



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS

The CCDBG Act mandates that states make regulatory changes to the way the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is administered to accomplish the following goals:

- strengthen efforts to protect the health and safety of children in child care;
- help parents make informed consumer choices and access information to support child development;
- provide equal access to stable, high quality child care for low-income children; and
- enhance the quality of child care and the early childhood workforce.

The final rule issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in September 2016 provides details on the health and safety standards established by the [CCDBG Act 2014](#), which affect health and safety training, **comprehensive background checks (Fingerprints, SLED, FBI, State Abuse and Neglect checks, Out-of-State Abuse and Neglect checks if applicable, State and National Sex offender checks)** and monitoring.

The CCDBG Act's **comprehensive background check** requirements state that all child care staff members (including prospective staff members) of all licensed, regulated, or registered child care providers and all child care providers eligible to deliver CCDF services must have a comprehensive background check.

Subsequently, [Senate Bill 595](#) was signed by the Governor on May 16, 2019, authorizing the CCDBG Act's comprehensive background check requirements in South Carolina. This includes the following, and they must undergo a comprehensive background check and obtain a satisfactory determination:

- After August 5, 2019, all individuals (directors, teachers, substitutes, emergency persons, etc.) working in licensed, registered, approved child care programs, including those individuals in licensed-exempt programs who participate in ABC Quality or SC Voucher will be required to have comprehensive background checks every 5 years.
- Individuals working in licensed Group Child Care Homes or licensed/registered Family Child Care Homes including those individuals living there (aged 15 years or older). For **Group Child Care Homes this is a new process!**
- If you had a fingerprint check completed in 2019, you will not be required to get another; however, a questionnaire must be filled out by you to complete your check.
- Future comprehensive background checks must be run for anyone who has had a lapse of employment in the child care industry that lasts 6 months or longer.
- **Provisional Hires** must now include a name and date of birth check from SLED **AND** a SLED/FBI fingerprint background check. These checks are now required to be run on those individuals who are being hired provisionally until all of the other required checks are completed satisfactorily.


Additional Information will be mailed to all child care providers regarding instructions on how to begin this process.




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>.

- ☛ **Target Toddler Boots** due to choking hazard caused by detachable unicorn horn.
- ☛ **Home Meridian Corner Curio Cabinets** due to tip-over and entrapment hazards.
- ☛ **Fisher-Price Inclined Sleeper Accessory Included with Ultra-Lite Day & Night Play Yards** due to concerns about inclined sleep

 **Child Care Licensing Revised DSS Form 2926**
 Child Care Licensing has revised the DSS Form 2926, Health Assessment, to reflect NEW language regarding TB Certification as required by SC DHEC. SC DHEC Regulation 61-22 (effective 10/2017) states ALL TB certifications must be communicated only on the DHEC 1420 and completed by a health care professional conducting the TB certification. Additionally, the new DHEC regulation states TB results cannot be transferred from other states or countries and there are not any religious or any other exemptions for TB. Here is the link to SC DHEC for the DHEC 1420: <https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/docs/Health/docs/TB/D-1420.pdf>
 Here is the new revised DSS Form 2926, please start using this new form: <http://www.scchildcare.org/media/63943/DSS-Form-2926-Staff-Health-Assessment-515-.pdf>

 **SC Inclusion Collaborative: The Champions for Young Children Symposium**
 The Champions for Young Children Symposium will be held on **Friday August 2, 2019, from 8:00am-4:00pm at the R2i2 building, located at 763 Fashion Dr. Columbia, SC 29229**. The theme of the symposium will be, "Meaningful Family Engagement Using the Protective Factors Framework." A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. This event is a certified conference through the SC Center for Child Care Career Development. Participants interested in receiving child care training credit can pick up a sticker sheet at the registration desk on the day of the event. Completed sheets should be returned to the registration desk at the end of the event. Registration for the symposium is \$40. **To register and for more information, [click here](#).**