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Greenwood County Training: Bloodborne Pathogens

Protect yourself and others from being exposed to blood or blood containing materials that you might encounter while

working with young children. This training is designed specifically for early childhood educators with a reasonable chance of coming into contact with Bloodborne Pathogens from skinned knees, bloody noses, broken bones, bite marks, and other injuries. This workshop meets Child Care Licensing's yearly required Bloodborne Pathogens training for early childhood educators working in an early childhood program.

DSS Credit Hours: 1 hour of health & safety credit

Location: Lifetime Discoveries

808 S. Emerald Road, Greenwood, SC 29648

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Register here.



Dillon County Training: Do you Know Where the Children Are?

Knowing where the children in your care are is an important part of operating a safe child care program. The best tracking systems help staff maintain proper ratios and adequate

supervision required by DSS regulations or ABC Quality standards. This training will demonstrate and teach various methods to help providers accurately track the location of all children in their care.

DSS Credit Hours: 2 hours of health & safety credits The City of Dillon Wellness Center Location:

1647 Commerce Drive, Dillon, SC 29536 Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Register here.

Product Recalls

DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational Toys"R"Us Clay Craft Kits due to risk of mold exposure. 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.

- Natural Solutions for Life Synodrin Pain Relieving Cream due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirement.
- Tone Stop Shop Children's Pajamas due violation of federal flammability standard.
- Dream On Me Crib & Toddler Bed Mattresses due to violation of federal mattress flammability standard.
- Squatty Potty Children's Toilet Step Stools due to injury and fall hazard.

New Year's Resolutions

Setting a New Year's Resolution is a great way to make self-improvements. Use the new year to make changes to improve your child care business.

- Reflect & Assess The end of the year is the perfect time to reflect on your program's progress during the past year. Take a hard honest look at what has added value to your business and what has not. Are you happy with what you see?
- Try Something New They say that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Maybe it's time to freshen things up a bit by trying a new approach to marketing, staffing, or other operations.

Never stop building upon your success! Here's to making 2018 your best year ever!



Flu Prevention

Thousands of children younger than 5 are hospitalized every year from flu complications. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can be deadly. Pregnant women and children younger than 5 are at an increased risk to develop flu complications, which may include ear infections, sinus infections, bronchitis, bacterial pneumonia, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes or asthma. Expecting mothers

who contract the flu have an increased risk of premature labor and delivery and an increased chance of their baby having birth defects. When infected people cough or sneeze, they produce droplets that release into the air. Contact with infected droplets spreads the flu. A person contracts the flu when she/he touches, inhales, or ingests anything contaminated with the droplets. The flu can be passed in the air within a 6 foot range of the sick person. Adults may infect other people starting one day prior to when symptoms show and 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Children may spread the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms begin 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.

Prevention

Flu vaccine (most current)

Antiviral drugs

► Frequently sanitize commonly used surfaces

Separate infected adults/children from

others ► Eat healthy, exercise, and get plenty of rest

- DHEC Flu Prevention in Child Care
- CDC Information for Schools and Child **Care Providers**

Symptoms

Sore throat

Headache

Muscle or body aches

Fever

► Chills

► Cough

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