

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

April 2022

"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."

IMPORTANT

TRAINING PROCESS UPDATE

UPDATED MSDH Training Registration steps:

Visit www.healthymms.com to access the online training calendar
https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,183,437.html

Choose a date and time for training. Pay attention to the assigned trainer name.
Attention: If a training is (CLOSED), please choose the next available training

Complete the Docu-Sign online registration form
Attention: the docu-sign auto receipt of completion DOES NOT guarantee enrollment in a training
<https://na3.docuSign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=c7f15844-9820-409c-bc80-7f01674da&env=na3-eu1>

Please fill out the registration form completely. Must enter participant personal email address and **NOT** the center email address.

Make sure to the box next to (send me a copy of my responses)
Please keep a list of who you registered for the training

Expect a notice of enrollment in training or a closed notification from the trainer within a week of completing the online registration form.

Questions or concerns may be directed to Cassie Hillhouse at cassie.hillhouse@msdh.ms.gov

MSDH Training Attendance Reminders

- * Be on time.
- * Log into the training from a fully charged device with video capability.
- * Upon entering the training, type full name (as desired on training certificate) and email address into the chat box. Attendance is documented from the participant names in the chat box.
- * No more than 2 individuals may share a video screen.
- * Trainings are locked 15 minutes after start time.
- * Training certificates are typically emailed to participants within 2 weeks of training.

LiveScan Fingerprint Reminders:

1. When sending an employee or applicant to a LiveScan site for fingerprinting, the applicant must have the [Applicant Information Form](#) completely filled out with the facility name and facility fingerprint ID code noted on the applicant information form. The LiveScan site will be unable to print an applicant without this information.
2. Payment for the LiveScan service at a county health department is \$10. Payment must be made with either a credit or debit card at the LiveScan site. (No Cash Payments will be accepted).

Child Care Suitability Letter Reminders:

All child care facilities now have online access to suitability letters from the [Criminal History Fingerprint Facility portal](#). If directions are needed for accessing the facility portal or if a facility ID code and/or password are needed, please contact a team member of the Criminal History Fingerprint unit at 601-364-1102 or 601-364-1101.

Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Check Form:

The Child Abuse and Neglect Registry check is included in the MSDH comprehensive background check and must be sent to the MSDH Fingerprint unit for processing. Beginning May 1, 2022, the MSDH fingerprint unit will no longer accept printed copies of the registry check and will require each applicant or employee to complete the check online. Please follow the [Child Abuse and Neglect Registry form](#) link to complete the check online.



Week of the Young Child is April 2-8

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

To See weekly Activities, please visit:

[WOYC Activity Resources | NAEYC](#)

School Readiness Calendar

April 2022 - Weather Kindergarten Readiness Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Creative Arts	Language Arts	Science	Letter	Math	Social & Emotional	Physical Development
<p>Children of your age have children's books that are meant to be read with them. How do you read to your child?</p>	<p>The book of weather is called "Weather". The person who studies weather is called a meteorologist. When you see a weather report on the news, how do you know what the weather is for the next 2 days?</p>	<p>Use the calendar to discover the weather for the week. Ask your child to draw the weather for the next 2 days.</p>	<p>The letter of the month is W. What does the letter W stand for?</p>	<p>Did you wonder if the weather is the same every day? Don't worry! You'll find out soon. How many days does it rain in your area?</p>	<p>Did you wonder if the weather is different every day? How many days does it rain in your area?</p>	<p>There are many ways to play outside. How many different ways can you think of to play outside?</p>
<p>Can you think of any ways to play outside?</p>	<p>What is the weather like in the news today? What are some of the ways that meteorologists use to measure weather?</p>	<p>Look at the weather for the week on the calendar. Do you see any patterns?</p>	<p>Look at the weather for the week on the calendar. Do you see any patterns?</p>	<p>How many times does it rain in your area? How many days does it rain in your area?</p>	<p>Somebody weathered a storm during the week. What do you think happened?</p>	<p>Notice the colors in the sky and the ground. How do you think the weather is changing?</p>
<p>Imagine what it is like to go to school in the winter. How do you think it would be different?</p>	<p>Check the weather each day on the calendar. What is the weather like in the calendar?</p>	<p>You might use a computer or a tablet to check the weather. How do you think the weather is changing?</p>	<p>Take a picture of the weather each day on the calendar. How do you think the weather is changing?</p>	<p>What was the coldest day in the week? What was the warmest day in the week?</p>	<p>Somebody weathered a storm during the week. What do you think happened?</p>	<p>Circle or color the colors in the weather. How do you think the weather is changing?</p>
<p>April has been a great month. How do you think it will be different in the next month?</p>	<p>We have learned a lot about the weather. How do you think it will be different in the next month?</p>	<p>Use the information from the calendar to draw a picture of the weather for the next month.</p>	<p>Let's look at the calendar and see how many days it rained in the month.</p>	<p>Remember, Thursday was the warmest day in the month. How do you think it will be different in the next month?</p>	<p>Let's look back at the month of April. What was the weather like in the month?</p>	<p>Today has been the best day of the month. How do you think it will be different in the next month?</p>

Community Event



Bring your family to touch a truck. All kinds of large trucks, machinery, police and military equipment for you to touch and climb on. Parking will be next to the armory in the Niteo Trucking parking lot. There will be hot dogs and refreshments served.

COME ON OUT & ENJOY THE DAY!
04/02/2022
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



US National Guard Army
3003 McCracken Rd
Hernando, MS



Free Training Opportunity!

Attention, Childcare Center Owners, Operators, and Staff:

FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!



Are you concerned about lead in drinking water?

SipSafe works to screen water to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The SipSafe program is hosting online staff trainings:

- April 1, 9-10 a.m.
- April 8, 9-10 a.m.
- April 19, 9-10 a.m.

Earn 1 CEU credit!

To register for a training session, please contact Leah Gann at leah.gann@msstate.edu.

For more information about SipSafe or for disability accommodation, please contact Leah Gann at leah.gann@msstate.edu, or visit ext.msstate.edu/sipsafe.

SipSafe is a joint project of MSU Extension, Mississippi Department of Health, Mississippi Bureau of Public Water Supply, Child Care Division, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, University of Mississippi Sea Grant Law Center, and Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program.

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Other Training Opportunities

Teachstone
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Introducing the CDA with CLASS® from Teachstone for Mississippi Childcare Providers
Online Courses begin April 18, 2022
90 Slots Available - Enrollment Deadline is April 11th
Sponsored by DHS, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, DSHL and NMEC.

CDA with CLASS Offers:
Infant/Toddler or Pre-K age levels
Three 8-week courses: 120 hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)
90 CDA Free Scholarships for child care teachers/directors
-60 for New CDAs
-30 for CDA Renewals

Every day, child care programs work to ensure that our youngest children have a safe, loving environment where they can learn and thrive. We are committed to ensuring all children experience effective interactions with their caregivers and teachers - the very interactions that are proven to drive positive development and learning.

The Early Childhood Leadership Institute is entering into a partnership with Teachstone to offer this CDA with CLASS, a comprehensive program which prepares educators to successfully earn the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. This program also builds CLASS understanding and skills for improved interactions between teachers and children. CLASS stands for Classroom Assessment Scoring System. It is a research-based method of measuring, evaluating and improving teacher-child interactions.

Contact us to learn more about the CDA with CLASS from Teachstone.

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Dear Childcare Providers,

We are very pleased to invite you to apply for a free CDA Scholarship!

This opportunity is brought to you by the North Mississippi Resource Referral Center, Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning, North Mississippi Education Consortium, and the Early Childhood Leadership Institute and will be funded by the MS Department of Human Services (DHS) and W.K. Kellogg Foundation to Mississippi childcare providers currently employed in licensed childcare centers (non-Head Start).

Interested? Please see the attached flyer and read the detailed information below, then write to Lisa Long at lisa.long@src.msstate.edu for an application. Upon receipt of the application, you will have 2 days to complete and return to Lisa Long at lisa.long@src.msstate.edu to be considered.

Please note:

- 60 slots are for new CDA participation, with online coaching and support during the courses. New CDA participants may choose either the Infant/Toddler OR Pre-K age level option with CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) information embedded in the course. Online classes for new CDAs begin on April 18th and run for 24 weeks (120 CEU hours)
- 30 slots are for individuals seeking CDA Renewal with CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) information embedded in the course. CDA Renewal participants must have a current /unexpired CDA and may choose either the Infant/Toddler OR Pre-K age level option with CLASS information embedded in the course. Coursework for CDA Renewal begins upon registration (45 CEU hours)
- Scholarships include payment of fees to the Council for Professional Recognition for new and renewal CDA credentialing.
- Slots are "first come, first served", upon approval of the candidate's application. Applications will be time stamped upon arrival. All applications must be submitted on-line.
- Center directors are also eligible to participate.
- No more than 2 teachers in infant, toddler, or Pre-K classrooms and 1 Director may apply from the same center.
- These courses also include information on the CLASS Observation instrument elements.

If interested, contact Lisa Long as soon as possible for an application. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 11th, 2022 in order to be considered. To request an application, contact Lisa Long at lisa.long@src.msstate.edu

Free Training Opportunity!



MINI CONFERENCE

Who: Early Childhood Professionals

When: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Check-in: 8:30 A.M.

1st Session: 9:00 A.M.

2nd Session: 11:30 A.M.

Where: Hernando First Regional Library
370 West Commerce Street (west entrance)

What: Free training worth 4 contact hours (lunch provided)

Registration: Contact Heather Perryman at hperryman@northwestms.com or 662-560-4201



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Early Childhood Educators: Time to Become a Game Changer!

The Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning's Research Symposium is Back! Save the date: April 5, 2022. Register NOW
Join us at the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, 222 North St #1206, Jackson, MS 39201 for the presentation beginning at 9:30 AM.

Dr. Valeria Washington, is our guest speaker as we rename our research symposium series. She will discuss game changing strategies for teaching and raising young children now and in the years to come.

An internationally recognized authority in early childhood education, she is known for conceptualizing, leading, and executing significant change initiatives impacting policy, programs, and practice in higher education, philanthropy, and national nonprofits. She currently serves as the CEO of the CAVI, Institute.

During her decade tenure as CEO of the Council for Professional Recognition, Dr. Washington advanced and professionalized the field of early childhood education with her leadership of the largest credentialing program for early educators in the United States, the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. She formerly served as Vice President at Antioch College and the Kellogg Foundation and as a tenured faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has held leadership roles with the Massachusetts Governor's School for Educators, Commission on Children's Futures, Black Caucus of the Society for Research in Child Development, National Head Start Association Commission on 2010, Boston Children's Museum, and Wakefield College. Dr. Washington has authored over 50 publications including Children of 2010 and Children of 2020. She has also co-authored Ready or Not: Early Care and Education's Leadership Choices - 12 Years Later, The New Early Childhood Professional, and Guiding Principles for the New Early Childhood Professional. Her new book, Changing the Game for the Generation Alpha: Teaching and Raising Children in the 21st Century promises thought-provoking discussion and identifies the challenges early childhood educators will face in the future.

Registration information can be found on the North MS Education Consortium's website: <https://nmecc.mscresearchservices.com/GameChanger>

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Child Care Training

statewide AUTISM SCREENING DAY

APRIL 25TH FROM 2PM-6PM
CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER
FREE AUTISM SCREENING

LEE COUNTY
CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL OFFICE
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT BUILDING - ROOM 120
2170 S. EASON BLVD.,
TUFELA, MS 38864

LEFLORE COUNTY
GOD'S HELPING HANDS LEARNING ACADEMY
1100 HUNTER STREET
OBERWOOD, MS 38830

LAMAR COUNTY
MECIC: RRR
100 SHEFFIELD LOOP
HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

PIKE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
1241 COLLIER BLVD
SHUMAT, MS 38868
SIMMONS BUILDING-CHILD CARE CENTER

HINDS COUNTY
RESOURCE & REFERRAL @ 700
700 N STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39202
MORNINGSTAR BUILDING

HARRISON COUNTY
MECIC: RRR
370 COUNTRY CLUB RD
SUITE 181
DULYPORT, MS 39057

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:
601-266-4745

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