



# SC Child Care

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## SCPITC: Let Us Know What Works For You



Partners and Friends, SCPITC is working to coordinate conferences and seminars that align with your schedules.

Your input is appreciated!

**Please take a moment and [click here to answer this 2-question survey.](#)**

## ABC Quality Conference Scholarships



ABC Quality is pleased to announce professional development scholarships available for ABC Quality participating early childhood programs to attend one of the two upcoming virtual conferences:

### **South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education (SCAECE)**

January 26, 2021 – February 20, 2021

### **South Carolina Early Childhood Association (SCECA)**

February 5, 2021 – February 6, 2021

To request a scholarship application, contact Sherrie Dueno at [sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov](mailto:sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov) or 864-238-7972.

## Upcoming CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Training Webinars



Registration is now open for the November 19, 2020 webinar on Crediting Single-Serving Packages of Grains in the CACFP using the following registration

2-2:30 p.m. ET **English Webinar** [Register Now](#)

3-3:30 p.m. ET **Spanish Webinar**: [Register Now](#)

### **Additional dates and topics:**

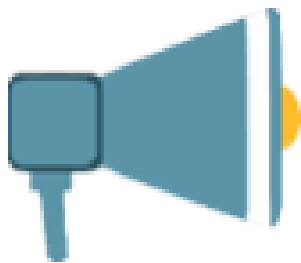
January 21, 2021: Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP

March 18, 2021: Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP

June 17, 2021: Serving Snacks in the CACFP

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## SCPITC: Training



You may be overwhelmed. You may feel stressed. You know taking care of infants and toddlers is all about relationships, but how can you make that a priority during COVID-19? The South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care (SCPITC) and our Infant/Toddler Specialists are here to help!

To protect your health and the health of children in your care, we are taking precautions like meeting you outdoors with your class and using virtual tools to provide our strengths-based coaching and training.

For more information check out [www.scpitc.org](http://www.scpitc.org).

ABC Quality-enrolled programs can apply for our free services by [clicking here](#).



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## SC Endeavors: Community of Practice



### SC Endeavors T.E.A.C.H. Community of Practice (CoP)

SC T.E.A.C.H. participants have all been invited to join our new Community of Practice.

It is a place for open and safe discussion of best practices between peers experiencing the same challenges in today's environment.

The calls will be once a month and supported by T.E.A.C.H. Counselors and Guest Speakers.



## ABC Quality: Child Care Heroes Campaign



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, child care programs have ensured that families across South Carolina have a healthy, safe, reliable and quality environment to send their children while working to keep our economy thriving. ABC Quality has created the Child Care Heroes Campaign to recognize

ABC Quality child care educators who nurture overall child well-being and support families during the pandemic.

**Submit the name of your Child Care Hero to Sherrie Dueno at [sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov](mailto:sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov) or 864-238-7972.**

**If you would like to join the ABC Quality Family call toll free at (800) 763-2223 or email [abcquality@dss.sc.gov](mailto:abcquality@dss.sc.gov).**



## 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 864-656-2528 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:**

## Program Highlight: Homeless Initiative Child Care Voucher Program



The Homeless Initiative Child Care Voucher Program is a partnership between the SC CCR&R, Department of Social Services, SC Department of Education and the South Carolina Coalition for the Homeless. The primary goal of the SC Child Care Voucher Homeless Initiative Program is to assist individuals who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness with the cost of child care (including after school care). To qualify for this DSS-Funded Voucher, a family must have a child between the ages of 0-12 and must be currently experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney Vento Act. A family is considered to be homeless if they are displaced due to economic hardship, loss of housing, or something similar.

For more information, [click here](#) or contact the Homeless Support Liaison, Vernell Dixon, LSW/MA  
(803) 542-2905 | [DIXONVL2@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:DIXONVL2@mailbox.sc.edu)  
Please follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sccrr/>

## Division Spotlight

### Certificate Program in Outdoor Learning Environments



The Division of Early Care and Education staff from the Licensing Department and the ABC Quality Department were afforded a wonderful opportunity to complete a Certificate Program in Outdoor Learning Environments. This program

was developed and taught by NC State University through their Natural Learning Initiative. The staff who completed the program were able to learn many best practices and design ideas to help child care providers plan and develop an outdoor learning environment. NC State University provided many resources, so reach out to the following staff in your Region if you are interested in those resources.

***Congratulations to the following staff who completed and received their certificate:***

ABC Quality Certificate Recipients	Child Care Licensing Certificate Recipients
<p><u>Central Office:</u> Cathy Kovacs, Program Manager Kena Hall, Program Coordinator</p> <p><u>Upstate Regional Office:</u> Angela Branham, Quality Assessor Cynthia Moyd, Quality Assessor Leanne Coyle, Quality Assessor Tracey Nichols, Quality Assessor Veronica Rivers, Quality Assessor</p>	<p><u>Central Office:</u> Cynthia Lara, Director of Child Care Licensing Charlene Caldwell, Program Manager Sam Frederick, Program Manager Maydeliz Ortiz Godwin, Program Coordinator Franklin Maples, Fire Chief Kenneth Smith, Assistant Fire Chief Danny McKinney, Fire Marshal Don Toler, Fire Marshal Marcus Glenn, Fire Marshal</p>

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### Certificate Program in Outdoor Learning Environments (continued)

ABC Quality Certificate Recipients	Child Care Licensing Certificate Recipients
<p><u>Midland Regional Office:</u> Kimberly Kennedy, Quality Assessor Shamon Thomas, Quality Assessor Kimberly McCullough, Quality Assessor Sharon D Johnson, Quality Assessor</p> <p><u>Lowcountry Regional Office:</u> Bridget Verone, Program Coordinator Jamie Barry – Winningham, Quality Assessor Kadie Koeneman, Health Educator Lucia Cannarella, Quality Assessor Stephanie Heyward, Quality Assessor Tanvi Solanki, Quality Assessor</p> <p><u>Pee Dee Regional Office:</u> Ronda Steward Shelah P. Verette</p>	<p><u>Upstate Regional Office:</u> Lori Moody, Regional Supervisor Cecelia Lee, Assistant Regional Supervisor Lanielle Causey, Licensing Specialist</p> <p><u>Midland Regional Office:</u> April McDaniel, Regional Supervisor Doris Davis, Licensing Specialist Monica Phiniezy, Licensing Specialist LaMarcus Hudson, Licensing Specialist</p> <p><u>Lowcountry Regional Office:</u> Stacie Turcotte, Assistant Regional Supervisor Ganelle Djarlo, Licensing Specialist Jaynie Weathers, Licensing Specialist</p> <p><u>Pee Dee Regional Office:</u> Peggy Wilson, Regional Supervisor Christie Hillers, Licensing Specialist</p>



*Congratulations*



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*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>.*



- **Rocky Mountain Oils – Wintergreen Essential Oil and Oil Blends**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- **Porter World Trade – Ron Jon Surf Shop Sippy Cup**, due to violations of federal lead content and Phthalates bans.
- **Serena & Lily Nash – Convertible Cribs**, due to injury hazard caused by partially detachable crib leg.