

SCPITC presents **BABY JAM**




*Nurturing Resiliency
for Happy Babies*




February 26, 2021
12 pm - 4:30 pm ONLINE

Register Here.

*Join us to learn how to manage your own well-being and
support the social-emotional health of infants and toddlers!*

Baby Jam is supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), Grant Number 90TP0080-01-00, from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

[To register, click here.](#)



Palmetto Pre-K Jamboree
Nurturing Community to Grow the Child

Palmetto Pre-K Agencies






Join us for the virtual event, Friday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Experience an empowering day of learning to support and uplift the community that helps young children blossom and grow. Any and all Pre-K/preschool teachers, support staff

and administrators are invited to join the virtual event. Following the event, toolkits, including a Palmetto Pre-K t-shirt, will be given to all attendees! Participate and increase your understanding and abilities to support young children as they bloom. All attendees can qualify for SC DSS credit hours.

[Click here to reserve your spot today!](#)



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The Power of Play



Do you have a desire to learn more about young learners? Well you can, all while earning DSS credit hours! Schedule online Professional Development that meets your needs at a time that is convenient for you and your staff. Choose from a wide range of topics to learn the impact play has on language, brain development, literacy and so much more. All sessions eligible for 1.5 hrs of DSS Credit.

Schedule a training today! Or attend the upcoming training, “Adults Role in Play”, on January 25th from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Group rates are also offered. More dates can be added that would be convenient for your teachers.

To register and for more information visit teachingandlearningsc.com. For questions contact Linda Mook, PhD 843-240-0394 or email Ldmook3@yahoo.com.

Coming Your Way in 2021!



The ABC Quality health education team will be offering 1 hour of nutrition and 1 hour of physical activity trainings throughout the year.

These engaging online sessions will count toward your annual required training, as well as your nutrition and physical activity

hours for ABC Quality programs. Follow the ABC Quality Facebook page to see which training dates will work for you!

Visit, Like, Share and Follow – ABC Quality Facebook Page

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

Program Highlight:

Dual Language Learner Voucher Program



The Dual Language Learner Voucher Program is a partnership between the SC CCR&R, Department of Social Services, and SC Department of Education. **The primary goal of the SC Child Care Dual Language Learner is specifically for families that**

speak a language other than English in the homes and have a child aged 0-12 years old. To qualify for this DSS-Funded Voucher, parents are required to do one of the following: work a minimum of 15 hours per week, attend school (this includes ESL classes), or actively seek employment.

For more information, [click here](#) and contact Melina Cely
(803) 240-0178 | CELYS@mailbox.sc.edu

ABC Quality Child Care Heroes!

ABC Quality would like to congratulate early childhood educators recognized as a Child Care Hero at their early childhood program for nurturing children's well-being and supporting families during the national COVID-19 pandemic.



Kesha Williams

Little Me Child Care Center

"This lady goes above and beyond to help all families. There can be families with no money to pay. She makes a way for a child not to miss out on school. Her heart is so big!"

Sheriante Miller

Marcus Warren & LaToya Warren

Reaching Our Youth Upstate

"We tutored students who had school work, so they don't fall behind. Our group of students were able to achieve A's, B's or Honor Roll."

LaToya Warren



A B C Quality Child Care Heroes!



Darlene Newsome

Stepping Stones Learning Academy

“37 years in child care! She smiles and keeps pushing each and every day to make sure the children have everything they need and that parents are happy.”

Nikkie Stewart

Do you want to nominate someone as a Child Care Hero and/or enroll in ABC Quality?

Email Sherrie Dueno, M.Ed. ECMH-E®
sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov

To learn more visit ABC Quality website <https://www.abcquality.org/>



Division Spotlight: Congratulations to Staff Graduates!

The Division of Early Care & Education would like to recognize staff members Lucia Cannarella, Shamon Thomas, Connie Spink, Issiah Byrd and Erin Perry for graduating December 2020 from the University of South Carolina receiving their Master of Education in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations to perseverance and a job well done!



*Lucia
Cannarella*



*Shamon
Thomas*



*Connie
Spink*



*Issiah
Byrd*



*Erin
Perry*

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. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.*



- **Herobility – Eco Baby Spoons and Forks, Eco Feeding Spoons, and Eco Placement Feeding Sets**, due to choking hazard.
- **Washington Shoe Company – Western Chief Toddler Boots**, due to choking hazard caused by detachable rivets.
- **Shenzhen Luosi Ge Trading Co. – Homfa Cabinets**, due to tip-over and entrapment hazard.
- **Graco – Inclined Sleeper Accessory Included with Four Models of Playards**, due to risk of suffocation.