



## Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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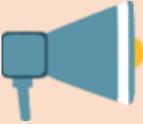
### Announcing ABC Quality Facebook Page



The ABC Quality Facebook page is now live! Please check it out for access to all the latest news and updates with ABC Quality. Follow this page to learn about ABC Quality standards for child care, meet some of our participating child care providers throughout the state and also discover helpful tips on child care development.

To access the page, please click here: <https://www.facebook.com/ABCQualitySC>

### SC CCCCD Announces Name Change to SC Endeavors



The S.C. Center for Child Care Career Development officially changed its name to **SC Endeavors** on January 6, 2020. The change corresponds with the organization's recent transition to a new workforce registry, the SC Endeavors Registry, which is now accessible to all educators, teachers, trainers and providers in South Carolina.

"The name SC Endeavors aligns with our purpose of providing professional development opportunities to early childhood educators and supporting professionals as they pursue their career goals," said Millie McDonald, State Director.

By transitioning to the new registry, SC Endeavors joins 40 other states in the National Workforce Registry Alliance and is bringing an advanced web-based system that tracks and promotes the training, employment, and educational accomplishments of early childhood care and education (ECE) providers throughout the state.

"We're excited about the new workforce registry and the positive changes and efficiencies it's bringing to the early care and education workforce," said Melissa Starker, Department Head, SC Child Care Training System.

Information and resources on getting started in the SC Endeavors Registry is being sent through weekly emails.

**If you have questions, please contact SC Endeavors at 864-250-8581.**

### 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>.

- 👉 **DaVinci Bassinets** due to a fall hazard caused by defective support legs.
- 👉 **J. Crew Boys Denim Pants** due to aspiration and choking hazards.
- 👉 **Hillsdale Furniture Five-Drawer Chests** due to tip-over and entrapment hazards.

### Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care



The South Carolina Program for Infant and Toddler Care offers a statewide Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care designation program. This program is funded by the SC Department of Social Services Division of Early Care and Education and is free for licensed child care providers.

Supporting breastfeeding families can improve the health of mothers and babies in our state. One of the most critical times during breastfeeding is when baby is placed in child care. Moms are faced with the challenges of pumping at work and supplying the child care provider with bottles of expressed breastmilk. In an effort to support moms with meeting their breastfeeding goals at this critical time, this designation provides programs and care teachers with information about breastfeeding and the breastfed baby and ways to support breastfeeding families.

#### **Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designees**

There are 22 providers already designated across the state and many more in the pipeline. Designation leads to better daily attendance, healthier children, higher parent satisfaction and more public recognition. Please visit [SCPITC.org](http://SCPITC.org) for more information. Contact us to become a Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care!

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