

FREE 26 Hour Pre-Service Course for Early Care & Education Professionals

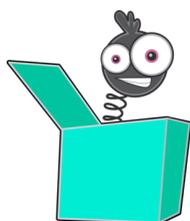
The Div. of Early Care & Education is offering a **FREE** Health and Safety course online. For providers receiving SC Vouchers, completion of the course is required by **8/1/16** to comply with new federal regulations. The course is accessible from a computer or any mobile device. Child care professionals will receive a **Health and Safety Certificate** for 26 hours upon successful completion of the course.

All training completed will count toward existing training requirements for 2016 and will forward automatically to CCCCD. ABC Quality providers completing the full 26 hours by August 2016 are eligible for a **\$100** professional development bonus while funds last! For more information, visit www.scchildcare.org.



Teacher Training

Product Recalls Related to Child Care



DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772 or visit their website: www.cpsc.gov. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

- ◇ **Imagine Nation Books Pink giraffe purse** due to violation of lead paint standards
- ◇ **Land of Nod Mobiles** due to entanglement and strangulation hazard caused by yarn unraveling
- ◇ **Sleeping Partners Moses basket** due to fall hazard for infants
- ◇ **Rainbow Play System Plastic trapeze rings** due to fall hazard caused by rings breaking
- ◇ **Bosch Security Systems Wireless smoke alarms** due to failure to properly alert
- ◇ **Wishbone Design Recycled edition bikes** due to hazard caused by handlebar pinching fingers
- ◇ **Juratoys Fishing games** due to choking hazard caused by magnets in the plastic worm
- ◇ **Chewbeads Pacifier clips** due to choking hazard caused by detachable "D" ring

Be a Part of S.C.'s State Plan

DSS serves as the lead agency responsible for the administration of the Child Care and Development Fund. The Child Care and Development Block Grant of 2014 requires that each state design a plan to be implemented during a three year period (2016-2018) describing how the program will be administered. The plan will be posted at www.scchildcare.org and www.abcquality.org on 1/19/16. Submit questions regarding the plan to Leigh.Bolick@dss.sc.gov.

Partner Spotlight on Child & Adult Care Food Program

The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps providers serve nutritious food to all children in their programs by providing reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks to qualifying child care providers. CACFP staff regularly offer trainings to providers on how to enroll in the program and how to make delicious, healthy eating an important part of the services they provide to children. Programs in CACFP receive financial aid for all healthy meals or snacks served and can provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks at no charge to eligible families.

For more information visit scchildcare.org or call 803-898-0959.

WHOOPIING COUGH—RECOGNIZE IT AND STOP ITS SPREAD*

Pertussis, commonly referred to as whooping cough, is a very contagious respiratory disease. Pertussis causes an uncontrollable violent cough making it difficult to breathe and, after several spurts of coughs, forces one to take deep breaths, resulting in a "whooping" sound. Although pertussis can affect people of all ages, it can cause serious complications for babies and young children, such as: pneumonia, violent uncontrollable shaking, slowed or stopped breathing, brain disease, or even death.

How is Pertussis spread?

- ✎ When an infected person coughs or sneezes near your breathing space
- ✎ Many infants are infected by their older siblings, parents or caregivers
- ✎ Infected people are most contagious up to two weeks after the cough begins

Symptoms

- ✎ Fever
- ✎ Runny nose
- ✎ Apnea (pauses in breathing) in babies
- ✎ Mild, occasional cough (early stage)



**Not Vaccinated?
No Kisses!**

- ✎ Fits of cough followed by high-pitched whoop (late stage)
- ✎ Vomiting during or after coughing fits
- ✎ Exhaustion after coughing fits

Prevention Practices

- ✎ Get vaccinated (DTaP vaccine)
- ✎ Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue and dispose of it immediately
- ✎ If you don't have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands
- ✎ Frequently wash hands with soap & water for 20 seconds
- ✎ If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- ✎ Keep babies away from infected people

It is extremely important that people around new babies have a current pertussis vaccine. Though the pertussis vaccine is the most effective prevention tool we have, it is not 100% effective and there is still a chance that a fully vaccinated person may catch the disease.