

# Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

November 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.”*



## LIFT-ED Updates

The Bureau of Child Care Licensure and MDHS are very excited that Lift-ED, the new professional development registry, is ready for staff profile completion and training registration.

Please ensure that all of your staff are listed under "Contacts" in LARS. Remember to include all staff at your facility under contacts. This will allow your staff to be connected to your program profile in Lift-ED. You can access the Provider Record Maintenance by clicking here [Mississippi State Department of Health \(ms.gov\)](https://www.ms.gov).

Each staff member will have to register for an individual Lift-ED account. Please provide the Lift-ED link to your staff so that they can access the portal.

<https://portal.lift-ed.ms/Authentication/Landing>

All MSDH courses scheduled for November 1, 2023 and after must be registered for using the lift-ED portal.

MSDH will not issue paper certificates after November 1, 2023. Course credit/certificates will be issued in the Lift-ED portal.

There is also a new feature in the **Provider Record Maintenance Portal** that will allow facilities to enter self-reports directly in the LARS system. Be on the lookout for more information regarding this new feature coming soon.



# **NEW**

# **PROFESSIONAL**

# **DEVELOPMENT**

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

Register for MECIC trainings on lift-ED!

- Virtual Trainings
- In-Person Trainings



for more information

 601-266-4745

 <https://www.mecic-usm.org/professional-development>

*Mississippi*  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
INCLUSION CENTER





*Do you want to take a closer look at how your child is developing?*

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to gain information on your child's development and learn activities to promote development at home.



*Do you have concerns about the way your child is playing, talking, or moving?*

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to learn if further assessment and referrals are needed.



**By Appointment Only:**

**CONTACT CHANDRA HARPER**  
**CHANDRA.HARPER@USM.EDU**  
**601.266.4745**

*For children ages birth to five.*

WHERE: MS Child Care Resource & Referral  
Meridian Community College  
806 Hwy 19 North, Suite 390  
Meridian, MS 39307

WHEN: Thursday, November 9, 2023  
9:00AM – 4:00PM

EOE/F/M/VETS/DISABILITY

Funded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, MECIC ensures young children with disabilities have access to the learning environment, participation in all learning activities, and appropriate support for children, teachers, and families.







## November Celebrations & Awareness

- National American Heritage Month/American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- National Career Development Month
  - ✓ November 5<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Time Ends
  - ✓ November 8<sup>th</sup>: National STEM and STEAM Day
    - ✓ November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day
  - ✓ November 16<sup>th</sup>: National Parent Involvement Day
    - ✓ November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Thanksgiving Day

\*\*\*\*In Observance of Veteran's Day—All  
Department of Health Facilities will be closed on  
November 10<sup>th</sup> .\*\*\*\*

# Child Development Associate SCHOLARSHIP (CDA)

## WHAT do I need to know about the scholarship?

- Recipients of the scholarship receive a voucher (**\$549**) to cover the **entire** cost of the "Facilitated CDA with CLASS" course
- Courses run for **24 weeks** (*120 contact hours/ 3 courses*). Applicants need to commit to completing all three courses *prior* to applying for the scholarship.
- After successful completion of 120 hours of coursework, applicants will be given a second scholarship (**\$425**) to apply for the CDA *credentialing process* with the CDA Council/Council for Professional Recognition
- Scholarship participants choose either **Infant/Toddler** OR **Pre-K level** with CLASS, "Classroom Assessment Scoring System" information embedded in the course

## WHO can apply?

- **NEW** CDA professional education preparation candidates
- Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED
- Candidates must be a Director or Director Designee currently employed fulltime in a licensed childcare center (**non-Head Start**)
- Candidate's center must be a full-day childcare program serving infants, toddlers, or preschool-aged children
- Childcare center must be participating in the MDHS Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) accepting MDHS subsidy children
- Limit 2 scholarship candidates **total** per center

## HOW are the courses offered?

- Online with coach and support provided by Teachstone <https://teachstone.com/cda-programs/>
- Three self-guided courses lasting a total of **24 weeks**

**More Questions? Email: [cda@ssrc.msstate.edu](mailto:cda@ssrc.msstate.edu)**

**Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Only 61 CDA scholarships are available. Apply now!**

## START DATE DECEMBER 18:

**Course 1:  
Dec. 18 – Feb. 11**

**Course 2:  
Feb. 12 – April 7**

**Course 3:  
April 8 – June 2**  
**All three courses are  
REQUIRED!**

**CLICK OR SCAN TO  
COMPLETE  
APPLICATION**



## MORE INFO ABOUT CDA 3-STEP PROCESS:

Center-Based Infant-Toddler:  
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/educator-pathways/infant-toddler/>

Center-Based Preschool:  
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/educator-pathways/preschool/>

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# RENEWAL Child Development Associate SCHOLARSHIP (CDA)

## WHAT do I need to know about the scholarship?

- Recipients of the scholarship receive a voucher (**\$215**) to cover the **entire** cost of the “CDA Renewal with CLASS: Pre-K (On Demand)” **OR** “CDA Renewal with CLASS: Infant/Toddler (On Demand)”.
- Coursework will fulfill **45 hours of professional education** requirement for renewing CDA. **It MUST be completed within 16 weeks.**
- After successful completion of **45 hours** of coursework, applicants will be given a second scholarship (**\$125**) to apply for the CDA renewal *credentialing* process with the CDA Council/Council for Professional Recognition.
- You **must** renew your original type of credential.

## WHO can apply?

- Applicants must have a **CURRENT/NON-EXPIRED** CDA! *Successful applicants will be required to provide an image of current CDA to finalize scholarship application. CDA is valid for 3 years from the award date.*
- Candidates can submit their renewal up to 6 months before expiration date.
- Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Candidates must be a Director or Director Designee currently employed full-time in a licensed childcare center (**non-Head Start**).
- Candidate’s center must be a full-day childcare program serving infants, toddlers, or preschool-aged children.
- Childcare center must be participating in the MDHS Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) accepting MDHS subsidy children
- Limit 2 scholarship candidates total per center.

## HOW are the courses offered?

- Online and self-guided, through the Teachstone platform <https://teachstone.com/cda-programs/>
- **45 hours of online self-guided coursework that must be completed in 16 weeks.**

**More Questions? Email: [cda@ssrc.msstate.edu](mailto:cda@ssrc.msstate.edu)**

**Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Only 10 CDA RENEWAL scholarships are available. Apply now!**

**Slots are FIRST  
come FIRST serve!**

**CLICK OR SCAN TO  
COMPLETE  
APPLICATION**



**MORE INFO ABOUT  
RENEWAL PROCESS:**

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/renew-cda/>

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CDA-Renewal-Guide-final-May2022.pdf>

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/faqs/#applying-for-cda-renewal>

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Early Childhood Leadership Institute  
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# Excel by 5 Fun Events: DeSoto County Community

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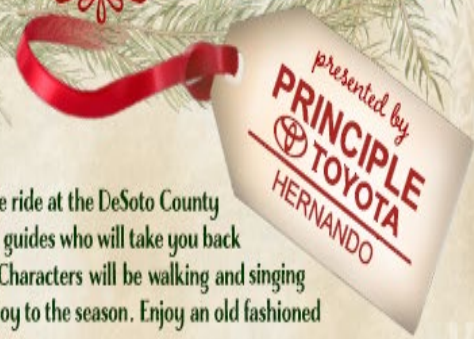
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**H**op on a horse-drawn carriage ride at the DeSoto County Museum with Victorian tour guides who will take you back to a time during the late 1800s. Characters will be walking and singing in the historic downtown to bring joy to the season. Enjoy an old fashioned trolley ride and tour our historic homes.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** 4:30 PM  
November 10th Ice Skating \* Downtown

6:00 PM  
Main Street Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting  
Story Time with the Mayor

6:30 PM  
Christmas movie "A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa"  
sponsored by the Hernando Library & Mississippi Army National Guard

**SATURDAY** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
November 11th Dickens of a Christmas Festival  
See "Visit Hernando MS" Mobile App for details

Store Front Shopping until 6:00 PM

**SUNDAY** NOON to 4:00 PM  
November 12th Ice Skating \* Downtown

2 PM to 5 PM  
Nutcracker Ballet at Hernando Performing Arts Center

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce  
Christmas Open House





# Christmas Farmers Market with holiday wares *AND* local foods

OLD FASHIONED TROLLEY  
Tour of Homes

Folk Art Demonstrations

HIGH TEA *AND*  
Victorian Fashion Show



Hockaday Brooms

Jen Z Pottery

Blacksmithing



COOKIES *AND*  
COCOA with DFT

DeSoto Arts Council  
WORKSHOPS

Letters  
TO Santa

HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY  
at Hernando Museum

Historic Springhill Cemetery  
GHOST TOUR *AND* BONFIRE  
Roast marshmallows & enjoy hot cocoa

Christmas VIRTUAL REALITY experience

Christmas  
Photo Spot  
in the snow



Dickens Village  
FOOD COURT

Holiday  
DOOR SWAG WORKSHOP  
presented by the Hernando Civic Garden Club  
REGISTER ON THE APP

BEER  
Garden

Selfies WITH Santa

HOLIDAY DANCERS & ENTERTAINERS  
performing on stage

## 2023 Events

Halloween Off the Square	October 21
Lighting of the Christmas Tree	November 10
Christmas Parade	December 4

## 2024 Events

Hernando Chocolate Tour	February 10
3rd Annual Hernando Fashion Show	March 21
Easter Shopping Eggstravaganza	March 30
Hernando Farmers Market	Saturdays April to October
Touch-A-Truck	April 6
DeSoto County Earth Day Celebration	April 22
50th Optimist Club A'Fair	May 18
Sunset on Square	Thursdays in June
Hometown Headlines	Thursdays in September
21st Annual Hernando Water Tower Festival	September 28
Hernando Water Tower 10K	October 12
Lighting of the Christmas Tree	November 8
Dickens of a Christmas Festival	November 9
Christmas Open House	November 10
Hernando Christmas Parade	December 2




For more information  
GET THE VISIT HERNANDO MS APP





# School Readiness Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h2>School Readiness Calendar</h2>		1 Today is the first day of November! What special plans does your family have for the month?	2 Go to the library and check out books about families!	3 Draw a picture of your family. Don't forget out of town relatives!	4 Look through family photos with your child. Talk with your child about family members and how you are related.
			5 Show your child pictures of you when you were a child. Can you see any similarities or differences?	6 The letter of the month is V. What sound does the letter V make?	7 With your child, count how many people are in your family. How many family members live in Mississippi?	8 Share with your child some family traditions from when you are a child. What are your current family traditions?
12 Collect some fall items today from your yard. What words can you use to describe the fall items?	13 What kind of lines does the letter V have? Curvy, straight, or both?	14 So much to think about when planning Thanksgiving. Start with how many will you be celebrating with!	15 Share your favorite Thanksgiving memory with your child. Why was it so special?	16 Return the books to the library and checkout more!	17 It is getting close to Thanksgiving! Have your child draw what they would like on the Thanksgiving menu.	18 Look at cookbooks together with your child. Start your grocery list for your Thanksgiving feast!
19 Some foods are served hot and some cold. Which items on your menu are hot and cold?	20 Imagine if your first name started with a V. What would your name sound like?	21 Is your grocery list complete? How many items will you need from the store?	22 Ask your child to help create a seating chart for Thanksgiving.	23 Part of physical development is safety skills. What kind of safety precautions should we take when preparing a meal?	24 Create a family Thanksgiving story. Be sure to read it to your family on Thanksgiving day!	25 Who are you sharing your Thanksgiving holiday with this year? Help your child write names for place settings.
26 What senses will you use to enjoy your Thanksgiving feast?	27 Is there anything on the Thanksgiving menu that has the letter V in it?	28 Happy Thanksgiving! How many people are you celebrating with today? Was it more or less than the number from two weeks ago?	29 Holidays with family are so much fun! What was your favorite part of Thanksgiving?	30 Today is the last day of November. What month starts tomorrow?	