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## Call for Applications: Healthy Active Living Learning Collaborative

Support national obesity prevention efforts. The National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness is now accepting applications to participate in a Healthy Active Living Learning Collaborative.

Programs that can apply include Head Start, Early Head Start, child care centers, family child care homes, and preschool programs. Applicants should have previous experience implementing policies and practices related to healthy, active living or be ready to begin work in these areas.



Selected programs will engage in two in-person training sessions in Illinois as well as quarterly virtual trainings. Participants will build their knowledge and skills around staff wellness, nutrition education, physical activity, and family engagement.

A final in-person session will document successes, best practices, barriers, and implementation strategies. Selected centers will also receive \$3,000 to help with program changes related to healthy, active living.

Apply for this opportunity to show off your hard work and learn from peers across the country.

Applications are due **November 9, 2016 at 4pm**. Contact Florence Rivera, MPH ([frivera@aap.org](mailto:frivera@aap.org) or 847-434-4790) with questions.

[Review the full Call for Application Guidelines](#)

[Complete the Online Application](#)

[Download and complete the Budget Template](#)

**What's New!**  
[The ABC Quality Blog is now live!](#)

This blog will cover topics from the most recent research, parenting skill and child care myth busting. Check the blog weekly for new information from South Carolina's authority on high quality early learning and child care.

## 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](http://www.cpsc.gov). To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

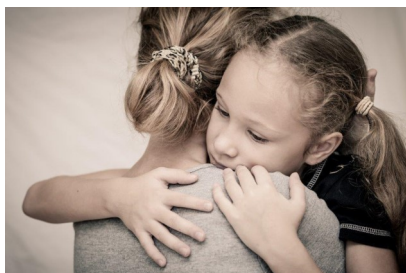
- ◇ **Pacific Cycle Swivel Wheel Jogging Strollers** because of fall hazard caused by detachable wheel.
- ◇ **McDonald's "Step-iT" Activity Wristbands** because of risk of skin irritation or burns
- ◇ **Dorel Juvenile Safety 1st Strollers** because of fall hazard
- ◇ **Mars Retail Group M&M'S-Branded Jewelry** because of violation of lead standard
- ◇ **Dazzling Toys Chicken Toys** because of choking hazard
- ◇ **FULLBEAUTY Brands Children's Nightgowns** because of violation of federal flammability standard
- ◇ **Alex Toys Infant Building Play Sets** because of choking hazard caused by small detachable parts
- ◇ **Toys 'R' Us Pacifier Clips** because of choking hazard
- ◇ **Summer Infant Bath Tubs** because of risk of impact injury and drowning caused by detachable fabric slings
- ◇ **Lenny Lamb Infant Carriers** because of fall hazard

## Help Children Cope with Disasters

Although natural disasters can't be controlled, it's important to let children express their fears.

Be open and honest with children when having these discussions, but only provide the information they need to know. The key is to be truthful and help children feel safe. There's no need to go into more details than the child is interested in. Below are tips to help children through these difficult times.

- △ **Be a role model and remain calm.** This will help teach your child how to handle stressful situations.
- △ **Limit media exposure.** Keep your child from graphic images and descriptions that the media releases on television, on the internet, on radio, and in the newspaper.
- △ **Monitor adult conversations.** Children listen to adult conversations and may misinterpret what they hear and be frightened unnecessarily.
- △ **Be patient as your children return to school.** They may need more assistance than usual with assignments.



- △ **Encourage children to help.** Allowing your child to assist those in need will give your child a sense of control over the situation.
- △ **Comfort your child by letting them know they are safe.** You may need to do this often, until things return to normal.
- △ **Maintain a regular daily life.** With so much disruption going on it is important to provide stability. Children feel more secure with structure and routine.
- △ **Spend extra time with your children.** Playing games outside, going for walks, or reading together indoors are a few activities that will help them to feel safe and loved.

For more tips please visit: [FEMA](#) and [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)