

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

December 2023

“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.”



**Just a
reminder...**

Regulations Reminder

Happy Holidays Providers! We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed your time with your family and friends. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you to make sure that you are following the regulations and rules to ensure that you are complying and maintaining the health and safety of the children in your care. Below are a few reminders that we wanted to share for December.

- **Subchapter 8: Staffing**

- *Rule 1.8.1 (1): The staff-to-child ratio shall be maintained at all times, to include when children are arriving and departing the facility.*
- *Rule 1.8.1 (2): Children shall not be left unattended at any time. Video monitors cannot be used as a substitute for the physical presence of a caregiver in a room.*
- *Rule 1.8.2 (4): With the exception of children under two years of age, children may be under the direct supervision (staff in the same room) of 50 percent of the staff required by this section during rest period times, provided that required staff-to-child ratio is maintained on the premises.*
- *Rule 1.8.2 (5) At no time will a single individual be responsible for the supervision of children located in more than one classroom at any given time.*

- **Subchapter: Rest Periods**

- *Rule 1.9.4 (2): Physical force shall not be used in requiring children to lie down or go to sleep during rest periods.*

Thank
you!



Just a Reminder:

WELS (Lift-ED) Reminders

Happy Holidays Providers:

We hope that you are enjoying the Lift-ED, new professional development registry for training registration. For license facilities remember to ensure that all your staff are listed under 'Contacts' in LARS which allows your staff to be connected to your program profile in Lift-ED. You can access the Provider Record Maintenance by visit our website at: www.healthmys.com click Licensure—then click Child Care & Youth Camps. Below we have provided a few reminders to assist you.

- Lift-ED website: <https://portal.lift-ed.ms/Authentication/Landing>
- Please remember that **ALL** employees/staff members including owners and directors must set-up an account with Lift-ED to attend trainings.
- To register for trainings sign-in to Lift-ED system—under *“Professional Portal”* click *“Professional Development Opportunities”*. The next thing you will see is the training calendar—select a date to see what training is offered for that day. Once you locate the training you want to take—look on the left and click *“View”* and another screen will pop-up and give you all the information for that training session. To enroll click *“Enroll”* in the top right-hand corner. To see if it is (Virtual or Face-2-Face) look at the bottom right-hand corner.
- To see transcript and trainings you have taken—sign-in to Lift-ED system and under *“Professional Portal”* click *“My Registered PDO’s”* then *“Download Transcript tab”*.

FYI: If you have taken any training with MSDH Training Unit in October 2023 and you were issued a certificate, those certificates will not be available **90 days** after the training date. Any certificates before September 30, 2023, are no longer available as well.

If you have questions about any October certificate, please contact the Trainer that conducted the training, please be sure to include in the email: **Name of Participant, Name of Training, Date of Training, and Time of training** or **the email cannot be addressed.**

MECIC In-Person Trainings



DECEMBER

2023

**TUES
05**

SETTING UP LEARNING CENTERS FOR SUCCESS

6:00-8:00 PM

∨ Itawamba Community College
Purvis Building, Room 112
2176 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804

**THUR
07**

ADDRESSING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS WITH INFANTS & TODDLERS

6:00-8:00 PM

∨ MECIC: Resource & Referral Center
108 Sheffield Loop
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

**TUES
12**

SETTING UP LEARNING CENTERS FOR SUCCESS

6:00-8:00 PM

∨ TLC Learning Center
221 Rushingtown Road
Tylertown, MS 39667



Register at: <https://portal.lift-ed.ms/>

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center Developmental Screening Day

MECIC Early Interventionists will identify your child's strengths and highlight any areas your child may need more practice.



DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW YOUR CHILD IS DEVELOPING?

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to gain information on your child's development and learn activities to promote development at home.



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING, TALKING, OR MOVING?

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to learn if further assessment and referrals are needed.



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

CONTACT CHANDRA HARPER
CHANDRA.HARPER@USM.EDU
601.266.4745

For children ages birth to five.

WHERE: MS Child Care Resource & Referral
6068 Hwy 49 N
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

WHEN: December 14, 2023
9am-4pm

EOE/F/M/VETS/DISABILITY

Funded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, MECIC ensures young children with disabilities have access to the learning environment, participation in all learning activities, and appropriate support for children, teachers, and families.





December Celebrations & Awareness

- Human Rights Month
 - ✓ December 2nd: Special Education Day
 - ✓ December 3rd: International Day of People with Disabilities
 - ✓ December 5th: International Volunteer Day
 - ✓ December 7th: Hanukkah begins at sundown (Dec. 7-15)
 - ✓ December 25th: Christmas Day
 - ✓ December 26th: Kwanzaa begins (Dec. 16-Jan.1)
 - ✓ December 31st: New Year's Eve
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Child Development Associate SCHOLARSHIP (CDA)

WHAT do I need to know about the scholarship?

- Recipients of the scholarship receive a voucher (**\$549**) to cover the **entire** cost of the “Facilitated CDA with CLASS” course
- Courses run for **24 weeks** (*120 contact hours/ 3 courses*). Applicants need to commit to completing all three courses *prior* to applying for the scholarship.
- After successful completion of 120 hours of coursework, applicants will be given a second scholarship (**\$425**) to apply for the CDA *credentialing process* with the CDA Council/Council for Professional Recognition
- Scholarship participants choose either **Infant/Toddler** OR **Pre-K level** with CLASS, “Classroom Assessment Scoring System” information embedded in the course

WHO can apply?

- **NEW** CDA professional education preparation candidates
- Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED
- Candidates must be a Director or Director Designee currently employed fulltime in a licensed childcare center (**non-Head Start**)
- Candidate's center must be a full-day childcare program serving infants, toddlers, or preschool-aged children
- Childcare center must be participating in the MDHS Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) accepting MDHS subsidy children
- Limit 2 scholarship candidates **total** per center

HOW are the courses offered?

- Online with coach and support provided by Teachstone <https://teachstone.com/cda-programs/>
- Three self-guided courses lasting a total of **24 weeks**

More Questions? Email: cda@ssrc.msstate.edu

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Only 61 CDA scholarships are available. Apply now!

START DATE DECEMBER 18:

**Course 1:
Dec. 18 – Feb. 11**

**Course 2:
Feb. 12 – April 7**

**Course 3:
April 8 – June 2**
**All three courses are
REQUIRED!**

**CLICK OR SCAN TO
COMPLETE
APPLICATION**



MORE INFO ABOUT CDA 3-STEP PROCESS:

Center-Based Infant-Toddler:
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/educator-pathways/infant-toddler/>

Center-Based Preschool:
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/educator-pathways/preschool/>

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RENEWAL Child Development Associate SCHOLARSHIP (CDA)

WHAT do I need to know about the scholarship?

- Recipients of the scholarship receive a voucher (**\$215**) to cover the **entire** cost of the “CDA Renewal with CLASS: Pre-K (On Demand)” **OR** “CDA Renewal with CLASS: Infant/Toddler (On Demand)”.
- Coursework will fulfill **45 hours of professional education** requirement for renewing CDA. **It MUST be completed within 16 weeks.**
- After successful completion of **45 hours** of coursework, applicants will be given a second scholarship (**\$125**) to apply for the CDA renewal *credentialing* process with the CDA Council/Council for Professional Recognition.
- You **must** renew your original type of credential.

WHO can apply?

- Applicants must have a **CURRENT/NON-EXPIRED** CDA! *Successful applicants will be required to provide an image of current CDA to finalize scholarship application. CDA is valid for 3 years from the award date.*
- Candidates can submit their renewal up to 6 months before expiration date.
- Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Candidates must be a Director or Director Designee currently employed full-time in a licensed childcare center (**non-Head Start**).
- Candidate’s center must be a full-day childcare program serving infants, toddlers, or preschool-aged children.
- Childcare center must be participating in the MDHS Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) accepting MDHS subsidy children
- Limit 2 scholarship candidates total per center.

HOW are the courses offered?

- Online and self-guided, through the Teachstone platform <https://teachstone.com/cda-programs/>
- **45 hours of online self-guided coursework that must be completed in 16 weeks.**

More Questions? Email: cda@ssrc.msstate.edu

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Only 10 CDA RENEWAL scholarships are available. Apply now!

**Slots are FIRST
come FIRST serve!**

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APPLICATION**



**MORE INFO ABOUT
RENEWAL PROCESS:**

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/r/renew-cda/>

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CDA-Renewal-Guide-final-May2022.pdf>

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/faqs/#applying-for-cda-renewal>

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