Out-of-State Checks for Child Abuse
South Carolina conducts out-of-state checks for child abuse and neglect due to new rules in the Child Care & Development Block Grant Act of 2014. These rules require a child care worker who has resided outside of SC in the past 5 years to be checked against other states’ abuse and neglect registries. A person may not be employed by a child care provider that is eligible to receive CCDF funds if the person refuses to consent to the check or if he/she knowingly makes a materially false statement in connection with the check. For more information, contact your regional licensing office.

Train the Trainer: Getting to Know ADDIE
July 17, 2018 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: York Technical College
452 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730
Whether you are looking to become a trainer or are already a seasoned trainer, find new and helpful strategies to raise the bar on your training development through Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation (ADDIE). Cost: $15
To register and for more information click here.

Creating Safe Environments Using Active Supervision
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:00AM – 11:30AM
Cost: FREE
Look, listen, and engage children to keep them safe in your early childhood environment. This session will transform your supervision approach to an active skill to make sure that children of all ages explore their environments safely.
Location: Palmetto Electric Co-Op, 4063 Grays Hwy, Ridgeland, SC 29936
DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Health & Safety
To register click here.

Do you participate in ABC Quality and are you proud of it?
ABC Quality wants to help you advertise your participation in ABC Quality. ABC Quality has developed informational panel cards to help parents understand the importance of choosing a high quality child care environment. You can order these cards for free to hand out to families that tour your facility. Click here to see the cards and to order your own copies.

Proposed Child Care Center Regs Pass
Proposed regulations for Child Care Centers have been approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Once ratified, the regulations will take effect. You can find a copy of the regulations here.
Child Care Licensing is working to providing child care centers with specific information to help ensure compliance in the upcoming weeks. Please be on the lookout for this important information.

FBI Notice of Privacy
To comply with FBI fingerprint background check applicant notification requirements, DSS will be providing two forms for new child care employees that must be signed by the prospective employee prior to being fingerprinted. Employers should keep a copy of this form but Child Care Licensing will also collect these forms to ensure proper privacy notifications have been provided. Please be on the lookout for these new forms.

REMINDER: NEW Early Learning Standards
Don’t forget to download the early learning standards. The newly revised Early Learning Standards utilized input and expertise from early childhood professionals across the state. These standards have been adopted by DSS’s Division of Early Care & Education, the Department of Education, and Head Start, and they represent development and learning in young children ages birth to 5 years old.
Early Learning Standards Webinar Slides
Early Learning Standards Book

Product Recalls
- Tobi Babynest Crib Bumpers due to strangulation hazard.
- Play and Park Structures Playground Slides due to entrapment hazard.
- Michaels Spin Art Kits due to fire and burn hazards.
- Discount School Supply Crayons due to laceration hazard.
- Porsche Toy Cars due to choking hazard.
- Jane Strollers due to entrapment and strangulation hazards.
- Carter's Children’s Cardigan due to choking hazard.
- Munchkin Waterpede Bath Toys due to choking hazard.

Emergency Preparedness
Understanding the types of emergencies your community may face is essential to being prepared for them. It’s important for businesses to plan and prepare for a hurricane or other emergency that could affect normal operations and employees. A large-scale disaster anywhere in the state can be disruptive for any business, which is why it is critical for every child care program to have continuity and safety plans in place before a disaster occurs. The Division of Early Care & Education offers resources for emergency preparedness and disaster planning. Utilize your ABC Quality Assessors, Child Care Resource & Referral Quality Coaches, and Child Care Licensing Specialists to develop a plan that will meet your needs.
Please click here to learn more about disasters in South Carolina and how to prepare for them.