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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 <u>scendeavors.org</u> 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.





This year CCR&R will host four regional conferences and one Family Child Care Conference as well as monthly trainings for FREE! Check out an upcoming training, "Behavior of Young Children 101," on this Thursday, January 28 at 12:00 pm. **DSS Credit Hours: 1.5 hrs. Child Guidance**

You can find this training and others by visiting the SC Endeavors registry: <u>https://scendeavors.org/</u>. For conference news, follow the CCR&R Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/scccrr/</u>.



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ABC Quality Staff Presenting at Statewide Virtual Conference!

ABC Quality, in partnership with the South Carolina Early Childhood Association (SCECA) will be presenting at the association's upcoming conference Friday, February 5 – Saturday, February 6, 2021. More than 400 early childhood educators across South Carolina received an ABC Quality professional development scholarship to attend SCECA's virtual conference. If you are attending the conference, join the following ABC Quality staff members for their interactive training sessions.



Tanvi Solanki M.Ed. Cathy Kovacs M.Ed.

Lynn Glenn MPH Sherrie Tia Dueno Prostko M.Ed. M.S Kadie Koeneman MPH

Beyond Home: 5 Quality Questions

BEC Quality presents **BEYOND HONE** Quality child care begins with you.

Learn the five, key quality questions parents can ask when looking for a child care program to meet their family's

needs. Make quality care a number one priority for your early childhood program! **To download the questions** <u>click here</u>.

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Maximize Self Care with Be Well Care Well

Be Well Care Well

Be Well Care Well is recruiting participants in the Upstate (Greenville, Pickens, Anderson and Spartanburg counties) and the

Pee Dee (Florence, Clarendon, Williamsburg, Marion, and Darlington counties). We know that you can't pour from an empty cup, so our Be Well Care Well Coaches can help support your own well-being.

Coaches assist you with resources for your social, emotional, financial, physical and occupational well-being, so you can manage your stress and take better care of yourself. This program is FREE for participants.

To apply <u>click here</u>. For questions, email <u>Imaguire@scpitc.org</u>

Reminder: Register for Palmetto Pre-K Jamboree



Join us for this 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 SCDSS credit hours.

Click here to reserve your spot today!





Reminder: Register for the SCPITC Baby Jam



To register, click here.



ABC Quality is on Facebook!

Please follow the Facebook page for access to all the latest news and updates with ABC Quality. Follow this page to learn about ABC Quality standards for child care, meet some of our participating child care providers throughout the

state and also discover helpful tips on child care development. To access the page, please click here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ABCQualitySC</u>



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South Carolina's Infant Mental Health Association Announces Launch of PEAR Network



The PEAR Network is an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program offering **FREE** services to support infants and young children, ages 0-5, in SC.

This strength-based approach pairs a mental health consultant with adults who work with infants and young children (birth to age 5) in the settings where they learn and grow, such as a child care centers, family child care homes, preschool, early intervention programs, and in the home.

The PEAR Network is currently offering Tele-Mental Health Consultation (TeleMHC) services to address topics such as: Child behavior & social-emotional issues; supporting children during the COVID-19 crisis; provider, director and parent support; classroom issues; general stress and coping; and other concerns related to caring for young children.

Parents and child serving professionals can call 833-472-4642, option 1, or start a referral online at <u>https://www.scimha.org/teleMHC</u> to submit a request for consultation services.





A B C 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.



Emily Campbell

Young World Day Care Center, Inc.

"Emily has been in child care for 52 years! Through COVID-19 has not missed a day at the child care program supporting families and children."

Gail Cunningham

Big Blue Marble Academy, Boiling Springs

"During COVID-19, our staff have a great attitude, working with a smile, and assisting families with the changes in policies and procedures." Carmen Childs







A B C Quality Child Care Heroes!



Chapin Baptist Child Development Center

"We greet parents outside for drop-off and pick-up of their children. Using a forehead thermometer, staff and children's temperatures are checked. We were working on our ABC Quality A rating level than COVID-19 hit."

Melanie Butler

Congratulations, Chapin Baptist Child Development Center for obtaining their A+ rating level!

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

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





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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 <u>http://saferproducts.gov</u>.



- GSK Consumer Health Five Excedrin Brands, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- Target– Infant Rompers, due to choking hazard caused by detachable snaps.
- Target Infant-Toddler Girl's One-Piece Rashguard Swimsuits, due to choking hazard.
- Juratoys Toy Trumpets, due to choking hazard caused by small plastic pieces.
- Scalpa Scalpa Numb Maximum Strength Topical Anesthetic Cream, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement.