

ADA Basics for Child Care Monitors and Professional Development Providers



This course is designed to provide an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act, specifically the provisions related to child care. In addition, participants will learn the benefits of inclusion, how to communicate with child care providers about inclusion, and how to recognize recommended practices for inclusion. The course will also provide multiple resources should providers need assistance including a child with a disability in their program. The target audience for this course is ABC Quality monitors, Child Care Licensing monitors, child care trainers, and child care technical assistance providers/coaches. **DSS Credit hours: 2 Hours Professional Development**

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



Have you checked out the ABC Quality Blogs?

The [ABC Quality blogs](#) are the new hot spot for everyday early childhood information in categories like myth-busting, parenting tips, and best practices research. The blogs help parents and providers sort between fact and fiction while providing helpful tips on a variety of subjects. Topics addressed include quality child care, nutrition, school readiness, outdoor play, and a host of other relevant topics.

SC Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation



The SC Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation recognizes child care programs that promote, protect, and support breastfeeding. To apply please call 843-876-2825 or email scpitc@musc.edu. For more information visit [SCPITC](#).



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>.

- **Nature's Truth Wintergreen Essential Oil** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirements.
- **Just Love Fashion Children's Pajama Pants** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **The Company Store Girl's Pajama Sets** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **Disney the Forky 11" Plush Toy** due to choking hazard caused by detachable plastic eyes.
- **Swaddle Bee Children's Security Blankets** due to choking hazard caused by detachable blanket snaps.
- **Lidl Wooden Grasping Toys** due to choking hazard caused by detachable wooden wheels.
- **Epic Business Wintergreen Essential Oil** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirement.
- **The Boppy Company Infant Head and Neck Support Accessories** due to suffocation hazard.
- **Trek Kickster Bikes** due to fall hazard.
- **Stokke Infant Steps Bouncers** due to fall hazard.
- **H&M Children's Pajamas** due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- **Britax Modified Thru-Bolt Axles for Use with BOB Jogging Strollers** due to fall and injury hazards.
- **Tristar Products Magnetic Trivets** due to magnet ingestion hazard.
- **Dorel Juvenile Group USA Inclined Sleepers** due to safety concerns about inclined sleep products.
- **London Bridge Sock and Wrist Rattle Sets** due to choking hazard caused by detachable rattles.
- **Super Jumper Trampolines** due to fall and injury hazards.

Look Before you Lock!



Heatstroke is the number two killer of children behind car crashes. On average, vehicular heatstroke claims the lives of 37 children every year. More than half of those deaths are children under age 2. Each of these deaths is tragic, and all of them are preventable. The inside of a vehicle heats up extremely quickly. Even with cracked windows, the temperature inside a parked car rises an average of 40 degrees within an hour, regardless of the temperature outside. Eighty percent of the temperature increase occurs in the first half hour, with temperatures rising up to 20 degrees in the first ten minutes. Cracking the windows doesn't slow the heating or reduce the maximum temperature. Children have died from vehicular heatstroke with temperatures as low as 60 degrees outside. This is largely because a child's body overheats three to five times faster than an adult's body. To prevent vehicular heatstroke, please be mindful of the following causes and tips for prevention to keep children safe and alive.

[Baby Center](#), [Healthy Children](#), [Stanford](#), [Kids and Cars](#)

Things that can cause caregivers to forget children in a car

- 🔍 Changes in daily routine
- 🔍 Fatigue, lack of sleep, hormone changes
- 🔍 Phone calls, stress, or other simple distractions
- 🔍 Rear-facing car seats look the same whether baby is in it or not

Prevention

- 🔍 Make it part of your daily routine to account for all children in your care.
- 🔍 NEVER leave a child unattended in the vehicle, even if the windows are cracked or the engine is running with air conditioning on.
- 🔍 Get in the habit of looking in the entire vehicle before locking the door and walking away. Check both the front and back.
- 🔍 Create reminders, try placing an item needed at your final destination (cell phone, handbag, brief case, employee ID, etc.) in the back of the vehicle next to the child.
- 🔍 Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat. When the child is placed in the car seat, place the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat. This will serve as a visual reminder that the child is in the back seat.