

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

February 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.”

REMINDER

Providers:

Please remember that you must have **15 contact hours** per staff member before your license expiration date.

There are many more face-to-face trainings as we transition away from virtual trainings, although there are a limited number of trainings still offered via Zoom. Your trainers have made use of a feature in Lift-ED that will cancel a training if there are not enough participants enrolled, so please have your staff register in a timely manner.

Also, please share this information with your staff so that training registrations are recorded and the classes will not be cancelled.

We appreciate all you do for our children!

TEACHERS WHO
LOVE
TEACHING
TEACH CHILDREN TO
LOVE
LEARNING

Thank
you

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

February Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
Feb. 1st	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual	J. Dockery
Feb. 5th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 5th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 6th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 6th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 7th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 7th	1pm-4pm	Infant & Toddler Regulation & Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 12th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 12th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 13th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 13th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 14th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 14th	1pm-4pm	Infant & Toddler Regulation & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 15th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hernando, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 16th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hernando, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 20th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Hernando, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 22nd	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 22nd	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 23rd	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 23rd	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 24th	9:30am-12:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 26th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 26th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 27th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 27th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
Feb. 28th	5:30pm-8:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual	J. Dockery
Feb. 7th	9am-12pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Columbus, MS	J. Smith
Feb. 7th	1pm-4pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Columbus, MS	J. Smith
Feb. 8th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Columbus, MS	J. Smith
Feb. 8th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Columbus, MS	J. Smith
Feb. 13th	5:30-8:30 pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Virtual	J. Smith
Feb. 15th	5:30-8:30 pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Virtual	J. Smith

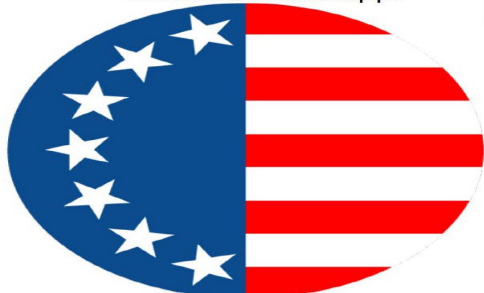
Feb. 20th	9am-12pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Virtual	J. Smith
Feb. 22nd	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual	J. Smith
Feb 27th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Virtual	J. Smith
Feb. 29th	5:30-8:30 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Virtual	J. Smith
2/9/2024	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual	M. Jordan
2/21/2024	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
2/28/2024	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Greenville	M. Jordan
2/16/2024	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Greenwood	M. Jordan
2/5/2024	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 1	Cleveland	M. Jordan
2/7/2024	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 1	Indianola	M. Jordan
2/7/2024	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 1	Cleveland	M. Jordan
2/6/2024	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 2	Cleveland	M. Jordan
2/7/2024	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 2	Indianola	M. Jordan
2/13/2024	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulations, Part 2	Virtual	M. Jordan
2/6/2024	9:30pm-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Greenville	M. Jordan
2/8/2024	1pm-4pm	Directors Orientation	Indianola	M. Jordan
2/10/2024	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Greenwood	M. Jordan
2/6/2024	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Greenville	M. Jordan
2/8/2024	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Indianola	M. Jordan
2/20/2024	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood	M. Jordan
2/27/2024	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddler Regulation & Safety	Cleveland	M. Jordan
2/20/2024	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddler Regulation & Safety	Greenwood	M. Jordan
2/1/2024	5:30-8:30 pm	CCDF-Health and Safety	Canton	S. Smith
2/5/2024	5:30-8:30 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual	S. Smith

2/6/2024	9:00-12:00	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Natchez	S. Smith
2/6/2024	12:30-3:30	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Natchez	S. Smith
2/6/2024	12:30-3:30	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual	S. Smith
2/7/2024	9:00-12:00	Directors Orientation	Natchez	S. Smith
2/7/2024	12:30-3:30	Playground Safety	Natchez	S. Smith
2/8/2024	9:00-12:00	CCDF Health & Safety	Natchez	S. Smith
2/8/2024	12:30-3:30	Infant & Toddler Regulations	Natchez	S. Smith
2/12/2024	12:30-3:30	Directors Orientation	Flowood	S. Smith
2/15/2024	9:30-12:30	CCDF Health & Safety	Flowood	S. Smith
2/20/2024	9:00-12:00	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hinds	S. Smith
2/20/2024	12:30-3:30	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hinds	S. Smith
2/21/2024	9:30-12:30	Directors Orientation	Pearl	S. Smith
2/22/2024	9:30-12:30	CCDF Health & Safety	Pearl	S. Smith
2/22/2024	5:30-8:30	Playground Safety	Pearl	S. Smith
Feb. 6	1pm –4pm	Infant and Toddler Regs	Hattiesburg, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 8	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Long Beach, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 8	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Long Beach, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 9	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Long Beach, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 9	1pm–4 pm	Playground Safety	Long Beach, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 12	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Director’s Orientation	Virtual	J. Prine
Feb. 13	5:30pm –8:30pm	Playground Safety	Virtual	J. Prine

Feb. 20	1pm-4pm	Afterschool Regulations	Hattiesburg, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 22	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Ellisville, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 22	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Ellisville, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 23	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Ellisville, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 23	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Ellisville, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 24	9am-12pm	CCDF	Hattiesburg, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 27	9am -12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Gulfport, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 27	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Gulfport, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 28	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Gulfport, MS	J. Prine
Feb. 28	1p m-4pm	Playground Safety	Gulfport, MS	J. Prine

Training Opportunities

CPR Stars Mississippi



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Choking E-Course Includes:

- Seizure recognition
- Anaphylaxis (Allergies)
- Airway Obstructions & Choking Devices
- Unconscious patients
- CPR Administration

CHOKING E-COURSE & CONTACT HOURS

Every CPR class we conduct, the questions about choking and airway obstructions come pouring in! Choking is known as the “silent killer” and #1 fear amongst adults.

We’ve created a 3 module e-course that will help ease the mind of child care employees with choking, as well as other medical emergencies that can arise in Daycare’s and Learning Center’s.

Click the QR code above to educate yourself on Learning Center Medical Emergencies while obtaining (2) Contact Hours with the MSDH. *Note: you MUST include the password to access the online modules. Password is: `ecourse2024`*

**** In Person CPR Courses available. This is NOT a CPR Course. All CPR Courses must be in person, hands-on skills training. Call Today to Schedule your CPR Training. *****

www.cprstarsmississippi.com / 601-594-4157 / karie@cprstarsms.com

Dear Early Childhood Administrators,

Please see the newest professional learning opportunity for administrators below:

The MDE, through the Office of Early Childhood, is offering two Online Early Childhood Self-Paced Training Courses for the novice and veteran administrators from **February 19, 2024, through March 29, 2024**. These online self-paced trainings will provide novice and veteran administrators who oversee pre-K classrooms with a plethora of knowledge around early learning best practices.

These online self-paced courses are being offered to:

- Novice Administrators with one (1) to three (3) years of early childhood experience
 - The completion of this online training program includes completion of all modules, assessments, and a course survey.
- Veteran Administrators with three (3) or more years of experience – The completion of this online training program includes completion of all modules, assessments, and a course survey.

The online self-paced courses can accommodate up to sixty (60) participants each. Registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis at <https://gsmu.mdek12.org/public/course/browse>. 1.5 CEUs, 10 SEMIs, 1 OSL, and 10 Contact Hours will be offered when participants complete all requirements for this course.

If you have additional questions, please contact earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org or Vicki Adams-Gamble at vadams-gamble@mdek12.org.



A Statewide Substitute Pool For Child Care Providers

Match with pre-screened substitutes who are available and ready to work at your child care center.



Child Care Center Challenges

When someone on your team is sick or needs to take a day off, it can be very difficult to find temporary, qualified help. It create stress, inefficiency, and the risk of having to send children home.



The Wonderschool Solution

1. Create a profile → 2. Post a temporary job → 3. Match for talent → 4. Hire the substitute

We'll work directly with you to create an online profile on our Child Care Matters platform that describes your center.

Use your placement credits to post temporary jobs (from half-day to 5 days) that are shared with available subs on the platform. All subs meet MSDH requirements.

Subs who qualify for your job can match with one-click. You then decide if you want the sub to work at your center.

If the substitute who matched is acceptable, you hire the person for the duration of your job posting.



The Best Part: Thanks to MDHS, It's Free for You!



All CCPP providers registered with MDHS will receive an initial number of **FREE placement credits** for posting jobs.



The best part: the MDHS will **reimburse you 100%** for the hourly cost of the substitute for ALL jobs posted with those initial placement credits.

Contact us at Substitute.MS@wonderschool.com to learn more

The Substitute Teaching in Mississippi Child Care Programs Initiative is a partnership between Wonderschool and the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) to create a statewide substitute teacher pool available to Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) providers registered with MDHS. One-time funding for the pilot program substitute teacher pool will be allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

MISSISSIPPI DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL

For Directors, Director Designees and Up-&-Coming Administrators

EARNING YOUR DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL WILL:

- **HELP YOU DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY CARE FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOU SERVE**
- **ATTAINING THE C.D. RECOGNITION POSITIONS YOU AS A LEADER AND ROLE MODEL IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY**
- **DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMPETENCY IN CENTER MANAGEMENT, CHILD CARE EXPERIENCE, AND EDUCATION IN WORKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 12 YEARS**



MISSISSIPPI DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL

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Mississippi Director's Credential Registration for the 9-month course

**This class is offered only as an "In Person"
class**

Class will be offered in the following locations:

Oxford (February through October)
Jackson (February through October)
Gulfport (February through October)



Registration :



**Registration contingent on space
& acceptance into the program.
Maximum 2 staff per center allowed.**

Registration closes February 14, 2024

Class will take place 2 full days per month.



Attendance of both days , once a month, for all 9 modules, and passing of final exam is required for completion

*For questions,
email : director@mdhs.ms.gov*

February 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	2	3
				1, 2, 3. Count daily with your child. Draw 5 hearts on a piece of paper. Encourage your child to point to each heart and count.	It is important to teach social skills to young children. This month is all about being kind! Say, "It is kind to help others."	Cut 5 to 8 hearts out of construction paper. Place hearts on the floor outside or in your home. Encourage children to hop to each heart.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Draw a heart on construction paper. Encourage your child to decorate the heart and then hang the heart on your refrigerator!	Checkout books about kindness at the library or Resource & Referral Center. "Baby Be Kind," "Be Kind," & "ABCs of Kindness" are great!	Make a new color. Mix white & red paint to make pink. Mix red & blue to make purple. Let your child explore new colors.	The letter of the month is "H." Place paper hearts in your child's room. Say, "H is for heart. Find the hearts hidden in your room."	Add one more. Encourage your child to count as high as they can. Add one more, saying the next number.	Sharing is being kind & a skill that can be challenging. Read books about sharing. Notice & let your child know that you see them sharing.	Bundle up! Visit a local park for movement and winter fun!
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Valentine's Day is approaching. Encourage your child to make a valentine card for each family member.	Introduce vocabulary words you hear during the month of February: heart, valentine, kind, & sharing.	New science vocabulary. Say, "We see hearts for Valentine's. The heart is also a muscle inside our body. Thump, thump."	Write the letter "H" on a piece of paper. Encourage your child to glue craft sticks on paper to make the letter, "H."	Heart, circle, & square. Identifying shapes is an important math skill. Cut out these shapes for your child to explore.	Practice sharing by playing turn taking games. Say, "my turn- your turn." "We are sharing & taking turns."	Draw shapes on construction paper hearts. Encourage your child to hop to the shape that you call out.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Store bought or homemade playdough supports fine motor. Help your child make shapes with playdough.	Make sock puppets and use the puppets to model friendship skills. Have the puppets talk about being friends.	Does it sink or float? At bath time, allow your child to choose 5 toys. Ask, "Will it sink or float?"	H is for hot cocoa. Enjoy a fun snack with your child, emphasizing the /h/ sound.	Count the shapes. Hide hearts, circles, & squares in your home. Encourage your child to find & count the shapes.	Find opportunities to practice sharing. "We only have one cookie, for you and me. What should we do?"	Use chalk to draw a hopscotch court. Toss a small object on the court. Encourage your child to hop through the spaces.
25	26	27	28	29		
Invite friends to create Friendship Art. Place white paper on the ground & encourage children to draw/paint together.	Read books about sharing. Talk about how the characters might feel as the story unfolds.	Science Experiment: place ice cubes on a tray, sprinkle with salt, once the salt begins to melt the ice, paint the ice with watercolors.	Add an action! Putting movement with letters helps your child recall the letter name & sound. Hip-hop, dance & hop to music.	Leap Day! This extra day in February only occurs once every four years. Count to four and take a big leap!		