

## What's New

### Kendra's Law

#### *What is Kendra's Law?*

A new law was signed and ratified recently requiring Family Child Care providers to get two hours of DSS approved training each year. The name of this new law is Kendra's Law, and it requires that all operators and staff members (including Emergency Persons) get the annual training. Kendra's Law also states that DSS will post a notice on our website stating whether or not Family Child Care providers are in compliance with the two hour training requirement. The DSS Child Care Services website address is [www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare).

#### *What is DSS Approved Training?*

DSS approved training is any training that is registered or certified by the Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) or pediatric CPR/First Aid. Providers will sign an official DSS sign-in sheet called an attendance roster at child care trainings that are registered or certified by CCCCCD. Pediatric CPR/First Aid training is **not** tracked, certified, or registered by CCCCCD. Providers who use this type of training to meet their requirement must send a copy of their CPR/First Aid card to the Licensing Central Office with their renewal paperwork. Pediatric CPR/First Aid training must be conducted by a recognized health care professional, and it must include hands-on skills training in order to count as DSS approved training.

#### *What Types of Training Count?*

Training should be in the areas of Health and Safety, Child Development, Infant/Toddler Care, CPR/First Aid, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Shaken Baby Syndrome, and other issues that impact Family Child Care providers. Other trainings that will count toward the new requirement include Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect trainings (PCAN trainings), and Domestic Violence training offered by the USC Center for Child and Family Studies.

#### *How Can Providers Find Out About Training?*

Child Care Licensing has developed training to help Family Child Care providers meet their two hour requirement. This training is modeled after the Directors Training that Licensing offers to Group Child Care providers and Center directors, but it is tailored for Family providers. These training sessions will be conducted at 24 locations across the state. More information will be mailed to Family providers about this training when the sites, dates, and times have been finalized. DSS is also developing on-line training that will be available soon.

The CCCCCD website ([www.sc-cccd.net](http://www.sc-cccd.net)) has a training calendar that lists all certified trainings across the state. CCCCCD plans to add registered trainings to the calendar as well, and they will indicate which trainings are geared toward Family providers. Anyone who wants to present training must register with CCCCCD before conducting a training session. If you or someone you know is interested in registering with CCCCCD, please contact them at 1-866-845-1555 or 864-250-8581.

The DSS Child Care website now has a Kendra's Law section. It is located in the "Laws, Regulations, and Policies" area of the website at [www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare). Here you will find a copy of Kendra's Law, an information flyer about the law, and training opportunities that meet the requirements of Kendra's Law. If you have questions about this new law, please call Child Care Licensing at 1-800-556-7445 or 803-898-9020.

#### *"There's No Place Like Home"*

CCCCD offers a series of trainings called "There's No Place Like Home." This series consists of 12 introductory classes tailored to the specific needs of Family and Group providers. By completing these classes, Family providers will earn the ABC Family Child Care Credential, and they can earn up to a \$100 bonus if they are enrolled in the ABC program. The Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in your area has more information.

### Crib Recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has recalled a large number of drop-side cribs over the past few months. Below is a list of some of the manufacturers of these cribs. Please check the CPSC website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) for more information.

[Child Craft](#), (this firm is out of business). For additional information, contact Foundations Worldwide toll-free at (866) 614-0557 anytime.

[Delta Enterprise Corp.](#), of New York, N.Y. For additional information, contact Delta Enterprise toll-free at (877) 342-3418 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their website at [www.cribrecallcenter.com](http://www.cribrecallcenter.com).

[Evenflo](#), of Miamisburg, Ohio. For additional information, contact Evenflo at (800) 356-2229 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their website: <http://safety.evenflo.com>.

[Jardine Enterprises](#), of Taipei, Taiwan. For additional information, contact Jardine at (800) 295-1980 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at [www.jdservice.biz](http://www.jdservice.biz).

[LaJobi](#), of Cranbury, N.J. For additional information, contact LaJobi at (888) 738-5676 anytime or visit the firm's website at [www.lajobi.com](http://www.lajobi.com).

[Million Dollar Baby](#), of Montebello, Calif. For additional information, contact Million Dollar Baby toll-free at (888) 673-6488 anytime, or at [www.themdbfamily.com/safety](http://www.themdbfamily.com/safety).

[Simmons Juvenile Products Inc. \(SJP\)](#), of New London, Wis. Please visit their website, [www.cribrecallcenter.com](http://www.cribrecallcenter.com), for pictures and instructions to help you easily identify and order the correct repair kit, or call (877) 342-3439 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

[Ethan Allen](#) of Danbury, Connecticut Sold between January, 2002 and December, 2008. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled drop-side cribs and contact any Ethan Allen store to receive a free repair kit that will  
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immobilize the drop-side rail. For additional information, contact Ethan Allen toll-free at (888) 339-9398 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, contact the local Ethan Allen store in your area or visit the firm's website at [www.ethanallen.com](http://www.ethanallen.com).

**Angel Line** of Pennsville, N.J. Sold from December 2004 through January 2009 on the internet at Ababy.com, Babyage.com, and other web dealers. For additional information, contact Angel Line at (800) 889-8158 anytime,

visit the firm's website at [www.angelline.com](http://www.angelline.com) or email the firm at [parts@angelline.com](mailto:parts@angelline.com).

**Victory Land Group, Inc.** of Bartlett, Ill. Sold at K-Mart from February 2007 through October 2008. For additional information, contact Victory Land Group at (866) 499-2099, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their website at [www.victorylandgroup.com](http://www.victorylandgroup.com)

## Regulatory Fees

Thank you to those providers who have paid their 2010 Child Care Regulatory Fee. Only a few providers still owe a fee. If you are one of these providers, it will be necessary for you to send the fee payment to:

Child Care Licensing  
2638 Two Notch Rd., Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29204

Approximately 750 providers have a fee due in 2011. Child Care Licensing will mail reminder notices to these providers in December.

## Flu Season

A small number of flu cases have already shown up in South Carolina. Typically, we see most of our flu in January and February. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has asked Child Care Licensing to distribute information about the flu and flu vaccinations to child care providers. That information is reprinted on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

## Staff Spotlight: Bronnda Harris



Our Staff Spotlight for this edition of the newsletter is on Bronnda Harris. Bronnda is a Licensing Specialist in Region II and serves York, Union, Chester, and Lancaster Counties.

Bronnda has been with Licensing for two years. Her prior experience includes two years as a director of a private child care center and 23 years as a middle school teacher where she spent most of her time teaching seventh grade.

Bronnda holds a Masters in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelors in Special Education and Elementary Education from Winthrop University. She states that the most rewarding part of her job is that she continues to make a difference in the lives of children.

Bronnda's knowledge of the regulations from her director's experience and her desire to continue being involved with children led her to Licensing. Bronnda has been married for 33 years and has a daughter and son-in-law. She enjoys working in her yard, travelling, and spending time with her dogs, Luther and Lilly.

### E-Newsletter

If you are reading this newsletter on the Child Care Services website and would like to receive it by e-mail, please contact us at [richard.knight@dss.sc.gov](mailto:richard.knight@dss.sc.gov).

### DSS Emergency Communications Room

Child care providers should call:

**800-556-7445**

to report damage or closure or to request expanded capacity.

## Licensing Contact Information

### Region 1

Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties

**864-370-2318, 800-637-8550 (toll-free)**

**864-241-1099 (fax)**

### Region 2

Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, McCormick, Richland, Saluda, Union, and York Counties

**803-898-9001, 888-202-1469 (toll-free)**

**803-898-9002 (fax)**

### Region 3

Allendale, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg Counties

**843-953-9780, 800-260-0211 (toll-free)**

**843-953-9787 (fax)**

### Region 4

Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties

**843-661-6623, 800-464-9138 (toll-free)**

**843-661-7504 (fax)**

### Central Office:

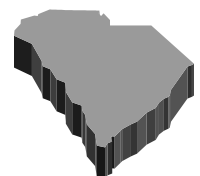
2638 Two Notch Road, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29204

**803-898-9020, 800-556-7445 (toll-free)**

**803-898-9029 (fax)**

Visit our website at:

[www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare)



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October 27, 2010

Dear Child Care Provider:

We are grateful for your efforts and those of other child care providers last year to control the spread of the H1N1 flu in our day care centers. Higher influenza vaccine coverage in young children and increased awareness and implementation of other prevention methods (e.g. hand washing) contributed to the low numbers of severe flu cases that could have been seen in last year's pandemic.

We are asking for your diligence this flu season to monitor for the flu and implement interventions to prevent disease transmission. Our mutual goal is to minimize flu related illness which may cause a disruption for your center and the parents of the children you serve.

Your support is vital. Here are some ways you can help achieve our goal:

**Get the flu vaccination message out to the parents and staff.** The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. To learn more about the vaccines that will be available to assist students in getting immunized, visit the DHEC web site at <http://www.scdhec.gov/flu/index.htm>

**Hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette are fundamental components of disease prevention, including a flu prevention campaign.**

**If children or staff members are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that they stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.**

**Attached, you will find an electronic information packet that contains basic flu messages and the importance of the vaccine. Please distribute to the parents of the children you serve through emails, text messages, letters and other communication avenues as available.**

Sincerely,

Lisa F. Waddell, MD, MPH  
Deputy Commissioner  
Health Services

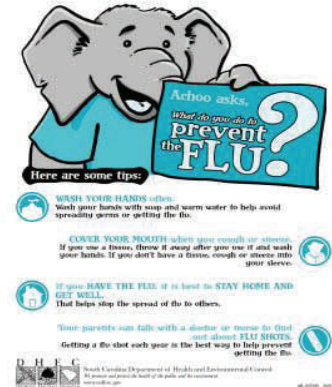
Please include the following messages in your communication to parents to include: newsletters, websites, emails, etc.

Parents, protect your children. Getting the flu vaccine for you and your child is the first and most important step to prevent illness this flu season. For more information on vaccinating your children see your health care provider or go to <http://www.scdhec.gov/flu/index.htm>

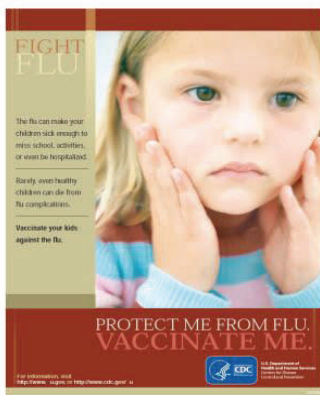
Refer to the following websites and links for free information you can download and post in your schools and community:



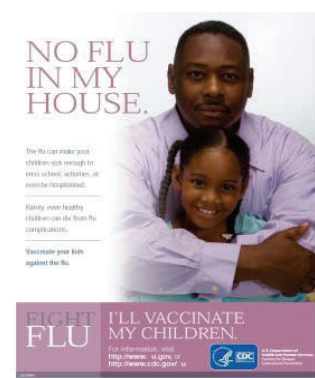
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If your kids are a size...



small



medium



large

then they need flu vaccines.

Flu protection is recommended in sizes 6 months through 18 years. The flu can be a serious disease for children of all ages, causing them to miss school, activities, or even be hospitalized. CDC and doctors recommend flu vaccinations for everyone 6 months and older.

For more information, visit <http://www.flu.gov> or <http://www.cdc.gov>

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