

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

October 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.”

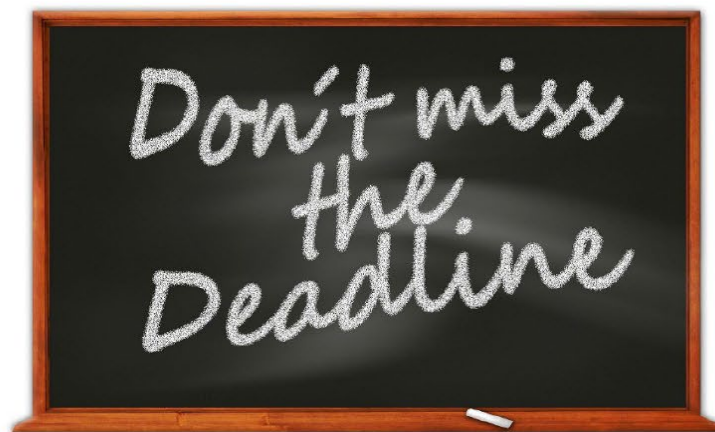


Dear Provider:

Thank you for using the MDHS LIFT-ED Portal to your track contact hours earned through training. Keeping up with professional development is essential, especially when it comes to maintaining required contact hours.

To ensure that trainings are properly verified in the system, please upload a copy of your completion certificate that you or your staff receive for any training not registered through LIFT-ED. If you or your staff have already entered outside trainings into the LIFT-ED Portal, please make sure to upload the corresponding certificate to allow for proper verification.

We request that this be completed by October 15, 2024. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your licensing official.





October Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
October 1 st	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 1 st	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 2 nd	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 2 nd	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 3 rd	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 3 rd	1pm-4pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations & Safety	Grenada, MS	J. Dockery
October 7 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 7 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 8 th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 8 th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 9 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 9 th	1pm-4pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations & Safety	Southaven, MS	J. Dockery
October 16 th	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 16 th	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 17 th	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 17 th	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 18 th	9am-12pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 18 th	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations & Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
October 19 th	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
October 5 th	8:30am-11:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	McComb, MS	S. Smith
October 5 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	McComb, MS	S. Smith
October 8 th	9:30am-12:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
October 8 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
October 9 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Playground Safety	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
October 9 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Directors Orientation	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
October 10 th	9:30am-12:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith

October 10th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Infant & Toddler Regulations	Vicksburg, MS	S. Smith
October 24th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Laurel, MS	S. Smith
October 25th	9:30pm-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Laurel, MS	S. Smith
October 26th	8:30am-11:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Laurel, MS	S. Smith
October 26th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Laurel, MS	S. Smith
October 24th	1pm-4pm	Nutrition & Menu Writing	Laurel, MS	J. Smith
October 1st	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Greenville, MS	M. Jordan
October 1st	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenville, MS	M. Jordan
October 2nd	10:00 am-1:00pm	Directors Orientation	Greenville, MS	M. Jordan
October 2nd	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Playground Safety	Greenville, MS	M. Jordan
October 8th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
October 8th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
October 8th	5:00 pm-7:00	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan
October 9th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
October 9th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
October 17th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
October 17th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
October 18th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
October 18th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
October 19th	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Infant & Toddler Regulations	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan
October 22nd	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan
October 22nd	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan
October 23rd	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan

October 23rd	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Clarksdale, MS	M. Jordan
October 24th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Directors Orientation	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
October 29th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
October 29th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
October 30th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan
October 30th	1:00 p.m.-4:00pm	Playground Safety	Indianola, MS	M. Jordan





OCTOBER IS
ADHD AWARENESS
MONTH



OCTOBER IS
Down Syndrome
AWARENESS MONTH



MENTAL ILLNESS
AWARENESS WEEK
— FIRST FULL WEEK OF OCTOBER —



SIDS
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH
SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER

WHAT DOES A SAFE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT LOOK LIKE?



The following image shows a safe sleep environment for baby.



Room share:
Give babies their own sleep space in your room, separate from your bed.



Use a firm, flat, and level sleep surface, covered only by a fitted sheet*.



Remove everything from baby's sleep area, except a fitted sheet to cover the mattress. No objects, toys, or other items.



Use a wearable blanket to keep baby warm without blankets in the sleep area.



Place babies on their backs to sleep, for naps and at night.



Couches and armchairs are not safe for baby to sleep on alone, with people, or with pets.



Keep baby's surroundings smoke/vape free.

Make sure baby's head and face stay uncovered during sleep.



The Consumer Product Safety Commission sets safety standards for infant sleep surfaces (such as a mattress) and sleep spaces (like a crib). Visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/SafeSleep> to learn more.



NIH

Donna Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development



SAFE SLEEP FOR YOUR BABY

Reduce the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Other Sleep-Related Infant Deaths



Place babies on their backs to sleep for naps and at night.



Stay smoke- and vape-free during pregnancy, and keep baby's surroundings smoke- and vape-free.



Feeding babies human milk by direct breastfeeding, if possible, or by pumping from the breast, reduces the risk of SIDS. Feeding only human milk, with no formula or other things added, for the first 6 months provides the greatest protection from SIDS.

Use a sleep surface for baby that is *firm* (returns to original shape quickly if pressed on), *flat* (like a table, not a hammock), *level* (not at an angle or incline), and covered only with a fitted sheet.



Stay drug- and alcohol-free during pregnancy, and make sure anyone caring for baby is drug- and alcohol-free.



Avoid products and devices that go against safe sleep guidance, especially those that claim to "prevent" SIDS and sleep-related deaths.



Feed your baby human milk, like by breastfeeding.



Avoid letting baby get too hot, and keep baby's head and face uncovered during sleep.



Avoid heart, breathing, motion, and other monitors to reduce the risk of SIDS.



Share a room with baby for at least the first 6 months. Give babies their own sleep space (crib, bassinet, or portable play yard) in your room, separate from your bed.



Get regular medical care throughout pregnancy.



Avoid swaddling once baby starts to roll over (usually around 3 months of age), and keep in mind that swaddling does not reduce SIDS risk.



Keep things out of baby's sleep area—no objects, toys, or other items.



Follow health care provider advice on vaccines, checkups, and other health issues for baby.



Give babies plenty of "tummy time" when they are awake, and when someone is watching them.



Offer baby a pacifier for naps and at night once they are breastfeeding well.



For more information about the Safe to Sleep® campaign, contact us:

Phone: 1-800-505-CRIB (2742) | Fax: 1-866-760-5947

Email: SafetoSleep@mail.nih.gov

Website: <https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov>

Telecommunications Relay Service: 7-1-1

**UPCOMING
QUALITY SUPPORT
SYSTEM
TOWN HALLS ROUND 4**

**October and
November
2024**

**22
October**

INDIANOLA, MS 38751

Delta Health Alliance
114A Second Street
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**24
October**

PASCAGOULA, MS 39567

Union Baptist Church
1509 Dupont Ave
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**29
October**

COLUMBUS, MS 39702

Townsend Community Center
826 15th St. South
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**06
November**

VIRTUAL (PROVIDERS)

ZOOM LINK: <https://mdhs.zoom.us/j/85963310852>
12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

**07
November**

VIRTUAL (PROVIDERS)

ZOOM LINK: <https://mdhs.zoom.us/j/84773426131>
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**12
November**

VIRTUAL (FAMILIES)

ZOOM LINK: <https://mdhs.zoom.us/j/83057059486>
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**13
November**

VIRTUAL (FAMILIES)

ZOOM LINK: <https://mdhs.zoom.us/j/84484851510>
11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

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.

Prevent Lead Poisoning

Lead poisoning can cause:



Slowed growth and development



Damage to brain and nervous system



Learning and behavioral problems



Hearing and speech problems

Sources of lead:

- Household dust
- Soil
- Lead-based paint
- Water in lead pipes or well water
- Keys
- Batteries
- Toys
- Pottery and ceramic dishware
- Fishing sinkers
- Bullets
- Electrical cords
- Imported canned food and candy
- Vinyl plastic mini-blinds
- Occupational exposure at some jobs (welding, bullet manufacturing, construction, painting)

Prevention Tips:

- Wash bottles, toys and pacifiers often
- Wipe down windowsills, mop floors and check for peeling paint often
- Remove shoes before entering the house
- Discourage your child from eating things that fall on the ground or placing non-food items in their mouth
- Run cold tap water for one minute before using
- Before renovating, have your home checked for lead by a certified individual through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality 601-961-5630

For more information, visit www.HealthyMS.com/lead



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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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EDUCATION

Greetings Early Childhood Administrators:

The MDE, through the Office of Early Childhood, is offering a free full-day training entitled Mississippi.Beginnings.for.All. This full-day training will provide participants with a plethora of knowledge about early childhood education.

While this training is primarily aimed at special education teachers, Pre-K administrators as well as general education teachers, Head Start, and child care are encouraged to attend to learn how MS Beginnings Pre-K may be differentiated for diverse learners. SEMIs (5) and Contact Hours (6) will be offered at no cost and CEUs (.6) will be available for purchase.

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 location, 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 dates, times, and locations below.

11.4.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Rankin County School District

Board Room

1220 Apple Park Place

Brandon, MS 39042

11.12.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Cleveland Public School District

Professional Development Rm

305 Merritt Drive

Cleveland, MS 38732

11.6.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Technology Support Services Building

2014 Pass Rd.

Gulfport, MS 39501

11.13.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Central Office Board Room 2nd Floor

301 46th Court

Meridian, MS 39305

11.7.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Lamar County School District Office Board Room

424 Martin Luther King Dr.

EastPurvis, MS 39475

11.18.24 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.

Oxford Early Childhood Center

1637 Highway 30

Oxford, MS 38655



FRIDAY 9:45-11
STEVE AZAR
SINGER SONGWRITER & AUTHOR
ONE MISSISSIPPI



FRIDAY 4-5 PM
DR. CHRYSTAL CAMPBELL
SECA PRESIDENT



SATURDAY 8-9 AM
SARA FRANCES HARDY
ILLUSTRATOR
ONE MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER

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FRIDAY

- 7:30-8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30-9:30 AM **Welcome**
First Lady Elee Tate
- 9:45-11:00 AM **Keynote**
Steve Azar
- 11:15-12:15 **Breakout Sessions**
- 12:15-1:15 PM **Public Policy Luncheon**
Special Guest
- 1:30-2:30 PM **Breakout Sessions**
- 2:45-3:45 PM **Breakout Sessions**
- 4:00-5:00 PM **Keynote**
Dr. Chrystal Campbell, SECA
President

OCTOBER

12

SATURDAY

- 7:00-8:00 AM **Registration**
- 8:00-9:15 AM **Keynote**
Sara Frances Hardy
- 9:30-10:30 AM **Breakout Sessions**
- 10:45-11:45 AM **Breakout Sessions**
- 12:00-1:00 PM **Special Guest & Lunch**
John Harry
- 1:15-2:15 PM **Breakout Sessions**
- 2:30-3:30 PM **Breakout Sessions**



CONTACT US

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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 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

EMAIL: EXT-DESOTO-REQUEST@LISTS.MSSTATE.EDU