

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

November 2025

“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.”

MSDH Reminders

✦ Training Unit Reminders

We're committed to providing you with high-quality training opportunities and flexible scheduling across all regions to help you meet your required licensure contact hours each year. Please review the important reminders below to ensure a smooth training experience:

- **MSDH Trainings Are In-Person Only:**
The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) offers *face-to-face trainings only*. Virtual sessions are only provided under special or emergency circumstances.
- **Withdrawing from a Training:**
If you are unable to attend a training, please log into your **LIFT-ED** account and *withdraw* from the session. Failure to do so will result in being marked as a **No Show**.
- **Trainer Communication:**
If you've contacted a trainer through LIFT-ED message board and haven't received a response, please follow up using their **direct email address** provided below.
- **Class Capacity:**
If a class shows no available seats, it is **full**. Trainers are **not able** to add additional participants once capacity is reached.
- **Who to Contact:**
 - For questions **about the training content or details**, please contact the trainer directly.
 - For **technical issues** with LIFT-ED, contact **LIFT-ED Customer Service**.

We hope these reminders are helpful and support your continued professional development. Thank you for your dedication, and we look forward to serving you!

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November 2025 Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
November 3 rd	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
November 3 rd	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
November 4 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Directors' Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
November 4 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
November 5 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Family Homes for 5 OR Fewer Children	Virtual (ONLY for Family Homes Centers)	J. Dockery
November 3 rd	5:30pm-8:30pm	CCDF Health and Safety	Hinds	S.Smith
November 5 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Hinds	S.Smith
November 5 th	12:00pm-3:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Hinds	S.Smith
November 6 th	9:00am-12:00pm	Directors Orientation	Hinds	S.Smith
November 6 th	12:00pm-3:00pm	Infant and Toddler Safety	Hinds	S.Smith
November 6 th	5:30pm-8:30pm	Playground Safety	Hinds	S.Smith
November 12 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Meridian	S. Smith
November 12 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Meridian	S. Smith
November 13 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Meridian	S. Smith
November 13 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Meridian	S. Smith
November 17 th	4:00pm-7:00pm	Playground Safety	Port Gibson	S. Smith
November 18 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Vicksburg	S. Smith
November 18 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Vicksburg	S. Smith
November 19 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Directors Orientation	Vicksburg	S. Smith
November 19 th	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Vicksburg	S. Smith

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

Lead Poisoning Prevention

LEAD in Imported Products

Lead is a heavy metal that can cause serious health problems if it enters the body. Lead dust from chipped and peeling paint is the most common source of lead, but other items may also contain lead.

Some cultural spices and medicines

Many items found to have lead are white, bright yellow, or red. Items that are sold by weight, such as bulk spices purchased outside of the U.S. are commonly found to have high levels of lead, including:

- Cinnamon
- Whole chilies
- Chili powder
- Curry powder
- Turmeric
- Coriander
- Dried insects
- Cumin
- Thyme
- Seven spices
- Cloves
- Anise seeds
- Azarcon
- Bali Goli
- Kandú
- Pay-loo-ah
- Greta
- Oregano



Some traditional ceramics and pottery

Lead may be found in some food storage containers and cookware including items that are:

- Handmade and decorated by someone outside of the U.S.
- From street vendors or flea markets
- Old, chipped, or cracked



Some cosmetics and ceremonial powders

Lead may be in some cosmetics and ceremonial powders such as traditional kohl made from galena and Kajal, Kum Kum, Sindoor, Surma, Thanaka, Pooja powder, Rangoli and Vibuti.

Some candies

Candies from all over the world have been found to contain lead, many from Mexico and Asia.

Some special amulets and jewelry

Lead may be in special amulets and jewelry used for:

- Luck
- Protection
- Religion
- Fashion



Keeping Your Family Healthy

- Spices from large grocery stores are less likely to have high levels of lead than those from smaller, international stores or internet-based retailers.
- Avoid imported cosmetics.
- Only purchase medicines produced in the United States.
- Check the labels of medicines for a safety label by either a state or federal agency.
- Remember: the only way to know for sure if your child has been exposed to lead is through a blood test. If you think your child may have been exposed to lead, call your local health department or your child's doctor to schedule a blood test.



msdh.ms.gov/leadfree
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Greetings Early Childhood Friends:

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), through the Office of Early Childhood Education, is pleased to offer a series of regional one-day professional development opportunities, **Family Engagement Framework and Toolkit 2.0**, which offers practical strategies for building strong partnerships between families and schools. It emphasizes welcoming environments, family empowerment, and collaboration to support student success. The toolkit aligns with national standards, including Head Start's Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework, and is tailored for various early learning settings.

Alongside this, the **Transition Toolkit Training** focuses on supporting children and families through important educational transitions, such as moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten. It provides planning templates, readiness checklists, and guides aligned with Mississippi's Early Learning Standards, encouraging collaboration among educators, families, and community partners.

Training is from 8:30am-4:00p.m on the following dates. Use the link beneath your preferred date and location to register. Contact Hours 6, CEUS .6, SEMIs 5

To access link hold CTRL + Click the link

November 7, 2025- Sunflower County School District Central Office, Indianola, MS

<https://daais.msresaservices.com/family-engagement-delta-2025>

November 13, 2025- Coast Transit Authority Event Center, Gulfport, MS

<https://gceic.msresaservices.com/family-engagement-biloxi-2025>

November 14, 2025 — Trent Lott Center, Hattiesburg, MS

MS <https://sresa.msresaservices.com/family-engagement-hattiesburg-2025>

For questions regarding this training, please contact: **Angela Towers @**

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Greetings Early Childhood Friends:

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), through the Offices of Special Education and Early Childhood Education, is pleased to offer a series of regional one-day professional development opportunities, **Assistive Technology (AT) for Littles**. This training is designed for all early childhood educators and providers, especially early learning special educators, assistant teachers, administrators, and program directors.

Training is from 8:30am-3:45pm on the following dates. Use the link beneath your preferred date and location to register.

Contact Hours 6, CEUS .6, SEMIs 5

November 4, 2025- Knight Non-Profit Center, Gulfport, MS

[AT for Littles | Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium](#)

November 5, 2025- USM Ogletree House (Alumni House), Hattiesburg, MS

[AT for Littles | Southern Regional Educational Service Agency](#)

November 11, 2025- The Mill at MSU, Starkville, MS

[AT for Littles | East MS Center for Education Development](#)

November 18, 2025- Mississippi State University Meridian Campus, Meridian, MS

[AT for Littles | East MS Center for Education Development](#)

For questions regarding this training, please contact: **Julianna Lieb** at jlieb@mdek12.org.

Community Events

HERNANDO DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS



*Tiny Tim's
Village*

Sponsored by
ATMOS
energy



PRESENTED BY
**FARM
BUREAU**
MISSISSIPPI



NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND

November 21-22, 2025
Free ice skating, trolley and carriage rides,
Christmas farmers market, performances
and more!

DHA Resource & Referral Centers

Our Services

Quality Professional Development

- Local Area Coaching
- Coaching & Training on Specific Topics
- Virtual & In-person Trainings

(Trainings are done through MDHS)

Quality Professional Development

- Computer Access for Career Development
- Access to Educational Resources for children ages 0-12yrs
- Information on Health, Social Services, & Job Training

Scan our QR code to find a center near you!



Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Makers Space

- Order Ellison Die Cutouts
- Lamination
- Poster Maker
- Resources for Completing School Projects.

Lending Library

- Developmentally & Age-Appropriate materials for ages 0-12yrs
- Mock Classroom Setup
- Supervised Play
- Storytime



Mississippi Lift is a program of Mississippi Department of Human Services.

RESOURCE & REFERRAL CENTER

WE ARE OPEN IN AN
AREA NEAR YOU!



Center Locations:

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|----------------|----------------|
| Leland, MS | Batesville, MS |
| Greenwood, MS | Senatobia, MS |
| Indianola, MS | Hernando, MS |
| Cleveland, MS | Grenada, MS |
| Belzoni, MS | Winona, MS |
| Clarksdale, MS | |

- * Technical assistance
- * Professional development
- * Lending library for childcare providers and families.

Scan our QR code for
more information!



New Trainings Available Now!

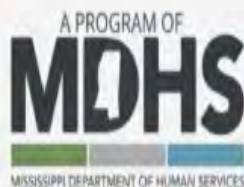
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<https://portal.lift-ed.ms>

Mississippi
EARLY CHILDHOOD
INCLUSION CENTER

Professional Development
series are offered
in-person, statewide,
and virtually via Zoom.

Participants will receive four
contact hours upon successful
completion of the series.



Follow the steps below

- 01 Professional Development Opportunities
- 02 Advanced Search
- 03 Sponsoring Organization
- 04 MECIC



NOVEMBER



2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Draw a picture of something that grows on a farm.
2 Share one way you can help at home this week.	3 Imagine you're a leaf floating in the wind.	4 Make a gratitude list of five things.	5 Draw your favorite type of cake.	6 Line up the toys or books from smallest to largest.	7 Imagine you're a turkey. What sound do you make?	8 Make a card for someone you are thankful for.
9 Tell us a story about a pumpkin.	10 Count how many steps it takes to walk across your yard or room.	11 Today is Veterans Day! Draw a picture of a soldier.	12 Draw something that keeps you warm.	13 Count how many jackets and sweaters you have.	14 Say "Thank you" to someone today.	15 Draw your favorite Thanksgiving dish.
16 What makes your family special?	17 Make shapes with plasticine, clay or paper.	18 Tell a story about two friends helping each other.	19 Draw a food you've never tried before.	20 Count how many lights there are in your house.	21 Sing a song about being thankful.	22 What is your favorite smell in the kitchen?
23 Could you share a memory you are grateful for?	24 Grab some blankets and build a fort/tent!	25 Draw a turkey. Make it unique and colorful.	26 Happy Thanksgiving! What's your favorite family tradition?	27 Read a story with someone you love.	28 What is your favorite cozy spot at home?	29 Take a look outside. What do you notice about the weather?
30 Write or draw a hope for the new month.						

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER!