

Division Tribute: Remembering SC Endeavors Director, Frances “Millie” McDonald



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We are deeply saddened to announce that Frances “Millie” McDonald passed away on June 13, 2021. Millie was a 20-year veteran of our DSS family who faithfully served her community and the citizens of South Carolina for over 30 years. She was also a deeply compassionate individual, with a great sense of humor, an abiding love of animals, and a fiercely courageous spirit

that touched the lives of so many of us who had the pleasure of working with her over the years.

Millie was a pioneer in South Carolina’s early care and education system. Early in her 30+ year career working with children, she successfully led the Anderson YMCA’s after-school program. She then moved to the newly created South Carolina Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) where she progressed to becoming the Director of what was then a newly developing statewide training registry program at the South Carolina Department of Social Services, supporting child care licensing’s annual training requirements.

Under Millie’s leadership, CCCCCD grew to include the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program, a certification program for trainers, technical assistance programs, and a support mechanism for early childhood departments in the SC Technical College System. Millie worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help many of the technical college early childhood departments reach accreditation. Her most recent accomplishment was leading the redesign of the CCCCCD data system to become a Workforce registry system and re-invigorating CCCCCD with a new name, SC Endeavors.

Millie remained rooted in her home town of Donalds, South Carolina, and served her community in municipal work through elected office. Millie had a heart of gold and will be sorely missed by those of us in her work family who knew and loved her.

To read the full obituary, please [click here](#). Our condolences go out to Millie’s friends, family, the providers she assisted and her co-workers.



Central Registry News

Effective immediately, to avoid processing delays, DSS Form 2924 *Central Registry Release of Information and Compliance Statement* form must be mailed to:

SCDSS, Child Care Licensing
P.O. Box 1520, Room 218
Columbia, SC 29202-1520

ATTENTION! The **old** Two Notch Road location was moved to the above-listed location over 5 years ago. **Processing delays** will occur when DSS Form 2924s are mailed to the **old** Two Notch Road location.

For the quickest response, **please take a moment now** to update your records with the correct, new address for forwarding your Central Registry requests.

CCR&R: July 30th & 31st Midland's Conference



SC CCR&R's LowCountry's Conference was a success! They will host their last regional virtual conference July 30th & 31st in the Midlands Region, "Get Fit in 2021". This conference will offer information to help prepare director's, staff and owners to facilitate meaningful physical activity

learning experiences and build practices to improve the quality of early care and education. "Get Fit in 2021" will give you the tools, strategies, curriculum, and resources to support health and wellness in your program.

To register and for more information, [click here](#).

SC Inclusion Collaborative: Services for Child Care Providers



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The South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative offers specialized:


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[Click here](#) to request services. For more information [click here](#).

CCR&R: Register for Trainings on SC Endeavors

Developing Child Portfolios in the Classroom 101

Date: 7/1/21 at 6:30 pm

DSS Credit: 2 hrs Professional Development

CHILD ABUSE 101

Date: 7/6/21 at 6:30 pm

DSS Credit: 1 hr Professional Development

Developing Child Portfolios in the Classroom 101

Date: 7/8/21 at 6:30 pm

DSS Credit: 2 hrs Professional Development

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





Child Care Providers... We need to hear from you!

Please complete this brief survey so that we can better understand your concerns and needs during Covid-19. Ten (10)

respondents will be randomly selected to receive a prize from SC Program for Infant/Toddler Care (SCPITC). The survey is 100% anonymous, and if you choose to enter the prize drawing, your email address will not be connected with your survey responses.

To complete the survey, [click here](#).

ATTENTION! All South Carolina Early Care & Education Programs Accepting SC Vouchers



Partners for Early Attuned Relationships (PEAR) Network, is a no-cost infant and early childhood mental health consultation service available through South Carolina Infant Mental Health

Association (SCIMHA). This service helps child care programs address difficult or challenging behaviors in young children that stems from trauma, grief and loss.

The PEAR Network's Intake Coordinator, Sheniqua Scott, is reaching out to early care and education programs when they enroll children in foster care using the voucher system. We will provide information about the PEAR Network services and how we can support your staff to work with children and families with child welfare involvement.

For more information [click here](#), or call (833) 472-4642



It's MyPlate's Birthday

Ten years ago, USDA updated the Federal nutrition symbol to become MyPlate, a simple graphic that serves as a general healthy eating guide on what and how much to eat from each of the five food groups –

fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives.

Find suggestions for celebrating MyPlate during the month of June at <https://www.myplate.gov/birthday>.



“Transitions from Pre-K to 5K Survey” of Parents/Caretakers, Teachers, and Child Care Providers

Parents and caretakers of young children, and the professionals who work with families are experts on the supports and resources available in communities around South Carolina. It is our job as state leaders to listen to all of you.

The “Transitions from Pre-K to 5K” survey is from the interagency Palmetto Pre-K Transitions Workgroup, and we aim to learn more about what's available around our state to support families in the transition into 5-year-old Kindergarten. We would be incredibly grateful if you would share your thoughts by completing the very brief survey.

To complete the survey, [click here](#).

For questions, please contact Rachal Hatton-Moore, Two-Generation Coordinator, at rhatton@scfirststeps.org.

ABC Quality We Can't Wait to See You!

ABC Quality is pleased to announce that Quality Assessors will be returning to the field to conduct on-site assessments. Quality Assessors will be entering programs using PPE and practicing social distancing. All programs will be notified by phone prior to a visit being conducted to explain the process and expectations. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Hurricane Season is Back

Division of Early Care & Education wants you to be safe! Hurricane hazards pose a threat to ALL areas of South Carolina, not only coastal areas. Have you looked over your Emergency Preparedness Plan lately? Now is a great time to get started. Here are a few easy ways:

- Read the [2021 South Carolina Hurricane Guide](#) for information, links, and contacts.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit including medications, parent information, disinfectant wipes, and other important items.
- Review the evacuation routes and lane reversals that may affect you.
- Sign up for free CodeRED alerts at the [SCEMD website](#).
- Division of Early Care & Education has many emergency preparedness resources. Click [here](#) to access the full library.

A little preparation now makes weathering any potential hurricane hazard a breeze.

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.



Kimberly Snyder

Eastside Community Learning Center, Spartanburg

"She had perfect attendance for 2020 during not only the COVID-19 pandemic but the center was damaged by a Tornado on February 6, 2020. Ms. Snyder was a trooper, always here to help move, clean and assist parents. I could not ask for a more supportive staff member."

-Brenda Miller, Director



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:

Sherrie Dueno, M.Ed. ECMH-E®

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- **Ergobaby – METROUS Strollers**, due to choking hazard caused by detachable buttons on buckle.
- **Fisher-Price – 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide Soothers After Four Infant Deaths; 2-in-1 Soothe 'n Play Gliders Also Recalled**, due to suffocation risk.
- **Blue Star Trading – Children's Fishing Toy Games**, due to violation of federal lead content ban.