to help you advertise your participation in ABC Quality. ABC Quality has developed informational panel cards to help parents understand the importance of choosing a high quality child care environment. You can order these cards for free to hand out to families that tour your facility. [Click here](#) to see the cards and to order your own copies.



SC Voucher: Homeless Voucher Initiative

SC Voucher began a Homeless Voucher Initiative in March 2016. Since that time, SC has lead the nation in connecting families experiencing homelessness with quality child care. **Vouchers for children experiencing homelessness are still available.** SC uses the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness to qualify families, meaning the following circumstances could qualify children for voucher assistance:

- Sharing housing with others due to financial hardship;
- Living in hotels, motels, trailer parks, camping grounds, or emergency or transitional shelters;
- Having a primary nighttime residence in a public or private place not normally used for sleeping;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or bus or train stations; or
- Migratory children living in one of these situations.

If you or a family you know may qualify for a voucher under the Homeless Voucher Initiative, please contact the SC Voucher Program at 800-476-0199.