



# Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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## Family Child Care Resource Fair: Early Childhood Resources to Increase Quality Care

**When:** Thursday, April 11, 2019  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Where:** JB Beck Administration and Education Center (Board Room), 2018 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440

Join us for an EXCLUSIVE Family Child Care Resource Fair! This is an opportunity to explore local, statewide, and national Family Child Care resources that are beneficial in enhancing your Family Child Care business. In addition, you will receive information about financial assistance programs to help families pay for child care, receive children books, learn how to register for a Family Child Care scholarship to obtain a Certificate or Degree at your local community college, receive information on how to get materials at a discounted rate, and much more.

DSS Credit Hours: 1.5 Professional Development  
**To register and for more information [click here.](#)**

### Free Trainings: Family Child Care Super Saturday Williamsburg County

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Where:** Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 411 N. Academy Street Kingstree, SC 29556

**9:00AM –11:30AM Your Family Child Care Home In Full Effect**

DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Health & Safety

**12:30 –3:00 FCC Business Practices: Contracts & Policies**

DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Program Admin

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

### Free Trainings: Family Child Care Super Saturday York County

**When:** Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Where:** Sylvia Circle Family Learning Center (Media Center) 929 Sylvia Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29730

**9:00AM –11:30AM Your Family Child Care Home In Full Effect**

DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Health & Safety

**12:30 –3:00 FCC Business Practices: Contracts & Policies**

DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Program Admin

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## 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, and please register for a meeting near you.

**To view the scheduled meetings for April please [click here.](#)**

**To view the scheduled meetings for May please [click here.](#)**

**To register for a meeting near you please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RegMeet2019>.**



## 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](http://www.cpsc.gov)**. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to **<http://saferproducts.gov>**.

- **Brush Art WIC Nutrition Plates** due to fire hazard.
- **Bulk Unlimited Children's Globes** due to fire and burn hazard.
- **Daniel M. Friedman & Associates Rechargeable Power Banks** due to fire hazard.
- **Midwest-CBK Baby Rattle Socks** due to choking hazard.



## Seasonal Allergies

In the U.S., allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic sickness. Every year, 50 million Americans suffer from allergies. Seasonal allergies, also known as "hay fever," result from the immune system overreacting towards allergens. The body treats allergens, such as pollen and mold, as harmful particles when in reality they are not.

Mistakenly, while in defense mode, the immune system releases histamine and other chemicals to protect itself. The chemicals released produce common allergy symptoms. For example, histamine causes inflammation in the nose and airways.

Allergies in children can interrupt their ability to focus. Chronic nasal congestion may cause difficulties sleeping, making children tired throughout the day. Chronic nasal congestion or mouth-breathing could also lead to a deformed jaw and teeth. Untreated allergies can result in greater long-term health problems, such as asthma, sinusitis, and chronic ear infections.

### Signs

- ▶ Child appears better indoors
- ▶ When in the car, child seems better with the windows up & air conditioner on.
- ▶ Every year symptoms arise at the same time

### Symptoms

- ▶ Coughing & sneezing
- ▶ Runny nose & watery, itchy eyes
- ▶ Itchy throat, roof of mouth or nose
- ▶ Postnasal drip & nasal congestion
- ▶ Fatigue

### Prevention

- ▶ Schedule outdoor activities after 10 a.m.
- ▶ Check local pollen count
- ▶ Keep car windows closed & turn on air conditioner
- ▶ Change your child's clothes after playing outside
- ▶ Talk with your doctor about over-the-counter or prescription medication

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