

# Child Care Connection

## MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

November 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.”*



## Regulation Reminder

Happy November Providers!

We hope that your November is off to a great start.

As we kick off November, we want to take the opportunity to provide you with a few regulation reminders. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your licensing official. We want to thank you for providing excellent service to the children and families in your facility.

MSDH Child Care Licensure Department would like to wish you and your staff, peace, love, and happiness for this month and may November bring you many things to be grateful for.

### Reminders:

#### **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.
10. Portable, open flame and kerosene space heaters are prohibited. Portable gas stoves shall not be used for heating.
11. Electric space heaters shall be UL-approved; inaccessible to children; and stable; shall have protective covering; and shall be placed at least three feet from curtains, papers, and furniture.
16. Heating units, including water pipes and baseboard heaters hotter than 110 degrees Fahrenheit, shall be made inaccessible to children by barriers such as guards or other devices.

#### **Rule 1.13.3 Refreshments:**

1. Refreshments may be provided by parents only on a child's birthday or other special celebration such as Valentine's Day, Easter, Christmas, Graduation, etc. Food provided to children, including vending machines at the facility, must meet nutritional guidelines as set forth in Appendix "C."
2. It is recommended that foods for the event that are brought to the facility by parents should be "store bought" and not "home cooked."
3. Food items for the event may include cake, ice cream, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. Other items, i.e., party favors such as stickers, books, toothbrushes, and crayons, etc., are encouraged.



# November Trainings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Training Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10am-1pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Horn Lake, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddlers Regulations & Safety	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Oxford, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm-5:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Coldwater, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm-5:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Coldwater, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm-5:30pm	Directors Orientation	Coldwater, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm-5:30pm	Playground Safety	Coldwater, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Infant & Toddlers Regulations & Safety	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Walls, MS	J. Dockery
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Gulfport, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Directors Orientation	Gulfport, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am-11:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Gulfport, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Gulfport, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Playground Safety	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Directors Orientation	Hattiesburg, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am-11:30am	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Byram, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30am-2:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Byram, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30pm- 5:30pm	Playground Safety	Byram, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Directors Orientation	Byram, MS	S. Smith
<b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9am-12pm	Maximizing Teacher Potential	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith

<b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Communicable Diseases	Philadelphia, MS	J. Smith
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Child Care Regulation Part 1	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Directors Orientation	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Infant and Toddler Regulations	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	CCDF Health and Safety	Greenwood, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Child Care Regulation Part 1	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Directors Orientation	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Cleveland, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Child Care Regulation Part 1	Durant, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Durant, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Directors Orientation	Durant, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Playground Safety	Durant, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.	Child Care Regulation Part 1	Yazoo City, MS	M. Jordan
<b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	1pm-4pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Yazoo City, MS	M. Jordan



**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Providing Supports, Increasing Access, & Promoting Participation



## Executive Function Series

Preschool teachers will delve deeper into the executive function skills of cognitive flexibility, working memory, and inhibitory control.



## Foundations of Inclusion for Teachers Series

Teachers will gain knowledge to increase access, promote participation, and support collaboration to ensure high-quality inclusive practices.



## Utilizing the CLASS in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom Series

The CLASS assessment is a vital tool in the Quality Support System. Teachers will learn why interactions matter, become aware and responsive to preschoolers' individual needs, and provide high-quality instruction to preschoolers with disabilities.



## Infant-Toddler Development Series

Infant and Toddler teachers will explore optimal development and identify concerns for development in infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds.



## Utilizing the CLASS in the Inclusive Toddler Classroom Series

The CLASS assessment is a vital tool in the Quality Support System. Teachers will learn why interactions matter, become aware and responsive to toddlers' individual needs, and provide high-quality instruction to toddlers with disabilities.



## Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Series

Infant mental health is the optimal social and emotional well-being for children ages 0-3, developed by secure relationships with nurturing caregivers. Infant and toddler teachers will engage in the latest research in brain development, toxic stress, and attachment.



## Child Assessment Series

Early childhood teachers will examine the importance of assessment by reviewing milestones, monitoring development, and utilizing screening and referrals.



## Pyramid Model Series

Preschool teachers will develop a foundation in the pyramid model framework. Content on nurturing and responsive relationships, high-quality responsive environments, and targeted social-emotional supports will be introduced.



### **Family Engagement Series**

Early childhood educators will explore innovative ways to build and strengthen partnerships with families, engage families with their child's development, and enhance family advocacy.



### **Foundations of Inclusion for Directors Series**

Early childhood directors will review policies and laws related to children with disabilities, best practices for high-quality inclusion, and steps to earn an Early Childhood Inclusion badge.



### **Coaching for Inclusivity Series (Directors)**

Early childhood directors will apply their knowledge from the Foundations of Inclusion series to create programmatic changes, ensure access and belonging for children and families, and empower staff to create systematic change.

Professional Development series are available in person statewide and virtually via Zoom. Participants will receive four contact hours upon successful completion of the series. Visit <https://portal.lift-ed.ms/> to register.



# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF 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.

**Mississippi Beginnings for All** will provide participants with an overview of the components of the MS Beginnings Pre-K Curriculum, with specific emphasis on how this curriculum might be utilized in a special education classroom. Adapted Resources will be explored, and some make-and-take activities will be completed, so teachers can have curriculum materials to take back to their classrooms and use right away.

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-serve 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](mailto:earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org) if there are questions regarding registration.

**See dates, times, and locations below.**

**November 01, 2024 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.**

**Resource & Referral Center**

**Training Room A**

**750 N State St.**

**Jackson, MS 39202**

**November 19, 2024 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m.**

**ICC Tupelo Campus**

**Purvis Center**

**2176 South Eason Blvd.**

**Tupelo, MS 38804**



## Mississippi Office of Oral Health

### Make a Child's Smile

*For children enrolled in Mississippi's early learning facilities*

The Mississippi State Department of Health is helping daycare programs to provide preventive dental services and access to care for children enrolled in early education learning centers.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood. The MSDH Oral Health Division and Mississippi early learning centers are teaming up to give smiles back to kids in need by working directly through daycare centers around the state.

#### How the program works

A licensed dental hygienist will perform a dental screening for your child at no cost to you or the center. A dental screening can identify problems or disease conditions that need further evaluation by a dentist. A dental screening does not take the place of a dental exam, but it can identify the need for a preventive fluoride varnish, which is then provided to your child at no charge. Varnish is a protective coating that is painted on teeth to prevent tooth cavities. It is safe and recommended for application at least two times per year.

#### How to participate

For your child/students to receive this service, you must complete and return a Make a Child's smile [parental consent form](#) to your child's teacher. The results of your child's screening will be provided to you in writing. The Mississippi State Department of Health's Office of Oral Health will not bill Medicaid for the fluoride varnish application. Your child's preventive services data may be shared with other dental and health care providers that see your child for care.

#### Contact

For more information about this program, please contact the Mississippi Office of Oral Health at **(601) 206-1590**.

Link: [Make a Child's Smile - Mississippi State Department of Health](#)

# Children's Dental Health Month





# DeSoto County Area—Library Calendar of Event/Activities



**M.R. DYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 2885 Goodman Road  
 Horn Lake, Mississippi 38637  
 Phone: (662) 393-5654 Fax: (662) 342-9468  
 A branch of First Regional Library  
 www.firstregional.org

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>Annual Veterans Day Tribute</b>                      Recognizing all who have served and their families                      Intro of the Memphis Fisher House                      11/1/24</p>		<p><b>USMC Reserve Toys for Tots</b>                      Help fill our holiday sleigh with toys for deserving children. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.                      November 1-December 13</p>			<p>1  <b>Mommy &amp; Me Mami y Yo</b>                      10:30  <b>Veterans Tribute</b>                      Memphis Fisher House                      6:00</p>	<p>2  </p>	
3	<p>4  <b>ALL MONTH</b>                      Paint-by-Numbers                      Art for Adults</p>	5	<p>6                      Toddler Playdate                      11:00  </p>	7	<p>8  <b>Mommy &amp; Me Mami y Yo</b>                      10:30                      Luciérnagas                      6:00</p>	<p>9    <b>CLOSED-VETERANS DAY</b></p>	
<p>10    <b>CLOSED-VETERANS DAY</b></p>		11	12	13	14	15	16
		<p>A, B, C, &amp; D's of Medicare                      4:00                      *PLEASE REGISTER*</p>		<p>Storytime                      10:00                      Luciérnagas                      6:00</p>	<p><b>Mommy &amp; Me Mami y Yo</b>                      10:30</p>	<p>Friends of Library                      Thanksgiving Food Drive ends</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		<p>Desoto County Veterans Services                      10:00                      Adult Jewelry Class                      *PLEASE REGISTER*                      2:00  </p>		<p>Storytime                      10:00                      Luciérnagas                      6:00</p>	<p><b>Mommy &amp; Me Mami y Yo</b>                      10:30</p>		
<p>Find Elfie, our Elf on the Shelf                      November 25-December 21  </p>		26	27	<p>28 29 30  <b>CLOSED NOV. 28-DEC. 1</b>  </p>			



## 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.



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