

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

October 2023

“Bridging the gap between Child Care Providers and MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for Mississippian children and families.”

Child Care Regulations Reminders

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Providers below are a few important Regulations reminders for you to remember when hiring new employees at your facilities.

- **Before** a prospective staff member **may begin work** in a childcare facility, a valid Letter of Suitability must have been issued by the MSDH Criminal Records Check Unit (Rule 1.5.2, 1).
- The childcare facility shall submit the following for processing: (1) Completed fingerprint card & fees submitted to MSDH for processing and (2) Child Abuse Registry form shall be submitted to MSDH via DocuSign for processing (Rule 1.5.2, 1a-b).
- Remember, Letter of Suitability are not transferable to another program licensed by the Child Care Licensure Division after the date of expiration OR if there is a break in service of more than 180 consecutive days of employment (Rule 1.5.2, c, d).

Upcoming Training Opportunities



**We're
excited to
see you!**

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Mississippi
EARLY CHILDHOOD
INCLUSION CENTER

New Training Opportunities at MECIC for October!

Funded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, the overarching goal of MECIC is to meet the needs of early childhood educators, families, and young children with disabilities by providing high-quality early childhood inclusion supports, resources, and referrals.

This fall, we've added several new trainings to our list. We've got exciting new topics related to brain development, social literacy, and more! Read below for more information and upcoming training dates.

Register today!



The First Three Years: Supporting Brain Development

During the first three years of life, infants and toddlers are learning an unimaginable number of skills. In fact, 85% of the brain is developed from birth to three years old. Young children are born to interact! Learn more about this topic on October 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Register here



Fostering Social Literacy: Strategies that Support Social- Emotional Development

Creating a high-quality, supportive environment which promotes social-emotional development for all children, including children with delays, is critical in the early childhood classroom. Learn more about this topic on October 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Register here

More Upcoming Trainings

October
5th

Individualizing the Infant and Toddler Curriculum
6:00-8:00 PM (Virtual)

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Promoting Social-Emotional Milestones: Inclusion Strategies for Preschoolers
6:00-8:00 PM (Virtual)

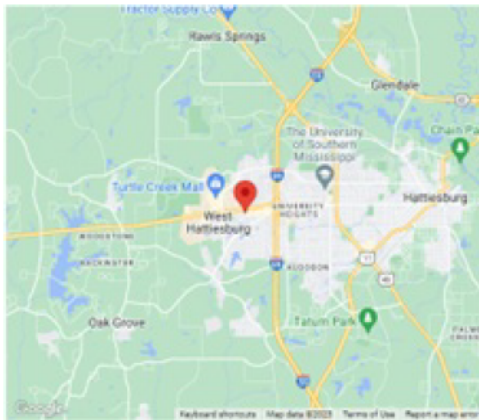
October
10th

Preschool Classroom Organization: Applying the CLASS to Include ALL Children
6:00-8:00 PM (Virtual)

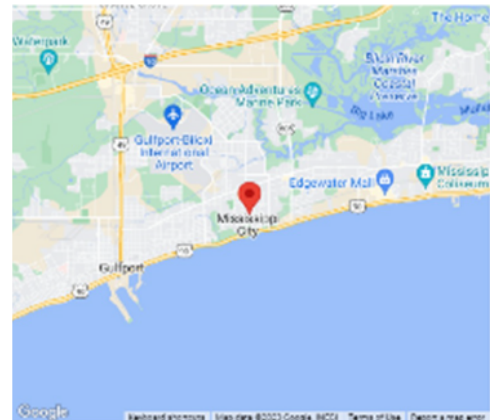
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Did you know you can check out materials to promote inclusion in your classroom and home? Our team can assist you in finding exactly what you need.

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October Celebration & Awareness

- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Oct. 2nd: Child Health Day
- Oct. 5th: World Teachers Day
- Oct. 8th -14th: Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 16th: National Boss's Day
- Oct. 16th -20th: National School Bus Safety
- Oct. 23rd -31st: Red ribbon Week/Drug-free America Week
- Oct. 28th: National First Responder Day



National Child Health Day!!!

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School Readiness Calendar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 This month we are talking about the season of fall. What are your favorite parts of the fall season?	2 The letter of the month is O! What sound does the letter O make?	3 How many days are in the month of October? How many days are left in the month after today?	4 Fall is my favorite season! What is your favorite season?	5 Go to your library and check out books about fall!	6 Fall means football in Mississippi! Pretend you are in a halftime show in a football game, show us your routine!	7 Football has lots of unique language. Ask your local coach to tell you what special football words mean.
8 What happens when you throw a football up in the air? Where does it go?	9 The letter O reminds me of a shape. What shape does it make you think about?	10 There are lots of numbers in the game of football. Where do you see them? Hint - scoreboard, tickets, jerseys, seats...	11 Friday night lights are the best in my town! What is the name of the mascot for your school's team?	12 Let's go outside and throw the football around. Or any ball you have!	13 Fall is apple harvest time! Cut apples in half. Dip apples in paint to make apple prints!	14 Did you know that there are over 1,000 different types of apples? How many can you name?
15 How do apples grow? What are those little things on the inside?	16 Do you see any words with the letter O on this calendar? Circle all that you find!	17 How tall are you if you measured yourself in apples?	18 What did you think about all the apples this week? Did you taste different kinds? Which is your favorite?	19 Return your books to the library and check out more!	20 Fall leaves are my favorite! See if you can find some fall leaves, pine cones, and other fall items to make a fall collage.	21 Trees that change colors are called deciduous trees. What kind of trees stay green all year?
22 Leaves turning colors in the fall is part of the life cycle. What will happen in the next stage?	23 Take a walk outside and see if you can find the letter O!	24 Gather a variety of fall leaves. Sort leaves by different categories: size, color, length, etc.	25 Talk with your friends about the colors of the leaves in your community. Have they enjoyed the fall leaves like us?	26 Go for a walk outside your neighborhood. Can you tell what fallen leaves match which trees?	27 Draw pumpkin faces with your family. Can you tell how your pumpkins are feeling?	28 Do you know any pumpkin songs? Search tonight to see what you can find. I found one about 5!
29 What are some of the things that pumpkins need to grow? Hint - we need some of the same things!	30 I have the letter O in my middle name. Do you have the letter O in any of your names?	31 Today is the last day of October. What month starts tomorrow?				

