

# Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

July 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.”*

## Regulations Reminder

Providers,

Just a reminder that it has been hot outside these last couple of days which means the temperature is rising inside of the centers. Please remember that you must ensure the health and safety of the children are your top priority. Therefore, to remain in compliance with regulations you need to make sure that you are providing a cool environment for the children. It is your responsibility to ensure that the temperature throughout your facility is 65 degrees Fahrenheit to 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Below are a few rules to review and remember to ensure the health and safety of the children during these hot days. We appreciate all that you do for the children of Mississippi.

### **Subchapter 11: Buildings and Grounds**

#### **Rule 1.11.8 Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation:**

1. A draft-free seasonally appropriate temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit to 78 degrees Fahrenheit shall be maintained.
2. All rooms used by children shall be heated, cooled, and adequately ventilated to maintain the required temperatures, and air exchange, and to avoid the accumulation of objectionable odors and harmful fumes.
5. Electric fans, if used, shall be mounted high on the wall or ceiling or shall be guarded to limit the size of the opening in the blade guard to less than one-half (1/2) inch.
6. When air-cooling is needed, draft-free cooling units shall be used. They shall present no safety hazard to the children.

## July Trainings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Training Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	3pm-6pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Lake Cormorant, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Lake Cormorant, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Lake Cormorant, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Lake Cormorant, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddlers Regulations & Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Afterschool Regulations	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Tupelo, MS	J. Dockery
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30am-11:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	11:30am-2:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	2:30pm-5:30pm	Directors Orientation	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Flowood, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	12pm-3pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Flowood, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	3pm-6pm	Playground Safety	Flowood, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	McComb, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	McComb, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Playground Safety	McComb, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	12:30pm-3:30pm	Directors Orientation	McComb, MS	S. Smith
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15-11:15	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Flowood	S. Smith

<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11:15-2:15	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Flowood	S.Smith
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	2:15-5:15	Playground Safety	Flowood	S.Smith
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	5:15-8:15	Directors Orientation	Flowood	S.Smith
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-12:30	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Gulfport	S. Smith
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	12:45-3:45	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Gulfport	S. Smith
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-12:30	Playground Safety	Gulfport	S. Smith
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	12:45-3:45	Directors Orientation	Gulfport	S. Smith
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-12:30	CCDF Health and Safety	Gulfport	S. Smith
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Cleveland, MS	M.Jordan
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Cleveland, MS	M Jordan
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Cleveland, MS	MJordan
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1:30-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Cleveland, MS	MJordan
<b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Greenwood, MS	MJordan
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	CCDF Health and Safety	Cleveland, MS	MJordan
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Greenwood, MS	MJordan
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenwood, MS	MJordan
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Greenwood, MS	MJordan
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood, MS	MJordan
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Cleveland, MS	MJordan
<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations	Cleveland, MS	MJordan
<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30 am-12:30 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Clarksdale, MS	MJordan
<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	1:30-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Clarksdale, MS	MJordan
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Director's Orientation	Clarksdale, MS	MJordan
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9-12 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1-4 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Starkville, MS	J. Smith

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-12 am	Playground Safety	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-4 pm	Directors Orientation	Starkville, MS	J. Smith
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	9-12 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1-4 pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith
Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-12 am	Playground Safety	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith
Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	1-4 pm	Directors Orientation	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith



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**FAST TRACK!**

## Mississippi Director's Credential

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TO APPLY!



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



### FAST TRACK TRAINING DATES:

August:	September:	October:
6-7	4-5	TBA
13-14	10-11	
20-21	17-18	
27-28	24-25	

Location: Jackson

Attendance on both dates, every week, for all 9 modules is mandatory for completion of the course. Registration is contingent on space and acceptance into the program.

For questions email [Director@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:Director@mdhs.ms.gov)

### 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 0-12 years of age.



# What You Need To Know About Lead Poisoning

**D**espite laws established in the 1970s to make people aware of the dangers of lead and its poisonous effects, lead poisoning in children remains a common, yet preventable, environmental health problem in the United States. By understanding, identifying, and safely removing sources of lead, we can ensure the long-term health of children and prevent its devastating and irreversible effects.

## What is lead poisoning?

Lead is a toxic metal used in a variety of products and materials, including paint, vinyl mini-blinds, pipes, leaded crystal, dishware, and pottery coatings. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can cause serious damage to vital organs like the brain, kidneys, nerves, and blood cells. Lead poisoning is especially harmful to children under the age of six.

## What are the health effects of lead poisoning in children?

Lead interferes with the development and functioning of almost all body organs, particularly the kidneys, red blood cells, and central nervous system.

Lead poisoning is much more serious when children are exposed to lead. Since their bodies are not fully developed, lead poisoning can cause:

- ▶ **Brain, liver, and kidney damage;**
- ▶ **Slowed development;**
- ▶ **Learning or behavior problems;**
- ▶ **Lowered intellect (or IQ);**
- ▶ **Hearing loss; and**
- ▶ **Restlessness.**

## What are the symptoms of lead poisoning?

Most children with lead poisoning do not show any outward symptoms unless blood-lead levels become extremely high; consequently, many cases of children with lead poisoning go undiagnosed and untreated. However, some symptoms of poisoning include:

- ▶ **Headaches;**
- ▶ **Stomachaches;**
- ▶ **Nausea;**
- ▶ **Tiredness; and**
- ▶ **Irritability.**

Because the symptoms of lead poisoning are similar to those of flus or viruses, the only way to know if a child is poisoned is to have a doctor perform a simple blood test.

**Blood Testing:** The only way to detect lead poisoning is by performing a simple blood test. The bodies of children six-months to two years of age absorb more lead; thus, testing is increasingly important for their health. Nevertheless, all children under the age of six should have their blood-lead levels tested at their regular pediatrician's office or at a public health clinic, even if nothing is apparently wrong with their health.

## What are the main sources of lead?

Lead hazards can be found in several places inside and outside of your home, including:

- ▶ **Old Paint:** Lead-based paint, most often found in homes built before 1978, is unsafe if it peels, chips, cracks, or chalks. Since babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths, they are likely to swallow lead dust or chew paint chips.
- ▶ **Lead Dust:** This harmful, invisible dust is created when windows, doors, edges of stairs, rails, or other surfaces with lead-based paint wear down from repeated friction, such as opening or closing windows or doors. Children are most often poisoned by consuming lead dust through normal hand-to-mouth activity. Pregnant women who breathe in high levels of lead dust can transmit lead to their unborn children, causing serious damage.
- ▶ **Important:** Lead dust can spread throughout a home when walls or other painted surfaces are sanded, scraped, or torn down. Only trained professionals should safely remove old paint surfaces in a home.
- ▶ **Soil:** Soil surrounding homes may be contaminated from chipping or flaking exterior lead-based paint. While playing outside, especially on bare soil, children can accidentally swallow the contaminated soil, or track it indoors on carpets and floors where they can come into contact with it.



For more information about lead poisoning, visit EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or call The National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).



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- ▶ **Drinking Water:** Lead pipes placed in homes before 1930 are likely to contain lead, which is released into drinking water as it passes through the old pipes. Between 10 and 20 percent of a non-lead poisoned child's total lead contact comes from drinking water.
- ▶ **Food:** Lead can leech into food or drinks, which are stored in imported ceramic dishes or pottery.

## Other sources of Lead:

- ▶ **Workplace exposure:** Parents who work in lead-related industries (namely painting, automotive, or recycling industries) or use lead for hobbies (such as for stained glass windows).
- ▶ **Home remedies:** Aragon, greta, or pay-loo-ah.
- ▶ **Cosmetics:** Kohl and kajal.

## How can lead poisoning be prevented?

Since treatment options for lead poisoning are limited, it's best to prevent lead poisoning before it has a chance to occur. Lead poisoning is preventable with proper:

- ▶ **Nutrition:** Serve children foods with a high content of *iron* (such as eggs, cooked beans, or red meats), *calcium* (such as cheese, yogurt, or cooked greens) and *vitamin C* (such as citrus fruits, green peppers, or tomatoes). Adequate intake of these nutrients minimizes lead absorption in children's bodies.
- ▶ **Housekeeping:** Teach and practice healthy home habits, such as hand-washing before eating and sleeping, shoe removal, washing children's toys or other chewable surfaces, purchasing "lead-free" mini-blinds, and wet mopping and drying floors and surfaces. Hire a certified professional to safely remove lead sources from a home. Make sure children and pregnant women do not stay inside a home when renovations are underway.
- ▶ **Personal Care:** Wash your hands and your children's hands frequently, especially before eating and sleeping.



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# Early Childhood Regional Saturdays

The MDE Office of Early Childhood will hold five Regional Saturday trainings for all early childhood educators (child care, Head Start, public and private schools). All sessions will include general education, special education, techniques for teaching English language learners, developmentally appropriate practices, and trauma/mental health.

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

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Contact Hours:** Five (5)

## Event Dates

**JULY 20**

**Cleveland, MS** - Delta State University- E.R Jobe Hall

**JULY 27**

**Jackson, MS** - Jackson Convention Complex

**AUGUST 10**

**Hattiesburg, MS** - University of Southern Mississippi Thad Cochran Center

**AUGUST 24**

**Meridian, MS** - Riley Center

**SEPTEMBER 14**

**Oxford, MS** - Oxford Conference Center



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## Hernando Farmers Market

**Saturdays 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**April 20 - October 26**

*(Except May 18 & Sep 28)*

***Christmas Farmers Market November 9th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM***

**2535 Highway 51 South, Hernando, MS 38632**

The Hernando Farmers Market is located on the quaint historic Town Square and is open each Saturday from May through the end of October. The market features locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as fresh local milk, pork, pasture-raised eggs, local honey, canned and preserved items, knife sharpening, nursery plants, baked goods, cut flowers, herbs, fresh salsa and guacamole, and homemade crafts.

Throughout the season, enjoy live music, free fitness classes and special events that will take place during market hours. The Children's Day Power of Produce (POP) program held the last Saturday of each month and Senior Days are a monthly occurrence. As a Mississippi Certified Market, designated by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, you can be assured of fresh local food and products.

Credit cards and SNAP/EBT can be redeemed at the farmers market table for tokens to be used at vendor booths. Thanks to a grant from the **Double Up Food Bucks Mississippi** program SNAP recipients receive additional tokens for free fruits and vegetables.

### **How does Double Up Food Bucks work?**

For every \$1 you spend on fruits and vegetables with SNAP benefits, you'll get an additional \$1 to spend on your produce purchase, up to \$20 per transaction.

For more information about Double Up Bucks, WIC & Senior Vouchers, and Children's POP bucks contact [gmatheny@cityofhernando.org](mailto:gmatheny@cityofhernando.org) or 662-449-9127.



**FARMER'S MARKET**

# ONE MISSISSIPPI

*for all children*

Save the Date for the  
71st Annual MsECA Conference  
October 11 & 12, 2024



*The Clyde Muse Center  
Pearl, Mississippi*



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## *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*  
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