

# Child Care Connection

## MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

June 2026

*“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 Monthly Compliance Check-in

### ☀️ Let the Summer Adventures Begin! ☀️

As you begin creating magical summer memories with your little ones and after-school children, may each day be filled with laughter, discovery, and joyful moments. While planning your exciting activities and sunny adventures, please continue to keep the health, safety, and well-being of every child at the heart of all you do.

Let's make this season not only fun and unforgettable, but also safe, caring, and fully aligned with all guidelines and regulations. Here's to a summer filled with smiles, learning, and endless sunshine! 🌈 ✨

#### **Rule 1.6.7 Child Records---3. Authorizations:**

b. A parent may choose either (a) to give written consent allowing their child to participate in all field trips, excursions, or series of events outside the child care facility, or (b) to give written consent only for specific trips or events that include an approved date, time, and location.

#### **Rule 1.8.2 Ratio:**

2. Staff-to-child ratios shall be met at all times, including during opening/closing, field trips and swimming or water activities whether at the child care premises or off-site.

#### **Rule 1.9.1 General:**

3. The child care facility shall incorporate programs to encourage sun safety practices, into activities for all age levels.

#### **Rule 1.12.5 First Aid Supply:**

2. A first aid supply shall be taken on all field trips and excursions and shall be easily accessible to employees, but not in reach of the children.

#### **Rule 1.15.1 Transportation: General:**

Regardless of transportation provisions, the child care facility is responsible for the safety of the children.

**Rule 1.15.2 Requirements:**

4. Children board or leave the vehicle from the curb-side of the street and/or are safely accompanied to their destinations.
5. A parent is present if the child is delivered home.
6. Seat restraints are used.

**Rule 1.15.3 Occupant Restraints:**

3. No children shall be transported in the front seat of vehicles equipped with passenger-side air bags.

**Additional Transportation Safety:**

- Keep a transportation log.
- Take a head count before you leave a location.
- Take a head count after transporting and reaching your destination.
- Conduct a complete walk through of the entire vehicle.
- Have a second person to conduct a check to ensure no children are left on a vehicle.
- Children should never be left unattended on a vehicle!

**Rule 1.22.10 Caregiver CPR and First Aid Certification:**

2. In school age programs that operate in a central location there shall be at least one caregiver on the premises at all times the facility is in operation that has a current certification in CPR and first aid. When groups of children are away from the central location for field trips etc., there shall be at least one caregiver with the group that holds a current certification in CPR and first aid.

**Subchapter 19: Swimming and Water Activities--Rule 1.19.1 through Rule 1.19.3**



# REMINDER

Happy June, Providers! 🌞 📅

Summer is here, and we know many of you are busy planning exciting activities, field trips, and fun learning experiences for the children in your care. While preparing for a season full of smiles and sunshine, this is also the perfect time to review staff Professional Development requirements and ensure everyone is on track with obtaining their required training contact hours.

To help everyone stay informed and successful, we would like to share a few important Training Unit Reminders regarding both virtual and face-to-face trainings. This is also a great opportunity to review the LIFT-ED/WELS Portal with your staff to ensure they are comfortable navigating the system and accessing important training information.

## ☀️ Important Reminders & Accountability Expectations ☀️

### ✅ Register - Commitment to Attend

If you or a staff member register for a training, please make every effort to attend. If circumstances change, log into LIFT-ED/WELS and withdraw in advance. Failure to do so will result in a “No Show.”

### ✅ Training Capacity Limits

Once a training reaches capacity, trainers are unable to add additional participants. Please register for another available session if a class is full.

At this time:

- We do not maintain a waiting list.
- Withdrawn participant spots are not replaced.

It is important to register for trainings as soon as they become available and avoid waiting until the last minute, as classes often fill quickly.

### ✅ Check ALL Email Folders

Please check your Inbox, Spam, Junk, and Other folders for correspondence from trainers. Sometimes emails are automatically filtered and may not appear in your main inbox.

### ✅ Read Zoom Emails Carefully

For virtual trainings, please read the ENTIRE email and scroll down for the Zoom link and instructions. Save this information—especially if registered for multiple trainings during the week.

✔ Check LIFT-ED/WELS for Zoom Links

Some trainers also upload Zoom links directly into the LIFT-ED/WELS portal to ensure participants receive access information.

✔ Be On Time

Virtual trainings often open 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Please log in early and be prepared to begin on time.

✔ Contact Trainers Early if You Need Assistance

If you have not received training information, contact the trainer directly using their agency email or work number the day before the scheduled training. Waiting until the day of the training may prevent trainers from assisting you in time.

✦ Training Participation Policies

◆ Active LIFT-ED Account Required

A valid and active LIFT-ED account is required to attend trainings. Please confirm your account is active before your session.

◆ Late Arrivals

Participants arriving more than:

- 5 minutes late for virtual trainings
- 10 minutes late for face-to-face trainings  
will not receive credit hours or be allowed in the training.

◆ Early Departures

Participants who leave trainings early will not receive credit hours.

💡 Remember...

Professional development is more than a requirement—it is an investment in quality care, professionalism, and the success of the children and families we serve. Accountability, preparation, punctuality, and communication help ensure trainings run smoothly for everyone.

Thank you for your continued dedication, partnership, and commitment to excellence. We appreciate all that you do and wish you a safe, fun, and successful summer season!

Happy Training & Happy Summer! 🌞

**Just a  
reminder...**



## June 2026 Trainings

Date	Time	Training Topic	Location	Trainer
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am-11:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30pm-2:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am-11:30pm	Directors' Orientation	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30pm-2:30pm	Playground Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm-8:30pm	Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Family Homes for 5 OR Fewer Children	Virtual <b>(ONLY for Family Homes Centers)</b>	J. Dockery
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am-11:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-12:00pm	Child Care Regulations Part 1	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-3:30pm	Child Care Regulations Part 2	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-12:00pm	Directors' Orientation	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-3:30pm	Playground Safety	Olive Branch, MS	J. Dockery
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm-5:00pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Dockery
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	1-4 pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	Playground Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4 pm	Directors Orientation	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	1-4 pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 pm	Playground Safety	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	1-4pm	Directors Orientation	Virtual/Online	J. Smith
June 3rd	5:30pm-8:30pm	CCDF Health & Safety	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June 4th	9:30 am-12;30pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June 4th	1:00pm-4:00pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June 5th	9:30 am-12;30pm	Playground Safety	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June 5th	1:00pm-4:00pm	Directors Orientation	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June 23rd	9:30 am-12:30pm	CC Regulations Part 1	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan
June23rd	1:00pm-4:00pm	CC Regulations Part 2	Virtual/Online	M. Jordan



Dear Early Childhood Professionals,

The MDE, Office of Early Childhood, is offering two **Online Early Childhood Self-Paced Training Courses** from **June 8-26, 2026**. These online self-paced trainings will provide novice and veteran administrators who oversee prekindergarten classrooms with a plethora of knowledge around early learning best practices.

These online self-paced courses are being offered to:

- **Novice Administrators with one (1) to three (3) years of early childhood experience** The completion of this online training program includes completion of all modules, assessments, and a course survey. Participants will receive sixteen contact hours (16); ten (10) SEMIs; one (1) OSL; and 1.6 CEUs are available for purchase.
- **Veteran Administrators with three (3) or more years of experience** The completion of this online training program includes completion of all modules, assessments, and a course survey. Participants will receive fifteen contact hours (15); ten (10) SEMIs; one (1) OSL; and 1.5 CEUs are available for purchase.

The online self-paced courses can accommodate up to sixty (60) participants for each course. Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis

at <https://gsmu.mdek12.org/public/course/browse>.

**Participants must complete all requirements for their course in order to receive Contact Hours, CEU's, SEMIs, or OSLs.**

If you have additional questions, please contact [earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org](mailto:earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org); Vicki Adams-Gamble [vadams-gamble@mdek12.org](mailto:vadams-gamble@mdek12.org) or Bettina McLin [bmclin@mdek12.org](mailto:bmclin@mdek12.org).



Greetings Early Childhood Friends,

We are excited to release details of upcoming professional learning opportunities in an area near you! MDE, through the Office of Early Childhood, is offering multiple opportunities to attend a full day training that will consist of **Set Up for Success: Pre-K Smart Start** and **Introduction to CLASS**. These trainings will take place over the summer break and at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

All trainings are available to early learning public, private, childcare, and Head Start administrators, principals, district leaders, teachers, and assistant teachers of pre-kindergarten classrooms. A description of each offered session is detailed below:

### **Set Up for Success: Pre-K Smart Start**

Participants of this half-day training will receive valuable information about setting up their pre-K classroom for success including classroom arrangement, organizing materials and resources for learning centers, effective classroom management, and establishing a safe environment that is free from clutter and optimizes student learning.

### **Introduction to CLASS**

This half-day training will consist of an overview of the CLASS assessment tool, learning about the dimensions of CLASS, and best practices for favorable assessment outcomes. Participants will understand what the CLASS tool measures, study the link between effective teacher-child interactions, learning gains, and be able to identify effective teacher-child interactions.

Pre-K Smart Start and Introduction to CLASS trainings will be offered at the following location/date/time:

#### **July 9 from 8:30am – 4:00pm**

Eagle Ridge Conference Center  
1500 Raymond Lake Rd  
Raymond, MS 39154

#### **July 16 from 8:30am – 4:00pm**

McComb School District  
Kennedy Early Childhood Center  
207 S Myrtle Street  
McComb, MS 39648

**July 16 from 8:30am – 4:00pm**

South Tippah School District  
Oscar Shannon Building  
410 Greenlee Street  
Ripley, MS 38663

**July 21 from 8:30am – 4:00pm**

Moss Point School District  
Family Education Center  
3524 Prentiss Avenue  
Moss Point, MS 39563

**July 28 from 8:30am – 4:00pm**

Louisville Municipal School District  
Fair Elementary School  
77 N. Columbus Avenue  
Louisville, MS 39339

Space is limited at each location and participants must register via the Go Sign Me Up website. The registration link can be accessed here: [Browse Courses \(mdek12.org\)](https://mdek12.org). The trainings will be conducted in several locations, so it is important to be certain of the intended date and location when completing registration. Registration is granted on a first come, first serve basis.

Participants who successfully complete a full day of training are eligible to receive (.6) CEUs for a small fee. (6) Contact Hours, (0) OSLs and (5) SEMIs are available at no cost. Contact [earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org](mailto:earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org) if there are any questions regarding registration.

Thank You,

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# 2026

## MISSISSIPPI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE

### SAVE THE DATE:

- June 16-18, 2026
- Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center  
Tupelo, MS
- Registration Opens  
February 16

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

[Call for Proposals](#)

Proposal Submission Deadline:  
February 27

Please email  
[earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org](mailto:earlychildhoodtrainings@mdek12.org)  
if you have any questions.



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# 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

**Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

**Scan our QR code to find a center near you!**



### Makers Space

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

### Lending Library

- Developmentally & Age-Appropriate materials for ages 0-12yrs
- Mock Classroom Setup
- Supervised Play
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 **OCTOBER 8-9, 2026**  
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The Mississippi Early Childhood Association (MsECA) invites you to the 73rd Imagine Conference! Join early childhood professionals, educators, and leaders from across the state as we connect, learn, and celebrate our journey toward success.



## Join Us on the Road to Success!

### WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

-  Engaging workshops and sessions
-  Networking with professionals across Mississippi
-  Practical tools and resources
-  Inspiring speakers and conversations
-  Visit with Commercial and Non-Commercial Vendors

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

-  **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**  
*May 5 - July 31, 2026*  
**\$125.00**
-  **REGULAR REGISTRATION**  
*Begins August 1, 2026*  
**\$150.00**
-  **STUDENT RATE: \$40.00**  
Valid student ID required






## Register Today!

Reserve your spot and be part of this exciting experience.

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

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\* Professional development

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

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

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- 02 Advanced Search
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- 04 MECIC

