

Revised ABC Quality Provider Business Procedures

We are excited to announce revised ABC Quality Provider Business Procedures. As a business owner, this document is a great guide for operating practices for the payment, documentation, and reporting system for the South Carolina Voucher System and ABC Quality. **A copy of the ABC Quality Provider Business Procedures can be found at the www.scchildcare.org website under the ABC Quality Library, or by [clicking here](#).**



License Exempt Health & Safety Inspection Visits

ABC Quality staff are scheduling health and safety inspection visits with licensed-exempt early childhood programs participating in the ABC Quality program.

ABC Quality staff will follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health Environmental Control (DHEC), health and safety guidelines upon entering licensed-exempt program's building for inspection.

Licensed-exempt programs can prepare for the visit by downloading a copy of the ABC Quality License-Exempt Manual that can be found on the www.scchildcare.org website under the ABC Quality Library, or by [clicking here](#).



Clemson University: Food & Well Being Study

Are you interested in doing a 30-minute telephone survey for a \$10 gift card? Are you at least 18 years of age or older? Do you live in one of the following counties: Allendale, Barnwell, Chester, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion or Oconee? Clemson University is doing a study on Food and Well Being and the survey will ask questions about food, physical activity, and community. Your information will be kept private and will NOT be shared with anyone else. Your survey phone call will be set for a time/day that is most convenient for you. **To sign up or for more information, please call 803-413-0347 or [click here](#).**



IS DOING A STUDY ON FOOD & WELL BEING

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Any adult aged 18 or older
- Resident of Allendale, Barnwell, Chester, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion, or Oconee County

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

- Complete a 30-minute telephone survey when convenient for you

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- You will receive a \$10 gift card for completing the survey

Survey topics include questions about food, physical activity and community. Your information will be kept private and will **NOT** be shared with anyone else. We will schedule your survey phone call at a time that is most convenient for you.

Use the link (or call Dr. Joel Williams) to sign up:

Webinar: Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect



The Children's Law Center at USC is hosting a FREE live webinar, designed for mandated reporters and professionals who have frequent contact with children. This webinar is being offered on various dates in October, November and December of 2020, to anyone wishing to attend. **DSS Credit Hours: 1**

To see dates and register [click here](#) and select "Upcoming Training Events" tab. For more information [click here](#).

SC CCR&R: Announcements and Upcoming Trainings

SC CCR&R is excited to announce our new hires and a position change:



- Christian Stevens, Child Care Parent Referral Specialist
CTS19@mailbox.sc.edu
- Heather Reyes, Quality Coach, Child Care Homes
REYESHL@email.sc.edu
- Teneshia Slempa, Outreach Specialist
TSLEMPA@email.sc.edu
- Tresa Nelson, Program Manager
NELSONTD@mailbox.sc.edu

Please follow SC CCR&R on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scccrr/>.

SC CCR&R Trainings available on SC Endeavors Registry



To register or find more trainings please [click here](#).

Behaviors of Young Children 101

Date: 10/22/2020

Time: 6:30pm

DSS Credit Hours: 1.5 hrs of
Child Guidance

Connecting the South Carolina Early Learning Standards (SCELS) to your Lesson Plan

Date: 10/29/2020

Time: 6:30pm

DSS Credit Hours: 2 hrs in Curriculum

Division Spotlight

ABC Quality

383 ABC Quality Early Childhood Educators received a Professional Development Scholarship!

Congratulations to 383 ABC Quality Early Childhood Educators, who were awarded the ABC Quality Professional Development Scholarship to attend the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC) virtual conference on Saturday, October 3, 2020 – Saturday November 14, 2020.



Like and Follow the ABC Quality Facebook page to receive information on upcoming professional development opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/ABCQualitySC/>

Division Spotlight

ABC Quality Staff Member Receives Honor



Congratulations to ABC Quality staff member Sherrie Dueno who, as part of the Employee of the Month program, was awarded lunch with the State Director along with other honorees, a dedicated parking space, a photo and write-up displays at the State Office and a press release sent to her community newspaper. Due to COVID-19, the luncheon was virtual.

“This is a great honor,” Dueno said. “I was in disbelief and began to think about all my team members who share this honor with me. My mission is to spread the awareness that quality early childhood experiences for children and families supports the child’s overall well-being and strengthens the family for future success and economic stability through community partnerships.”

Sherrie Dueno assists early childhood programs statewide who are interested in participating in the ABC Quality program.

If you would like to join the ABC Quality family call toll free (800) 763-2223 or email abcquality@dss.sc.gov.

Division Spotlight

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

In summer 2020, SC Endeavors, proudly recognized the following T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship graduates.



April Coleman graduated with her associate degree in Early Childhood Development from Greenville Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since fall 2019. April is a teacher at a childcare facility in Greenville, South Carolina serving 125 children.



Katrena Davis graduated with her associate degree in Early Care and Education from Greenville Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since summer 2018. Katrena is a teacher at a childcare facility in Greenville, South Carolina serving 72 children.



Alinett Days graduated with her associate degree in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since fall 2014. Alinett is a family childcare provider in Moncks Corner, South Carolina serving six children.

Division Spotlight

SC Endeavors T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Graduates (cont'd)



Kerri Middleton graduated with her associate degree in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since summer 2018. Kerri is a teacher at a childcare facility in North Charleston, South Carolina serving 200 children.



Monica Monigold graduated with her associate degree in Early Childhood Development from York Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since fall 2017. Monica is a teacher at a childcare facility in Rock Hill, South Carolina serving 250 children.



Gwen Timmons graduated with her bachelor's degree in Family Studies and Early Care and Education from Southern Wesleyan University. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since summer 2011. Gwen is a teacher at a childcare facility in Lake City, South Carolina serving more than 85 children.

SC Endeavors 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.

Partner Spotlight

SCPITC's State Director Awarded Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Emerging Leadership Award



Congratulations to Kerrie Schnake, SCPITC's State Director, who was one of two national leaders awarded the first-ever Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Emerging Leadership Award by ZERO TO THREE at their Annual Conference. She championed the establishment of the South Carolina Association for Infant Mental Health, striving to strengthen the IECMH workforce in her state by integrating policies and systems that promote the use of IECMH Competency Guidelines and Endorsements. She also created the innovative "Be Well, Care Well" program to support the well-being of caregivers in early childhood settings. Kerrie was also a member of the 2018-20 ZERO TO THREE Fellowship Class.

The IECMH Emerging Leadership Awards acknowledge the efforts of professionals who have made significant contributions to the field of infant and early childhood mental health. Recipients demonstrate significant visionary and cutting-edge work to transform practices, policies, and systems at the local, state, or national level in promoting IECMH.

[Click here to view the announcement](#) . Kerrie's acceptance speech acknowledged the contributions of SCDSS. You can see it on the SCPITC Facebook page [by clicking here](#).

*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>.*



- **The Vitamin Shoppe – Vthrive Bioactive Multivitamins**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- **Prestone Products – Antifreeze**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.