

# Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

August 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.”*



Welcome Back Providers,

For some of you this is a new school term for you and for others you have been going strong all summer. We just wanted to thank you and your staff for all your hard work and dedication in keeping children in Mississippi healthy and safe!

We also, wanted to take the time to remind you that as you bring in new staff, to remember the things that are required according to the Regulations. For your convenience, we have include a few rules and regulations below. Thank you again and we hope that you continue to have an amazing year.

## Subchapter 5: Personnel Requirements

**Rule 1.5.2 (1):** Before a prospective staff member may begin work in a child care facility a valid Letter of Suitability must have been issued by the MSDH Criminal Records Check Unit along with **Rule 1.5.2 (1b)** a Child Abuse Registry Form.

Also make sure that all new staff and volunteers receive orientation within one week of placement or hire.

**Rule 1.5.6 (f)** specific to Students

**Rule 1.5.8 (5)** specific to Volunteers

**Rule 1.6.4 (g)** specific to Employees/Staff

As well as mandatory trainings for Owners, Directors, and Direct Designees and Staff Development Hours for Employees/Staff

**Rule 1.5.8 (1)** Staff Development specific to Owner, Director, Director Designees

**Rule 1.5.8 (2)** Staff Development pertaining to All Child Care Staff, Directors, Director Designees, and Caregivers

WELCOME BACK  
TEACHERS  
& STAFF!



## August Trainings

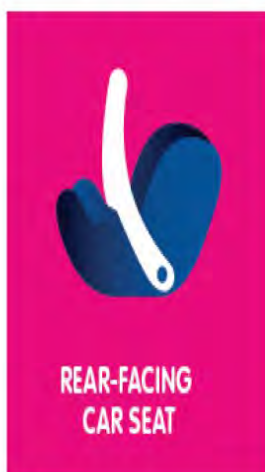
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Training Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations & Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Southaven, MS	
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	4pm-7pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	4pm-7pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Picayune, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Playground Safety	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Picayune, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Picayune, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Picayune, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	12noon-3pm	Playground Safety	Picayune, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8:30am-11:30am	CCDF Health & Safety	Flowood, MS	S. Smith
<b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am-12:30p.m	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan

<b>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Infant and Toddler Regulations	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 20<sup>th</sup></b>	5pm-8pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Child Care Regulation Part 2	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Child Care Regulation Part	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am-12:30pm	Director's Orientation	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30pm-4:30pm	Playground Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan

*Welcome*  
**AUGUST**

## Car Seat Recommendations: Choosing the Right Seat

AGE (YEARS)



Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat in the back seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

A **rear-facing car seat** is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.



Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness in the back seat.

A **forward-facing car seat** has a harness and tether that limits your child's forward movement during a crash.



Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

A **booster seat** positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.



Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

A **seat belt** should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.

Car crashes are a **leading killer of children** ages 1 to 13.

In crashes from 2011-2015, **3,194 children** (under 13 in cars, SUVs, vans, and pick-ups) were killed. An estimated **599,000 children** under 13 were injured.



That's more than the population of Albuquerque, NM.

In 2015, **662 children** (under 13 in cars, SUVs, vans, and pick-ups) were killed in crashes.



Of those killed, more than **1 in 3** were unrestrained.

Car seats reduce the risk of infants (under 1 year old) being killed in cars by



Car seats reduce the risk of toddlers (1 to 4 years old) being killed in cars by



Reduce the risk of death and injury by properly securing your child. To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible.



U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[NHTSA.GOV/THERIGHTSEAT](http://NHTSA.GOV/THERIGHTSEAT)





Save the Date

**SEPTEMBER 10**

• REGISTRATION 9AM • SUMMIT 10AM TO 2PM

— **SPEAKER** —

**ERIN RAMSEY**

**LOCATION**

EAGLE RIDGE CONFERENCE CENTER,  
1500 RAYMOND LAKE ROAD, RAYMOND, MS 39154



CELEBRATES



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**EB5 SUMMIT 2024**

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CONTACT HOURS AVAILABLE. CEUS APPLIED FOR: MSDH AND EDUCATION.  
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# Conference Registration Now Open!!



**Clyde Muse Center  
515 Country Place Pkwy  
Pearl, MS**

**Early Bird Registration Ends August 15, 2024**

**Regular Registration Ends October 4, 2024**

To register using a link:

*click  
here!*



*You can opt out of supporting the Zeffy platform by selecting the option to pay only for the conference fee.*



# 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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**Questions?**

Please call 601.359.2932

[earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org](mailto:earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org)

## 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**



# PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST

YOUTH DIVISIONS:  
Largest Pumpkin  
Smallest Pumpkin  
Prettiest Pumpkin (Natural)

ADULT DIVISION:  
Largest Pumpkin

**October 26, 2024**  
Hernando Farmer's Market  
2535 Highway 51 South,  
Hernando, MS 38632



**EXTENSION**

**FOR QUESTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

**CALL: 662-469-8480**

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