



2020 Virtual Champions for Young Children Symposium

Dates: August 6 & 7, 2020

Theme: Relationships, Resilience, and Recovery

Cost: FREE

This year's symposium will provide featured talks and breakout sessions to inspire and empower professionals across the early childhood system to support young children and their families well as we continue to realize and respond to the effect of Covid-19 in our communities.

For more information, visit the Champions website

<http://www.scinclusion.org/champions-symposium/>



The Power of Play: July Trainings

Exciting online PD is available to providers and staff. If you have teachers who need DSS hours or just want to learn more about young children please check out the website. Sessions start at 9 am, but go live at 8:30 am and stay on until 10:30 am.

In addition to the scheduled trainings, upon request, more dates can be added that would be convenient for your teachers. *DSS Credit Hours: 1.5*

Sessions currently scheduled:

Session 5 Play, What Else Is There? July 16 at 9:00 am

Session 1 The Power of Play: Adult Roles July 23 at 9:00 am

Session 2 Play and Oral Language July 30 at 9:00 am

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

For questions contact Linda Mook, PhD 843-240-0394 or email Ldmook3@yahoo.com.



Free Training: Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood - Zoom Call

Date: July 16th at 10:00 am

DSS Credit Hours: 3

Developed with preschool educators and early childhood specialists, Project Learning Tree's Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood includes over 130 experiences that engage children in outdoor play and exploration. It is specifically designed for educators

who work with children ages three to six. An accompanying music CD features songs from children's musician Billy B. Brennan that encourage children to sing, dance, and move. **To register and for more information, [click here](#).**



Virtual Celebration of Countdown to Kindergarten



EdVenture Children's Museum and its partners invite all South Carolina rising kindergartners and their families to the seventeenth annual Celebration of Countdown to Kindergarten on August 7. SC DSS is partnering with EdVenture to help promote and support the virtual event, which is designed to prepare rising kindergartners and their families for the first day of school.

Beginning July 18, EdVenture will post short video vignettes and messages designed to help children and their families prepare for the first week of kindergarten.

Anyone interested in providing a video to share with families and be included in this online event, **please complete the survey by [clicking here](#).**



CACFP Waiver Extension

USDA Nationwide Waivers impacting CACFP have been extended through June 30, 2021. These flexibilities allow for meals that do not meet normal meal pattern requirements when necessary to provide meals to

children; meals to be served in non-congregate settings and outside of standard meal service times (allows for grab and go meals) and parent/guardian pick-up of meals for children.

Child care facilities must notify CACFP staff if they want to participate in any of these waivers. **Waivers can be accessed [here](#). Questions should be addressed to cacfp@dss.sc.gov.**



TEAM Nutrition: Handwashing Resources

TEAM Nutrition has resources available for download and use pertaining to handwashing and cleaning. These resources include printable photographs and illustrations, resources for program operators, signs and mini-posters, as well as activity sheets for children. **These resources can be accessed by [clicking here](#).**



Meet ABC Quality Health Educator, Kadie Koeneman MPH



Kadie Koeneman provides technical assistance and training to ABC Quality early childhood providers specifically in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and outdoor learning environments.

Kadie's services are focused in the following South Carolina counties, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Williamsburg, and Orangeburg.

If you need assistance in planning meals with immune boosting foods, tips on social distancing during mealtime and how to naturalize your outdoor learning space, contact Kadie at [\(803\) 904-3327](tel:8039043327) or email Kadie.koeneman@dss.sc.gov.

If you would like to join the ABC Quality Family which includes the above free services, call toll free [\(800\) 763-2223](tel:8007632223) or email abcquality@dss.sc.gov. To learn more about Kadie, we asked her the following questions:

What was your favorite childhood activity?

"One of my favorite childhood activities was (and still is) riding my bike! In the summertime I used to ride with my sister to the pool, to the park, to see friends and around my neighborhood. If I wanted to go anywhere in the summer my mom would say, "Sure, if you can get there on your bike!"

What early childhood resource would you share?

"Nature play at home! The Natural Learning Initiative guide shows easy and affordable ways you can turn your backyard into nature play spaces for children so they can reap the physical and mental benefits of playing outside. Visit the following website link to download the guide <https://naturalearning.org/nature-play-at-home/>. This resource is great for early childhood programs and families!"

What are your tips to stay healthy & safe during COVID-19?

"First, I plan out meals and snacks focusing on immune boosting foods. Second, I wear my mask, sanitize my cart, and respect my distance from others in the store and the cashier. Third, I sanitize my hands when I get to my car, wash my hands when I get home, and wash my hands before cooking or preparing any food. My last and most important tip, have fun trying out new recipes!"



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Graduates

In spring 2020, SC Endeavors, formerly the Center for Child Care Career Development was proud to recognize the following T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship graduates.



Kimberly Cooper graduated with her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Midlands Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2018. Kimberly is a teacher at a child care facility in Lexington, South Carolina serving more than 150 children.



Tammy Mancuso graduated with her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood and Family Studies from Southern Wesleyan University. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2017. Tammy is the center director at a child care facility in Columbia, South Carolina serving more than 200 children.



Brandi Thomas graduated with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2019. Brandi is the assistant director at a child care facility in Summerville, South Carolina serving more than 80 children.



Charmaine Wright graduated with an Associates Degree in Early Care and Education from the Technical College of the Lowcountry. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2016. Charmaine is a lead teacher at a child care facility on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina serving more than 40 children.

SC Endeavors, formerly the Center for Child Care Career Development is extremely proud of these ladies. We wish them the best of luck in the future and hope that they will continue to make a difference in the lives of young children in our state.



*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>.*



- **Island Wear Strollers** due to violation of federal stroller and carriage safety standard; fall and choking hazards.
- **Costway Baby Strollers** due to violation of federal stroller and carriage safety standard; fall, entrapment and strangulation hazards.
- **Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Activity Pins** due to violation of federal lead content ban.
- **A Better You! Belecoo Strollers** due to violation of federal stroller and carriage safety standard; fall, entrapment and strangulation hazards.
- **Edens Garden Wintergreen and Birch Essential Oils** due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.