

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

June 2025

“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.”

June Regulation Reminders

Happy June, Child Care Providers!

Summer is here, and the sunshine means more outdoor fun for the children—splashing, playing, and making warm-weather memories! As we dive into water activities, here are a few important regulation reminders to help keep everyone safe while having a blast.

Subchapter 19: SWIMMING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

Rule 1.19.2 Lifeguard Supervision:

1. Swimming pools, lakes, etc.:

- a. A person having an American Red Cross lifeguard certificate, or the equivalent as recognized by the licensing agency, shall be present at all swimming and water activities.
- b. One lifeguard is required for every 25 children or any portion thereof. This required ratio also includes activities that occur near water such as fishing or beach activities.
- c. Lifeguards are not counted in the staff-to-child ratio.
- d. The staff-to-child ratio shall be maintained at all times.
- e. It is the child care facility operator’s responsibility to provide adequate certified lifeguards if the pool or lake operator does not.
- f. Each child will be tested by a certified lifeguard prior to participating in swimming lessons or any pool activities. Children will be assigned to swim groups according to the results of the test.
- g. Staff, as well as lifeguards, shall be responsible for enforcing general safety rules.
- h. Staff is responsible for requiring children to obey all swimming/water rules. These rules shall be explained each day that swimming/water activities occur so that all ages can understand what is expected.

MSDH News: Swimming-Related Illnesses

Illnesses associated with swimming are on the rise. Summer is a time to enjoy the water, but also to take steps to remain healthy while you do.

Contrary to popular belief, chlorine does not kill all germs immediately. Some germs are very tolerant of chlorine and can cause serious illness. It can take anywhere from minutes to days for chlorine to kill them. Swallowing just a little water that contains these germs can make you sick.

What's in the Water

Germs in pools and other recreational water can cause digestive system illnesses and infections of the skin, ears and lungs. Wound infections can be especially dangerous.

Cryptosporidiosis germs, which can stay alive for days even in well-maintained pools, have become the leading cause of swimming pool-related outbreaks of diarrheal illness. From 2004 to 2008, reported Crypto cases more than doubled.

The risk isn't just in pools. Hot tubs, jacuzzis and fountains can harbor these germs as well, and beaches, lakes and streams exposed to sewage runoff can be sources of illness to swimmers and boaters, even from a brief exposure to water.

What You Can Do

Swimmers themselves can make an important difference in their health risk. You can take an active role to protect prevent the spread of germs by remembering six simple steps.

Six Steps for Healthy Swimming

Three Steps for All Swimmers:

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea. You can spread germs in the water and make other people sick.
- Don't swallow water from a pool, lake or beach. Avoid getting water in your mouth.
- Practice good hygiene. Shower with soap before swimming, and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body will quickly enter the water otherwise.

Three Steps for Parents of Young Kids

- Take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
- Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can spread in and around the pool.
- Wash your child thoroughly (especially the diaper area) with soap and water before swimming. Even very small amounts of fecal matter can end up in the pool and infect many people.

Reference: <https://msdh.ms.gov/page/23,13835,195,505.html>





June 2025 Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
June 9 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 9 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 10 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Directors' Orientation	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 10 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 11 th	9:00am-12:00pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 11 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Infant Safety In the Classroom	Booneville, MS	J. Dockery
June 16 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 16 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 17 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Directors' Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 17 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 18 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Infant Safety In the Classroom	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 18 th	12:30pm-2:30pm	Afterschool Regulations	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 24 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Family Homes for 5 OR Fewer Children	Virtual (ONLY for Family Homes Centers)	J. Dockery
June 2 nd	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 2 nd	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 6 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors' Orientation	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 7 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Playground Safety	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 9 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 9 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 10 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors' Orientation	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 13 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Playground Safety	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 16 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 16 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 23 rd	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 23 rd	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual	M. Jordan
June 24 th	5:00pm-8:00pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual	M. Jordan





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Greetings Early Childhood Educators:

The MDE, through the Office of Early Childhood, is offering a free 90-minute virtual training, *Introduction to Brigance Early Childhood Screen III: 3-5 Years*. This virtual training will provide participants with a plethora of knowledge about how to administer the Brigance Early Childhood Screener.

Introduction to Brigance Early Childhood Screen III: 3-5 Years will cover key topics including preparation for screening, the administration process, completing the data sheets, analyzing the screening results, and administering the self-help and social-emotional scales.

This training is available to all public, private, and head start administrators, principals, district leaders, directors, teachers, and assistant teachers of early childhood classrooms. One contact hour will be provided for those who attend the full training.

Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at <https://gsmu.mdek12.org/public/course/browse>. Registrants will need to verify that they are registering for the correct date and time, as multiple offerings will appear in the GoSignMeUp course listing page.

Contact the Professional Learning team at earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org if there are questions regarding registration.

See the dates and times below. You will receive an email with a link the day before the training.

July 15, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Virtual Training

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Virtual Training

July 22, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Virtual Training

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Virtual Training

Thank you,

JILL DENT, Ph.D., Executive Director----Office of Early Childhood Education

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Dear Early Childhood Friends,

The MDE Office of Early Childhood will hold a Mississippi Lift Virtual Early Childhood Regional Saturday training on June 7, 2025 for all early childhood educators (child care, Head Start, public and private schools). Sessions will include Introduction to the Brigance Early Childhood Screening Tool, CLASS: Unleashing Great Teaching Practices, Promoting Social and Emotional Development, and Investigating the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for PreK-4. Five (5) contact hours will be given.

Please register at this link: <https://gsmu.mdek12.org/public/Course/browse?courseid=13722>.

If you have questions, please email Early Childhood Trainings at earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org.

Thank you,

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LIFT Regional Saturday Trainings
June 7, 2025
Virtual via Microsoft Teams
General Agenda



8:00am - 8:30am	Registration/Opening Session/Training Instructions
8:30am - 9:30am	Session #1: CLASS: Unleashing Great Teaching Practices Trainer: Robin Haney
9:30am - 10:30am	Session #2: Introduction to Brigance Early Childhood Screening Trainer: Chyna Marble
10:30am - 11:30am	Session #3: Investigating the MS Early Learning Standards for Pre-K4 Trainer: Michelle Atkinson
11:30am - 12:30pm	Session #4: Promoting Social and Emotional Development for Pre-K4 Trainer: Bettina McLin
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Door Prizes/Contact Hours/Closing

March 29	April 5	April 12	June 7	June 21
Oxford Oxford Conference Center	Leland Leland High School	Biloxi MS Gulf Coast Community College	Virtual Via Microsoft Teams	Hattiesburg USM Thad Cochran Center

New Beginnings

**New mothers and moms-to-be, this is for you!
Join us for a day of valuable information on
breastfeeding, neonatal and post natal health, and more.**

**Friday,
June 20, 2025
NOON-2:00**



**GUESTS:
The Diaper Bank**

**Sacred Heart
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- Local Area Coaching
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- Virtual & In-person Trainings

(Trainings are done through MDHS)

Quality Professional Development

- Computer Access for Career Development
- Access to Educational Resources for children ages 0-12yrs
- Information on Health, Social Services, & Job Training

Scan our QR code to find a center near you!



Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Makers Space

- Order Ellison Die Cutouts
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- Poster Maker
- Resources for Completing School Projects.

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- Developmentally & Age-Appropriate materials for ages 0-12yrs
- Mock Classroom Setup
- Supervised Play
- Storytime



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- Grenada, MS
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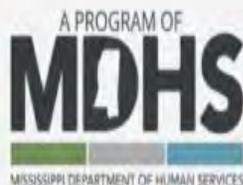
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INCLUSION CENTER

Professional Development series are offered in-person, statewide, and virtually via Zoom.

Participants will receive four contact hours upon successful completion of the series.

Follow the steps below

- 01 Professional Development Opportunities
- 02 Advanced Search
- 03 Sponsoring Organization
- 04 MECIC



2025 MISSISSIPPI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE:

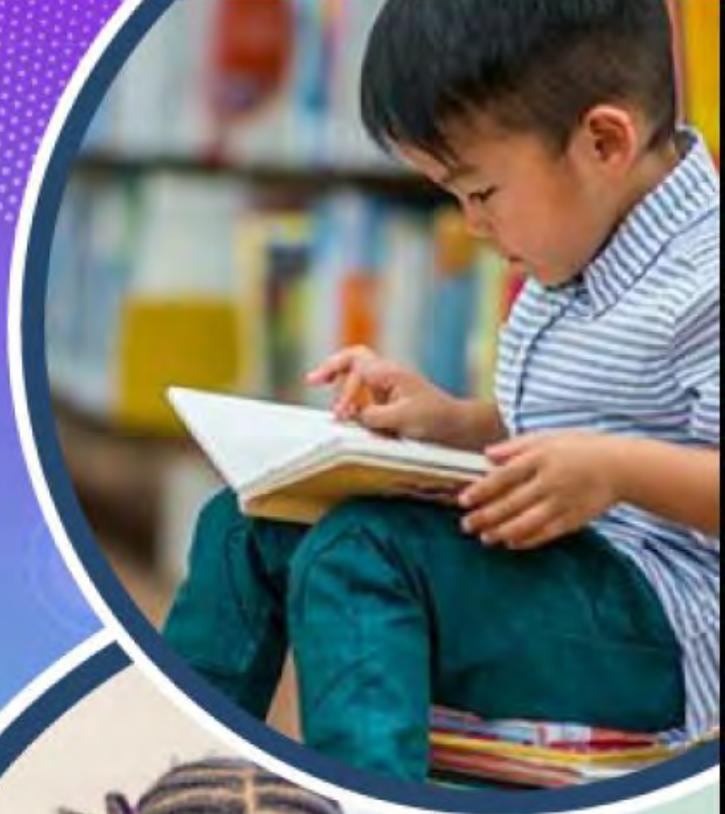
- June 23-26, 2025
- Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Biloxi, MS

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

[Call for Proposals](#)

Proposal Submission Deadline:
March 31st

Please email
earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org
if you have any questions.



JUNE

2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Today is the first day of June! How many days are in the month of June?	2 Go to the library and check out some new books about transportation!	3 This month is all about types of transportation. Draw a picture of your favorite!	4 Today in a car or bus, look for all the words inside of the vehicle. What do they say?	5 What are some tools that the driver of a car would use for information?	6 The letter of the month is T! What sound does the letter T make?	7 All vehicles on Mississippi roads have a license plate. What information is on the plate?
8 What do we have to do to be safe in a car? Why is safety important?	9 Cars are great, but sometimes you just need a good walk! Take a family walk today!	10 This week is about trains. Imagine you are riding a train with friends. Act out your ride!	11 The driver of the train is the locomotive engineer. What is locomotive another word for?	12 What tools does a locomotive engineer use to drive?	13 What types of transportation begin with the letter T? Make a list!	14 What does the conductor use to know if the train is on schedule? Do you have a schedule?
15 Have you ever been on a train ride? What sounds would you hear?	16 How many of your library books have you read so far? How many do you have left?	17 This week is all about water transportation. Ask your adult to paint outside with watercolors!	18 Look at a map of Mississippi. Where are some places you can ride a boat in Mississippi?	19 It's neat how big boats can float. But not everything floats. Do a sink or float test tonight in the bath!	20 Go for a letter T hunt in your home. How many objects begin with the letter T?	21 Using objects around your home, create different-sized boats with your adult. Which one is bigger?
22 Members that work together on a ship are part of a crew. How do you work together with your friends?	23 Boats often sail in the ocean. What are some animals that live in the ocean?	24 This week is about air transportation. Use this week to create a story about taking a plane trip.	25 Who will come with you on your trip? Those are the characters in your story. Ask an adult to help write the words!	26 Where are you going on your trip? Is it far away? Can you find your destination on a map?	27 Look back through your story. Do you see any words with the letter T?	28 How long will you be on your trip? Look at the calendar and count the days you will be away!
29 June is almost ending! What was your favorite day this month?	30 Wow that was quick! What month comes next?					

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK THAT YOU READ THIS MONTH?

Draw a picture of your favorite character from the book in this box!

