

## 2020 SCAEYC Virtual Conference: Empowering the Future of Children

The 2020 SCAEYC Virtual Conference will kickoff October 3, with a lively keynote from Mister B. Your registration for this conference will also include additional sessions which will be held throughout the rest of 2020. These sessions will

provide an opportunity to learn valuable information and share readings from NAEYC publications. Attending these sessions can be used for DSS Credit hours. **To register and for more information, please [click here](#).**



## Upcoming Trainings: SC Endeavors Registry



Need DSS credit hours? Check the new SC Endeavors Registry for the latest trainings available that are all approved. There are a wide variety of topics available from health and safety to child development and more. Your registration and attendance at the training will validate your credits, and it's as simple as that! To search for trainings, please visit [scendeavors.org](https://scendeavors.org) and click "registry/login". Next, you can scroll to the bottom and search all trainings by clicking "locate events", or you can also search trainings by date, location, subject or more by filling out the desired field.

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

## SC Child Care Resource and Referral



The SC Child Care Resource and Referral Network is:

- a FREE service
- a trusted resource for families looking for child care
- a service that links families, child care providers and community partners to resources

Parents, need help looking for child care? Providers, do you need TA assistance or have training needs? Community

Partners, do you need to make a referral for a provider you work with?

Please visit <https://www.sc-ccrr.org/>, and click on **Search for Child Care or Request Services**.

## SCPITC Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation

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 as well as ways to support breastfeeding families.



Contact us to become a Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care! 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.

For more information [click here](#). For questions contact Lucie Maguire, MS, RDN, CLC [lmaguire@scpitc.org](mailto:lmaguire@scpitc.org)

## Healthy Heroes: COVID-19 Resources for Children

The SC Department of Social Service's Division of Early Care and Education has partnered with SC First Steps, and the Department of Health and Environmental Care to provide Covid-19 educational resources for families and child care providers to share with children. These resources, for preschool aged children, include an educational flyer that promotes coronavirus prevention, and an activity sheet that addresses mask education. **To access the flyer [click here](#). To access the activity sheet [click here](#).**

★ **BE A HEALTHY HERO** ★  
Prevention Tips for Preschoolers

The coronavirus is a germ that can make some people sick. But there are ways to protect ourselves and others. We can all be healthy heroes!



**We can say hello with a wave.**



**We can wash our hands.**  
Scrub with soap and water for 20 seconds. Sing the ABCs to pass the time!



**We can give each other space.**  
Pretend to be an airplane without touching your neighbor.



**We can wear a mask.**  
Kids 2 and older can wear a mask.



**We can cough or sneeze into our elbow.**



**We can ask questions!**  
For tips on talking with children about COVID-19, visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).




★ **BE A HEALTHY HERO** ★  
Activity Sheet

When you are old enough, you can wear a mask to help stop germs.  
Circle your age:

1  2  3  4  5

If you are 2 or older, you can wear a mask!

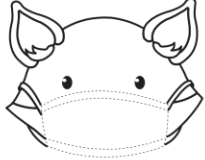
When someone wears a mask, it can be hard to tell how they are feeling. Look at their eyes and eyebrows for clues.  
How are they feeling today?




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When you wear a mask, it should cover your nose and your mouth. Trace the dotted line to put a mask on the fox's face.





## Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments

The Division of Early Care and Education recognizes outdoor learning environments as a place where children's physical, social, and emotional development can be encouraged.

In partnership with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, a total of 40 individuals committed to increasing the quality of outdoor learning environments at early childhood programs, including 21 ABC Quality staff members and 19 Child Care Licensing staff members, recently completed the *Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments* coursework. A 12-week online certificate course developed by the Natural Learning Initiative at North Carolina State University. Each participant completed eight-course modules with required lectures, videos, readings, module quizzes, and a final knowledge assessment.

Participation in this course provides an opportunity to establish consistent, foundational knowledge of naturalized, outdoor learning environments among staff statewide and across programs.

ABC Quality and Child Care Licensing staff will utilize content from the course to support early childhood programs as they develop or enhance their outdoor learning environments within the boundaries of regulations and/or program requirements.



## Outdoor Learning Environment Conversations

Let's hear from *Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments* coursework participant Leanne Coyle to answer a question from our featured segment ***Outdoor Learning Environment Conversations***.

**Question:** *How do You Define a Classroom setting?*

Leanne Coyle, *"I think it's more valuable to think of a 'class' than a 'classroom.' A class is a group of people sharing experiences and exploration. The experiences and explorations may occur indoors, outdoors, and in a variety of environments. The opportunity to become intimately acquainted with an ever-evolving outdoor environment over time is a very rich experience. What types of plants, bugs and animals can be seen in different seasons? What can you do differently in the environment when it is windy, rainy, or dry? What is different in the morning and afternoon? Learning doesn't stop because children aren't in a classroom – sometimes that's when the learning begins!"*

Leanne Coyle assists early childhood programs in the Greenville, Laurens and Spartanburg areas who are interested in participating in the ABC Quality program. If you would like to join the ABC Quality family call (800) 763-2223 or email [abcquality@dss.sc.gov](mailto:abcquality@dss.sc.gov).

*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>.*



- **Communicorp – Plush Aflac Doctor Duck**, due to violation of federal lead content ban and lead poisoning hazard
- **Amazon – Calmer Solutions Wintergreen Essential Oil**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements
- **Amazon – Mystic Moments Birch Sweet Essential Oil**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements
- **Organic Aromas – Wintergreen Essential Oil**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements
- **Medique – 31 Different Over-the-Counter Drugs**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements