

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

April 2024

“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.”

Just a friendly reminder...

Just a reminder that MSDH Training Unit will **no longer** offer virtual trainings starting **April 1, 2024**. We will only offer face-2-face trainings therefore you will need to adjust your schedules and prepare to attend face-2-face trainings.

Please remember that you must have **15 contact hours** per staff member before your license expiration date. Your trainers have made use of a feature in Lift-ED that will cancel trainings if there are not enough participants, so please have your staff register in a timely manner. Also, there is a deadline to register for each class and that information is in the description of the training when you enroll in the class. If a class is cancelled due to low registration Lift-ED will send you an email and you will also see it in the “Registered PDOs” tab.

Thank you for all that you do for our children!

Just a reminder...



Regulations Reminder

April is here! So please remember to include Sun Safety Practices into your activities. For your convenience we have include the rules for you to review as is related to Sun Safety.

- Subchapter 9: Program of Activities: Rule 1.9.1 (3) The child care facility shall incorporate programs to encourage sun safety practices (skin cancer prevention), into activities for all age levels.
- Rule 1.9.5 (3) Sun safe practices shall be used during outdoor activities scheduled between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. during the period of April 1 to September 15.
- Rule 1.9.5 (4) Sun safe practices shall be evident in the planning of all outdoor events.

April Trainings

April 8 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Tupelo	J. Dockery
April 8 th	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Tupelo	J. Dockery
April 9 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Tupelo	J. Dockery
April 9 th	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Tupelo	J. Dockery
April 10 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Tupelo	J. Dockery
April 15 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch	J. Dockery
April 15 th	5pm-8pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch	J. Dockery
April 16 th	1pm-4pm	Directors Orientation	Olive Branch	J. Dockery
April 16 th	5pm-8pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch	J. Dockery
April 20 th	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake	J. Dockery
April 22 nd	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven	J. Dockery
April 22 nd	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven	J. Dockery
April 23 rd	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven	J. Dockery
April 23 rd	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Southaven	J. Dockery
April 24 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Southaven	J. Dockery
April 18 th	9am-12 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Hernando	J. Smith
April 18 th	1pm-4 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Hernando	J. Smith
April 23 rd	9am-12 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Philadelphia	J. Smith
April 23 rd	1pm-4 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Philadelphia	J. Smith
April 24 th	9am-12 pm	Directors Orientation	Philadelphia	J. Smith
April 24 th	1pm-4 pm	Playground Safety	Philadelphia	J. Smith
April 25 th	9am-12 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Philadelphia,	J. Smith
April 25 th	1-4 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Philadelphia	J. Smith
April 6 th	8:30am-11:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Brookhaven	S. Smith
April 6 th	11:30-2:30 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Brookhaven	S. Smith
April 6 th	2:30pm-5:30pm	Directors Orientation	Brookhaven	S. Smith
April 4 th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Brookhaven	S. Smith
April 8 th	9am-12pm	CCDF	Hinds	S. Smith
April 8 th	5:30-8:30 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hinds	S. Smith

April 9th	5:30pm- 8:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hinds	S. Smith
April 11th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Hinds	S. Smith
April 16 th	9am-12 pm	CCDF	Hinds	S. Smith
April 1st	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations 1	Harrison	J. Prine
April 1st	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations 2	Harrison	J. Prine
April 2 nd	9am-12pm	Director's Orientation	Harrison	J. Prine
April 2 nd	1pm-4 pm	Playground Safety	Harrison	J. Prine
April 3 rd	9am-12pm	CCDF	Harrison	J. Prine
April 16 th	4pm-7pm	CCDF	Forrest	J. Prine
April 18 th	8am-11am	Child Care Regulations 1	Harrison	J. Prine
April 18 th	12noon-3pm	Child Care Regulations 2	Harrison	J. Prine
April 18 th	4pm-7pm	Infant and Toddler Regs.	Harrison	J. Prine
April 19 th	8am-11am	Director's Orientation	Harrison	J. Prine
April 19 th	12noon-3pm	Playground Safety	Harrison	J. Prine
April 19 th	4pm-7pm	CCDF	Harrison	J. Prine
April 25 th	1pm-4pm	CCDF	Pearl River	J. Prine
April 26 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations 1	Pearl River	J. Prine
April 26 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations 2	Pearl River	J. Prine
April 27 th	9am-12pm	Director's Orientation	Pearl River	J. Prine
April 27 th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Pearl River	J. Prine
April 30 th	4pm-7pm	Infant and Toddler	Forrest	J. Prine
April 2 nd	5:30-8:30 pm	Child Care Regulations 1	Clarksdale	M. Jordan
April 3 rd	5:30-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations 2	Cleveland	M. Jordan

April 4 th	9am-12pm	Director's Orientation	Indianola	M. Jordan
April 4 th	1-4 pm	Playground Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
April 5 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Cleveland	M. Jordan
April 6 th	9am-12pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood	M. Jordan
April 8 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
April 16 th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Greenwood	M. Jordan
April 16 th	5:30 pm-8:30 pm	Child Care Regulations 1	Cleveland	M. Jordan
April 18 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
April 18 th	1-4pm	Playground Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
April 19 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations	Cleveland	M. Jordan
April 22 nd	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations 1	Greenville	M. Jordan
April 23 rd	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations 2	Cleveland	M. Jordan
April 24	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Clarksdale	M. Jordan
April 24	1-4 pm	Playground Safety	Clarksdale	M. Jordan
April 25	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Greenwood	M. Jordan
April 25	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations2	Cleveland	M. Jordan



To attend any MSDH Trainings you MUST have an account set-up in the Lift-ED portal. In this portal you will be able to review the training calendar, enroll in training classes, view, and print your certificate and/or transcript. If you need assistance, please contact your licensing officials or contact the trainer of the training course you are interested in.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WHY

sipSAFE

Your participation will make a difference!

- You're already passionate about ensuring safe and clean drinking water for your community, so get ready to make an impact that matters—join SipSafe to test your water and prevent lead exposure.



Why Participate?

- **Convenience:** SipSafe will visit your facilities to sample and test the drinking water fixtures in accordance with EPA requirements. We can also sample and test your water as you prepare for your mandatory LCRR sampling, so you can focus your time and resources on other tasks.
- **Financial benefits:** If a sample tests higher than the EPA action level, SipSafe will help resolve the issue and can help with remediation funds.
- **Public health protection:** Having your water tested for lead will ensure your facilities offer families and individuals access to clean, lead-free drinking water.
- **Research contribution:** Join our collective effort to gather essential data on lead levels, which will be tested at an EPA/ Mississippi-certified chemical laboratory, and contribute to a statewide research initiative to improve water quality standards.
- **Expert collaboration:** Work with environmental scientists, water quality specialists, and public health professionals to make a tangible impact.
- **Professional development:** Be recognized as a leader who promotes safe drinking water.



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



MS Dept. of Education presents.....

**2024 Mississippi Early Childhood Education
Conference**

Made in Mississippi: Growing Young Minds

Natchez, Mississippi

June 17-20, 2024

Registration Link:

<https://eregister.info/portal/index.cfm>



MS DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL RENEWAL

Dates & Locations

- April 2 Batesville
- April 8 Olive Branch
- April 9 West Point
- April 9 Hattiesburg
- April 19 Jackson
- April 24 Gulfport

All trainings are in-person.



[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

Training will start soon, so register today!

**6 CONTACT
HOURS**

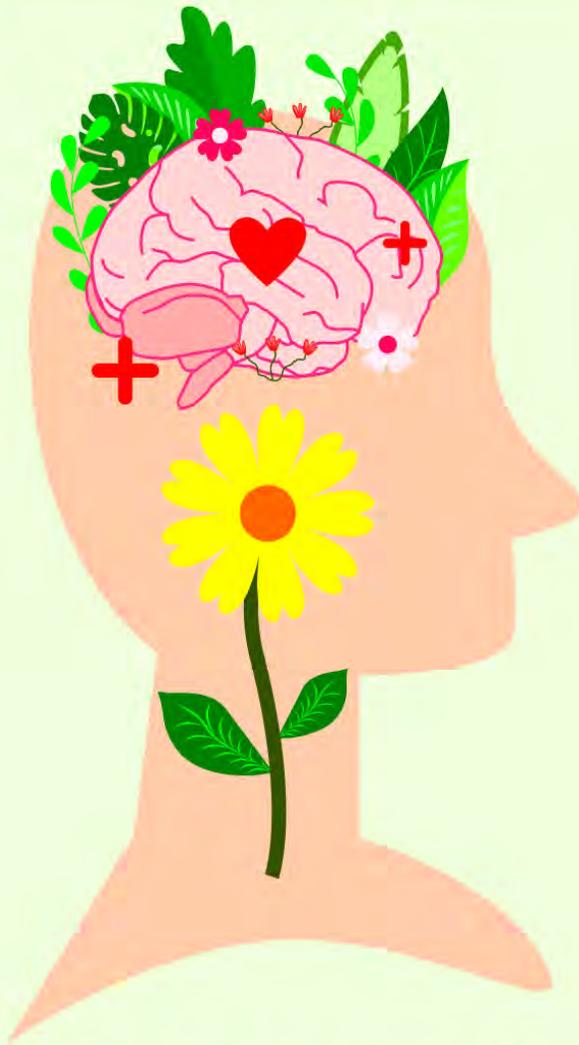
Confirmation of enrollment will be sent via email. Monitor your email for additional information regarding training details.

Renewal Eligibility:

- Previously completed the MS Director's Credential (9-Module) course
- Credential has expired or will expire in 2024
- Have a copy of your original credential certificate or most recent renewal certificate

 Email questions to Director@mdhs.ms.gov

MENTAL HEALTH



PRIORITIZING YOUR SELF-CARE

Remember, self-care isn't selfish; it's essential for giving love, compassion, and assistance to others. Don't miss this enlightening session for personal and communal growth.



Save the date for an enriching experience at our 2024 SWEET Hour on April 9th at 2:00 p.m.



Excited to have Nadia Gaynor from New Life Goals LLC sharing invaluable insights. Don't miss this chance for growth and connection, with contact hours available.

Use the QR code to register!



NLG ENTERPRISES PRESENTS

SELF-CARE FROM THE *Inside Out*

MENTAL RESET

WITH *Nadia L. Gaynor*

LPC-S, NCC, BC-TMH



***Lunch Included**

***Register on Eventbrite**

<https://bit.ly/SCRESET>

SATURDAY
April 6
10AM - 2PM

NLG ENTERPRISES

504 COOPER ROAD, JACKSON MS 39212

Join me for a day of rejuvenation and self-discovery. This event is all about focusing on your mental well-being and finding ways to rest and recharge from within.



MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

Save-the-Date

Early Childhood Self-Paced Online (PreK) Boot Camp

Date: July 15-25, 2024

This self-paced online training program allows teachers and assistant teachers to acquire the equivalent of twelve hours of approved early childhood coursework to instruct in PreK classrooms. You must meet specific requirements to be accepted to participate in this program. This program does NOT allow participants an opportunity to receive an educator's license.

Please click the link, "[SHOULD I BE HERE](#)" to determine if you qualify to attend this online program. This self-paced training will allow teachers, assistants, and administrators to earn professional development hours: CEUs (1.9), SEMIs (15), OSLs (1), and Contact Hours (19) upon completing and obtaining a passing score on the online assessments.

For questions or concerns, please email
earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org

April 2024

School Readiness Calendar

Parents are the child's first teacher!
Help prepare your child for kindergarten.

Sunday Creative Arts	Monday Language Arts	Tuesday Science	Wednesday Letter	Thursday Math	Friday Social & Emotional	Saturday Physical Development
	1 Sing nursery rhymes. "Rain, rain, go away, Come again another day!" "April showers, bring May flowers!"	2 Create a weather chart with symbols for sunny, rainy, & cloudy days. Encourage your child to fill the weather chart each day.	3 The letter of the month is "S." Encourage your child to search for things that start with "S" in your home: spoon, salt, slipper.	4 Learning about patterns supports literacy & numeracy. Create simple patterns with your child. Red square, blue circle, red square, etc.	5 Transitions can be hard for young children. Help your child with transitions by choosing a transition song to signal a change is coming.	6 The month of April is known for rainy days. Don't let that keep you inside all day! After the storm, have fun jumping in puddles!
7 Create a rain stick using a paper towel tube, tape, & rice. Decorate the tube & enjoy the soothing sounds as you turn it back and forth.	8 New books are exciting for your child. Checkout winter books at your local library or Resource & Referral Center.	9 Fill a medium glass with water. Add shaving cream to the top. Using a straw or droplet, add drops of blue food coloring. Watch it rain! forth.	10 Place shaving cream on a clean surface. Show your child how to write the letter "S" with their finger for literacy and sensory play.	11 Color a rainy-day pattern. Using a blue & gray crayon, encourage your child to color or draw a pattern. Blue, gray, blue, gray, etc.	12 Allow extra time for transitions. Toddlers & young children often need help shifting their focus from one activity to another.	13 Go on a nature walk & look for signs of Spring (flowers, birds singing, bugs crawling.) Encourage your child to jump & skip while exploring!
14 Splatter paint fun: Use blue paint to splatter "raindrops" onto white paper. Describe the picture, "it rained a lot!"	15 Talk, talk, talk with your child. Introduce weather vocabulary to your child: raindrops, clouds, umbrella, fog, & rainbow.	16 Fill a bin with water & add toys, cups, spoons, & sponges. Encourage your child to pour & explore the water.	17 Letter recognition is important. While grocery shopping or in your own pantry, point to the letter "S" on products.	18 Mix it up. Add another simple pattern to sort. Red square, blue circle, blue circle, red square.	19 Let your child use a special transition object. "Your bunny can ride in the grocery cart with you & help us find bananas."	20 Rainy Day Fort Play. Using sheets & blankets, build a fort. Encourage your child to crawl under, exploring the fort.
21 Draw an outline of a cloud on blue paper. Encourage your child to glue on cotton balls to make a puffy cloud.	22 Ask "wh" questions while reading. "Where is... pause & encourage your child to respond by pointing or with words.	23 Measure the rainfall. On a rainy day, place a container outside. Measure how much rain was collected.	24 Storytime & Snacks. Read a story & enjoy snacks that start with the letter "S": strawberries, salsa, or satines.	25 Make fun vocal patterns for your child to imitate. "Ba, ba, moo. Ba, ba, moo. Ba, ba, ___"	26 Provide a transition warning for your child. "5 more minutes until dinner time. 3 more minutes until we eat."	27 Set up an indoor obstacle course with household items like pillows. Cheer as your child crawls & jumps through the course.
28 Draw a rainbow with white crayon on white paper. Paint over the design with watercolor paint. Watch as the hidden rainbow appears!	29 While reading together, encourage your child to point to named pictures in the story.	30 Make a fizzy rainbow. In separate containers, drop colored vinegar onto baking soda and watch as the rainbow starts to fizz!				
						