

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program



Did you know if you work in child care, you could be eligible for a full scholarship? T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA provides scholarships for teachers, directors, owners, and family/group providers working in child care to complete coursework in early childhood education. Scholarships for credentials, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees are offered to qualifying recipients.

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

Guidance from DHEC



Guidance on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV guidance has been provided by DHEC to help you manage RSV in your child care facility. RSV has been added to the SC DHEC School Exclusion List. Please make sure to review this important information by clicking [here](#).

Guidance on COVID-19

Please use the links below for updated COVID-19 guidance from DHEC. These are new guidance resources. One is the *DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Childcare Centers* and the other is *Childcare Interim Guidance for Management of COVID-19 Cases*.

Please review these resources for help in knowing what to do in situations related to COVID-19 and child care.

[DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Childcare Centers](#)

[Childcare Interim Guidance for Management of COVID-19 Cases](#)

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

Visit the Child Nutrition Recipe Box at the Institute of Child Nutrition for multicultural child care recipes from Central and South America to add flavors from different cultures and regions to menus.

[To visit the Child Nutrition Recipe Box, please click here.](#)

South Carolina Child Care Resource & Referral (SC CCR&R) Supports Families and Child Care Centers



If you know someone who needs help finding child care or if you are a child care center and are interested in coaching and/or improving the quality of your center, send us a referral by [clicking here](#).

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for updates on future conferences or trainings.



Division Spotlight: Raising the Water Glass 52 Times



Congratulations

Congratulations to the 52 South Carolina Department of Social Services' (DSS) licensed and approved child care centers for completing the WIIN GRANT program! Through the program all 52 made an intentional effort to ensure that the drinking and

cooking water in their centers is not exposing children in their care to lead.

DSS and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) commend your initiative and care for children.



If you'd like your center to be added to the list of these child care center leaders, please [click HERE](#) to enroll in the voluntary program. Complete the Lead Testing Facility Survey and DHEC will contact you to schedule a *virtual* visit to your center.



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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>.*



- **Razor USA – GLW Battery Packs Sold with Hovertrax 2.0 Self-Balancing Hoverboards**, due to fire hazard.
- **Ryan and Rose – Children's Eating Utensils**, due to choking hazard.
- **SKE Outdoors – Kids Bike Helmets**, due to risk of head injury.
- **Step2® – StepUp Sidekick Learning Towers™**, due to fall hazard.
- **Burley – Ballz® QR Skewers**, due to fall hazard.
- **Juratoys – Children's Shaving Toys**, due to violation of federal phthalate ban.
- **Wiggle – Vitus 14 and Vitus 16 Kids Bikes**, due to crash hazard.
- **Ivena at Costco – Shower Benches**, due to fall hazard.
- **Textron Specialized Vehicles – PTV and Off-Road Vehicles**, due to crash hazard.
- **The Boppy Company – Original Newborn Loungers, Boppy Preferred Newborn Loungers and Pottery Barn Kids Boppy Newborn Loungers**, due to suffocation risk.
- **Polaris – Phoenix 200 All-Terrain Vehicles ATVs**, due to crash hazard.