

Background Check Extension



DSS received a federal waiver, which extends our deadline for completing background checks to September 30, 2021, due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by COVID-19. We will resume the rollout schedule for the background check project on March 22, 2021 for the Lowcountry Region and on May 17, 2021 for the Pee Dee Region.

Providers are being asked to have all fingerprints completed and the DSS Form 1706 Questionnaire submitted to the DSS Office of Inspector General within 45 days following the rollout date for their region. DSS also will continue with the Fingerprint 50% reimbursement project. Visit www.scchildcare.org to apply.

New Training Videos: Mealtimes With Toddlers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program



CACFP's meal patterns reflect the changing nutritional needs of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. 2-3 minute training videos are available to increase understanding of meal pattern requirements for toddlers (1- and

2-year-olds). Topics include: Assisting toddlers to feed themselves, try new foods, and guidance on the types of milk to serve them.

To access the videos, along with the Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP Operator Booklet and Family Handout [click here.](#)

SC Child Care Resource and Referral Network (SC-CCR&R) Conferences



SC CCR&R's Pee Dee regional conference was a success! They will host another virtual conference in the Upstate April 16th & 17th. Please follow their [Facebook](#) page for registration details.

Register for Free SC-CCR&R Trainings Using SC Endeavors Registry

- 1. Integrating More Nature into Your Learning Environment 101**
Date: 3/25/2021 at 6:30pm
2 hrs of Curriculum
- 2. The SC Endeavors Registry System**
Date: 3/27/2021 at 9:00am
1 hr of Program Administration
- 3. Family Child Care: Introduction to Technology Basics**
Date: 3/27/2021 at 11:00am
1.5 of Program Admin



To register for these trainings and more, [click here for the SC Endeavors Registry](#)

South Carolina's Infant Mental Health Association: PEAR Network



The PEAR Network is a no-cost infant and early childhood mental health consultation service available through South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association (SCIMHA). This prevention-based approach pairs a mental health consultant with adults who

work with infants and young children in different settings, including childcare, home visiting situations, early intervention, etc.

This service is available for anyone who works with infants, young children and their families and can cover a broad range of topics through a brief or in-depth consultation. Covering a broad range of topics, consultation equips caregivers to facilitate children's healthy social and emotional development while also reducing provider stress, burnout and turnover.

Parents and professionals serving infants, young children and their families can call (833) 472-4642 toll-free or complete an online referral form at www.scimha.org/PEAR-Network for consultation services.

Division Spotlight: Head Start



Dr. Deborah Bergeron, former head of the Office of Head Start has joined the National Head Start Association as the director of Community Engagement.

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.



Billie Green Smith

Cutler Jewish Day School, Inc.

"A hero is a person who, over years, consistently acts to better the lives of children, families and the field. Ms. Billy Green Smith is such a person. Her valiant actions are grounded in holding herself and those who care for children to the highest standard."

Meir Muller

Helen Barnes

The Academy of Young Scholars

Intentional Teaching Practices

Ms. Barnes implemented The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to keep children, families and staff healthy and safe. The children spend significant amounts of time outside in an outdoor learning environment complete with vegetable garden.



A B C Quality Child Care Heroes!



Candice Lovell

Footprints Learning Center

“Candice was there every day throughout the ups and downs of people leaving and parents losing their jobs. She would begin her day by welcoming the parents and kids. She did her best to keep consistency during the difficult times this year.”

Melinda Young

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

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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>.*



- **GSK Consumer Health – Five Excedrin Brands**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement.
- **Target – Infant Rompers**, due to choking hazard caused by detachable snaps.
- **Target – Infant-Toddler Girl's One-Piece Rashguard Swimsuits**, due to choking hazard caused by detachable snaps.
- **Juratoys – Toy Trumpets**, due to choking hazard caused by loose interior small plastic pieces.
- **Scalpa – Scalpa Numb Maximum Strength Topical Anesthetic Cream**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- **Casa Kids – Cabina Bunk Beds**, due to fall hazard.
- **Parker Squared – Shepherd Boy Plush Toys with Wire Shepherd's Staff**, due to laceration hazard.
- **Genentech – Prescription Drug Evrysdi**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.