

Dear Family Child Care Home Provider:

We have some important news to share with you. Legislation was passed June 9, 2016, to increase the number of training hours required for family child care home providers, from two hours to **TEN (10) hours**. Additionally, this legislation states if the training is not completed, it could affect the status of your registration or license. Therefore, it is very important that you complete these hours each year before your registration or license expires. Please find this new legislation, Bill H4262, which describes this change, attached to this letter.

This new legislation takes effect on July 1, 2017. The 10 hours will need to be completed before your next renewal after July 1, 2017. Also, anyone that works for you as a **caregiver** or an **emergency person** is also required to complete the 10 hours of training.

We will be following up with you during our annual inspection visits, renewal meetings and telephoning you to talk about this. It is very important that all required training be completed timely. The **10 hours of training** should be completed yearly and before your registration expires **every year**.

There are several classes you can take. Here are some examples of classes related to health and safety:

- Infant/Child CPR and First Aid (\$20)
- The DSS 26 hour On-line training course (Free)
- Growth and Development
- Nutrition (CACFP)
- Health and Safety
- SIDS/Shaken Baby
- Early Childhood
- Guidance
- Infant/Toddler Development



The Center for Child Care Career Development has a calendar of available trainings on their website: www.sc-cccd.net.

The South Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral has a calendar of available training as well. You can contact them at (803) 777-8481 or visit their website: www.sc-ccrr.org. You can also contact them to join a Family Child Care Network, developed just for Family Child Care Home providers.

If you have any questions about your training requirements, please feel free to call or email us and we are happy to assist you. You can contact Charlene Caldwell, 803-898-5082, Charlene.caldwell@dss.sc.gov.

Thank you for your valuable service to the children and families of South Carolina. Have a great day!

***NEW LEGISLATION IMPORTANT FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE HOME,
PASSED JUNE 9, 2016***

Family childcare home operators, educational requirements

SECTION 2. Section 63-13-825(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 292 of 2010, is amended to read:

"(A) An operator of a family childcare home and any person employed by or who contracts with an operator of a family childcare home to provide direct childcare, annually shall complete and provide documentation to the Department of Social Services of a minimum of ten hours of training approved by the department."

Family childcare home applications

SECTION 3. Section 63-13-830(E) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"(E)(1) The department may deny an application for a statement of registration, deny an application for a renewal of registration, work with a family childcare home operator to resolve a concern, or withdraw a statement of registration if one or more of the following apply:

- (a) the health or safety of any child in the facility is at risk;
- (b) the family childcare home operator, in the operation of a family childcare home facility, previously enrolled or currently has enrolled children beyond the limits defined in this chapter;
- (c) the operator fails to comply with the registration procedures provided in this chapter; or
- (d) the operator fails to comply with the training requirements provided in Section 63-13-825(A).

(2) If a family childcare home has had its application for a statement or renewal of registration denied by the department or its statement of registration withdrawn by the department pursuant to this subsection, the family childcare home may elect to meet the requirements for licensure by demonstrating compliance with Article 3 of this chapter and the suggested standards developed by the department pursuant to Section 63-13-180.

(3) The department shall consider previous applications, the circumstances of prior inspections, or withdrawals of registration, by the department or the applicant, as factors to be considered in the application process; however, a prior concern does not prohibit the department from granting the family childcare home a statement or renewal of registration if the department is satisfied the concern has been resolved.

(4) If the operator fails to comply with the training requirements provided in Section 63-13-825(A) prior to the expiration of the registration or fails to timely renew the registration, the department shall place the operator on a corrective action plan."

Section 63-13-825(A) of Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 63 takes effect July 1, 2017.