



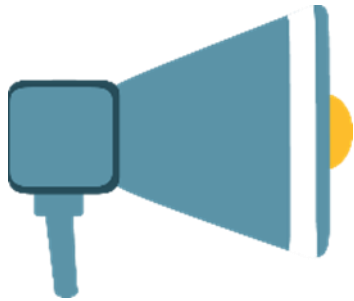
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Child Care and Development Fund Public Hearing Announcement

The South Carolina Department of Social Services serves as the Lead Agency responsible for the administration of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 requires that each state develop a State Plan to be implemented during a three-year period (FY 2022-2024). The Plan describes how the CCDF program will be administered and must be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families no later than June 30, 2021.

In addition, the Lead Agency is required to conduct a public hearing prior to submitting the State Plan. **The hearing will be held on June 7, 2021 from 3:00PM – 4:30PM. You must register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7712009056046436620> to join the meeting. The webinar ID is 166-511-387.**

A draft copy of the FY 2022-2024 State Plan will be available at <http://www.scchildcare.org> on May 26, 2021. Please contact Michelle.Bowers@dss.sc.gov or call 803-898-7307 regarding the State Plan. Written questions or comments should be submitted to Tameka Pauling at Tameka.K.Pauling@dss.sc.gov by close of business on May 28th.

CACFP Waivers Due to COVID-19



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has been granted a nationwide waiver by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow participating child care homes to claim all meals served to enrolled children at the highest

reimbursement rate (Tier 1 rate), regardless of the home's location in the state. This waiver is effective July 1, 2021 and will end June 30, 2022. The waiver will also allow participating afterschool programs to receive reimbursement for eligible meals and snacks at the free rate, regardless of the afterschool program's location in the state. **Additional information on the above waiver and other waivers can be found by clicking [here](#).**

CCR&R: Upcoming Trainings on SC Endeavors



**Marketing
Strategies and
Tools 101**

Date: 6/3/21 &
6/10/21 at 6:30pm

**2 hrs: Program
Admin**

**Director's
102:Time
Management**

Date: 6/15/21 at
6:30pm

**2 hrs: Program
Admin**

**Developing Child
Portfolios in the
Classroom 101**

Date: 6/17/21 &
6/24/21 at 6:30pm

**2 hrs:
Professional
Development**

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

Support Your Staff Using Reflective Supervision



Reflective Supervision is a trauma informed practice that reduces secondhand trauma, decreases staff turnover, reduces staff bias, ensures best practice, increases practitioner knowledge, improves practice, and increases job satisfaction, efficacy and responsiveness. South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association's (SCIMHA's) Reflective Supervision Learning Collaborative (RSLC) teaches the essential elements of reflective supervision and much more. **To learn more and to register for the program [click here](#).**



Beginnings SC: Request Services

Beginnings SC is back in the office in-person and so thrilled to be out and about conducting hearing screenings again across the state. They have begun to reschedule the screenings cancelled due to COVID and are always accepting new hearing screening requests. **If you would like to have them come and provide free hearing screenings to the children at your center, please complete the scheduling form by [clicking here](#).** They have also resumed providing free, in-person, SC Endeavors-approved trainings on-site. If you're interested in a training but not quite ready for in-person, they are still offering free virtual trainings. **You can reach out to info@beginningssc.org to request more information.**

They have sent out a survey asking about hearing screening practices around the state. **If you already conduct hearing screenings in your program, please consider completing their survey on screening practices by [clicking here](#).**

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.



Aja Sherred

Family Child Care, Greenville

Aja Sherred was nominated as a Child Care Hero by parents of children enrolled in her family child care program. The parents celebrated Mrs. Sherred by presenting her with flowers, gift card, treats and partnered with ABC Quality to present her Child Care Hero certificate and banner.

"I appreciate her helping us during COVID-19 because I worked in health care. Aja always made sure to take temperatures every day. She always kept us updated with any changes. She's Awesome!"

-Chris & Kelsey Brantley

"I would like to nominate Aja as a Child Care Hero! She's great with the children, loves and care for them as her own. I can trust that my son is in great care while I work and especially during this time during COVID-19. She remained open and for that I'm truly grateful."

-Kamisha Smith

A B C Quality Child Care Heroes!

Parents, co-workers, businesses, and community members can nominate any early childhood educator in an early childhood program (e.g. family child care, Head Start, licensed, registered, exempt, etc.) as a Child Care Hero.



Share Your Story!

We are looking to hear your story of supporting families and children in your community. Parents, co-workers, businesses, and community members can share their Child Care Hero story!

Submit your Child Care Hero story to:

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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>.*



- **Modernist Pantry – Sodium Hydroxide Products**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement and violation of FHSA labeling.
- **TJX – Infant Sleep Bags**, due to suffocation risk.
- **Kolcraft – Inclined Sleeper Accessory**, due to risk of suffocation.
- **K & M International – Slap Watches**, due to coin cell battery ingestion and choking hazard.
- **Alliance Chemical – Sodium Hydroxide Products**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement and violation of FHSA labeling.
- **The Lye Guy – Sodium and Potassium Hydroxide Products**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement and violation of FHSA labeling.
- **Leisure Time Products – Brutus Swing Sets**, due to injury hazard.
- **Pro Supply Outlet – Sodium and Potassium Hydroxide Products**, due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirement and violation of FHSA labeling.