

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

January 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.”



2025

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

To All Owners/Providers, Directors, and Center Staff
Happy New Year!!

On behalf of the Child Care Licensure Bureau, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to shaping future generations are truly inspiring. Thank you for the hard work and care you put into providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive.

As we look ahead to 2025, we hope it brings you renewed energy, excitement, and enthusiasm for the important work you do. We are grateful for your contributions and proud to be part of such an incredible group of people.

Wishing you a prosperous and joyful New Year!

January 2025 Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
January 6 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
January 6 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
January 7 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
January 7 th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
January 13 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 13 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 14 th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 14 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 15 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Family Homes Regulations (5 & Below)	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 15 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
January 18 th	9am-12pm	Infant Safety in the Classroom	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
January 21 st	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
January 21 st	4:30pm-7:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
January 22 nd	1pm-4pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
January 22 nd	4:30pm-7:30pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
January 14 th	9am-12 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
January 14 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
January 15 th	9-12 pm	Playground Safety	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
January 15 th	1-4pm	Directors Orientation	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
January 16 th	9-12 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
January 4 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Family Homes Regulations (5 & Below)	Flowood, MS	S. Smith
January 11 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Ridgeland, MS	S. Smith
January 11 th	12:00pm-3:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Ridgeland, MS	S. Smith
January 16 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
January 16 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
January 18 th	9am-12pm	Playground Safety	Petal, MS	S. Smith
January 18 th	12:00pm-3:00pm	Directors Orientation	Petal, MS	S. Smith
January 7 th	9:30 am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
January 7 th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
January 8 th	9:30 am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
January 8 th	1:00 pm-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan

January 9th	9:30 am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
January 9th	1:00 pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
January 10th	9:30 am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
January 10th	1:00 pm-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
January 11th	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Family Homes Regulations(5 or Fewer)	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
January 14th	5:00pm-8:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part1	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
January 16th	9:30 a.m-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
January 16th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
January 17th	9:30-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
January 17th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan



Dear Potential Director's Credential applicant,

We are excited to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2025 Mississippi Director's Credential course. Please see the attached flyer with information about the upcoming course and location offerings. The application period will open December 23rd, 2024. Applications must be completed in our training portal at <https://portal.lift-ed.ms/>. The deadline to complete an application and be considered for the course is January 24, 2025. We will notify applicants of acceptance into the program no later than January 30th. Space in class is limited so apply as quickly as possible. Staff will be off during the holidays so responses to email questions may be delayed.

Sincerely,

Your DECCD Staff

Email: director@mdhs.ms.gov

Website: www.mdhs.ms.gov



MISSISSIPPI DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIAL



For Directors,
Director Designees, and
Up-&-Coming Administrators
Apply at
<https://portal.lift-ed.ms/>
Deadline to apply is
January 24, 2025

2025 Locations:
Jackson
Tupelo
Gulfport
Indianola
Southaven
Meridian
West Point



Earning Your Credential Will:

- Provide a pathway to become a qualified Director of a licensed child care center.
- Help you develop the knowledge and skills needed to provide the highest quality care for the children and families you serve.
- Give you the C.D. recognition positioning 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 0-12 years of age.

This course takes 9 months to complete, one module per month. Attendance for two dates, each month, for all 9 modules is required for completion of the course.

Registration is contingent on space and acceptance into the program

For questions email: Director@mdhs.ms.gov



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Good Afternoon,

The MDE Office of Early Childhood through the Preschool Development Grant will host our inaugural Mississippi LIFT Family Engagement and Transition Conference. This one-day conference will showcase family engagement, pre-k to kindergarten transition, and Part C to Part B transition best practices along with expanding learning opportunities for early educators and parents through mixed-delivery.

The day will consist of a keynote speaker with breakout sessions from state and community partners. This conference is for early educators and administrators of prekindergarten from public, private, child care, home care, Head Start, and parents of four-year-old children.

The conference will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Hilton Jackson Hotel, 1001 East County Line Road Jackson, MS 39211. The conference will be held from 8:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact hours (6.25), CEUs (0.6), and Semis (5) will be offered.

Register Here: [Family Engagement and Transition Conference | Southwest MS Education Consortium](#)

Questions about the conference can be sent to: earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org.





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Greetings Early Childhood Family:

MDE, through the Office of Early Childhood, is offering a full-day training entitled ***Fidelity Frenzy: Keeping MS Beginnings Cool and Consistent***. This in-person training will be beneficial to programs that have been implementing the Mississippi Beginning Pre-K curriculum for at least one year. Participants will take a more in depth look at the fidelity tool and learn how to use this tool as a pathway to ensure alignment in all other curricula used to teach pre-kindergarten. The fidelity tool allows the administrator or representative of the Pre-K program to monitor early childhood best practices in the pre-kindergarten classrooms. This training will be Part 1 of a series focused on the fidelity tool that includes read alouds, learning centers, and small group.

This training will be presented in-person in various locations across the state. These trainings are available to all early learning public, private, child care and Head Start administrators, principals, district leaders, directors, teachers and assistant teachers of pre-kindergarten classes. SEMIs and contact hours will be offered at no cost and CEUs will be available for a small fee.

Registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis at <https://gsmu.mdek12.org/public/course/browse>.

See dates, times, and locations below:

Fidelity Frenzy: Keeping MS Beginnings Cool and Consistent Training

January 29, 2025

IPC Training Room, 114 2nd Street

Indianola, MS 38751

8:30 am-4:00pm

February 25, 2025

Lamar County Schools Technology Complex, 17 Pioneer Road

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

8:30am-4:00pm

Questions about the training can be sent to earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org.

Thank you,

JILL DENT, Ph.D., Executive Director

Office of Early Childhood Education

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New Trainings
**Available
Now!**

REGISTER TODAY

Find us on:
<https://portal.lift-ed.ms>

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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

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