Are you a Teacher of Four-Year-Olds in SC?

Palmetto Pre-K is an activity in the Preschool Development Birth-5 grant that involves all partners across Pre-K programs statewide serving 4-year-olds. DSS, SC Childcare Early Care & Education, SC First Steps 4K, SCDE Office of Early Learning and Literacy, and Head Start invite you to join us as we learn, share, and develop best practices for Pre-K teachers at the Palmetto Pre-K Jamboree.

You may register at one of three sites for one, two or all three days - June 11, 12 and 13 - at NO charge. Each site will feature early childhood specialists Lisa Murphy (the Ooey Gooey Lady), Dr. Anthony Broughton (Mister B), Conscious Discipline Certified Instructors, and ECE expert trainers from our SC partner agencies. DSS training credit will be awarded for all days. SCDE renewal credit will be available to certified teachers as well. Lunch will be provided daily.

To register and for more information click here.

Are you interested in serving on the State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Child Care Facilities?

Current member terms have expired and nominations are being sought for members to serve on the next advisory committee.

The 17-member advisory committee is comprised of the following:

- Business Community (1 member)
- Faith-Based/Church parent (1 member)
- Faith-Based/Church owner/operator (1 member)
- Educational Community (1 member)
- Home Childcare Owner/Operator (1 member)
- Licensed Childcare Owner/Operator (7 positions)
- Parents of children attending licensed childcare centers (5 positions)

Advisory committee members are expected to attend monthly meetings in Columbia (or via conference calls), public hearings, and occasional legislative committee meetings.

If you are interested in being a member of the Advisory Committee, please send your resume or CV to: tricia.sheldon@yahoo.com.

Product Recalls

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.

- Tween Brands Light Up Bed Canopies due to fire and burn hazard caused by canopy lights overheating.
- Gildan Activewear Children’s Sleep Sacks due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- Aegan Apparel Children's Sleepwear due to violation of federal flammability standard.

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

In spring 2019, the Center for Child Care Career Development was proud to recognize the following T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship graduates.

Passion Booth graduated with her AA in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2017. Passion is the owner and director of a child care home in Ladson, South Carolina serving all age children.

Camille Frederick graduated with her AA in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since fall 2013. Camille is a teacher at a child care facility in Charleston, South Carolina serving more than 130 children.

The Center for Child Care Career Development is extremely proud of these ladies. We wish them the best of luck in the future and hope that they will continue to make a difference in the lives of young children in our state.

LiveWell Early Childhood is Expanding Across the Upstate

LiveWell At Early Childhood is embarking on an expansion of their great work with Early Childcare Centers to help make the healthy choice the easy choice where we learn and play! If you are a childcare provider and are interested in improving healthy eating and active living best practices for the children you serve, we invite your center to join Palmetto HEALTHie Start!

You will gain access to FREE, easy-to-use online tools and education materials!

Palmetto HEALTHie Start is a two-year initiative and research opportunity designed to improve the quality and variety of healthy eating, physical activity, and outdoor play activities in childcare centers across the Upstate of South Carolina. If your center is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please complete this interest survey. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Kristina Harris at kjharr@clemson.edu or info@clemsonsnaped.com.

For more information, please click here.

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