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New Form for Extra-Curricular Activities, Interventionists, and Therapists

Child Care Services, at the request of providers and parents, has developed a new **optional** form, DSS Form 2930, for parents who wish their children to receive services from an extra-curricular activity provider, or from a therapist or interventionist. The purpose of the form is to reinforce parental choice – parents often want their children, for example, to take dance or gymnastics classes provided on-site at a child care facility. In addition, they may want their children to receive intervention or therapy services while in care at a facility.

As long as the service provider is not left alone with the children, and the children are being supervised according to child care regulations, Form 2930 should not be considered necessary. The intent of the form is to address situations in which specialized services are being provided away from the classroom and when they are unsupervised by qualified caregivers.

Please note that some interventionists, BabyNet providers in particular, do not allow their staff to serve children alone, outside of the classroom environment. Again, in these situations, Form 2930 would not be considered necessary. Note that BabyNet providers meet a stringent set of qualifications, but are not normally cleared as qualified caregivers for purposes of employment in a child care facility.

Child Care Regulation 114-504 states: “Children shall be directly supervised at all times by qualified staff persons.” In this regulation, the term “qualified caregiver” refers to those who meet **all requirements set forth in SC Child Care Regulations**. The regulations may be found on the DSS Child Care website, www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare.

For those choosing to use the form, they should list beginning and ending dates and times to indicate exactly when the service or activity is being provided. The form must be completed and signed by parents, directors, and the service or activity provider **before** activities begin. If the service or activity continues for more than one year from the date the form is signed, it must be renewed for the following year.

New Crib Standards

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission passed new crib standards on December 28, 2010. All cribs sold after June 28, 2011 must meet these standards which address more than the drop side issue.

Immobilizing or retro-fitting your current crib will not make it compliant. An informational flyer about the new crib standards is available on the Child Care Services website at www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare.

All child care facilities including group and family child care homes, must have new, compliant cribs before December 28, 2012.

Cribs that do not meet the new standards may not be re-sold,

donated, or given away. Older, noncompliant cribs should be disassembled and disposed of in a manner that they cannot be reassembled and used.

Central Office Has Moved

The Child Care Licensing Central Office moved from Suite 200 to Suite 217. Beginning September 1, 2011, our new address is:

**Child Care Licensing
2638 Two Notch Road
Suite 217
Columbia, SC 29204**

Central Registry Forms (Form 2924) for all facilities and forms and correspondence for Registered Family Child Care Homes should be returned to this address. We have changed our forms and letters to show our new address, but we also want to make sure you are aware that this information should be mailed to Suite 217.

Fire and Life Safety Webpage Re-Designed

The Fire and Life Safety section of the DSS Child Care website has been re-designed. The information on the website has not changed, but it's organized in a more useful way.

Materials are categorized by facility type making them easier to locate. For example, all the Fire and Life Safety forms and resources for Child Care Centers are grouped together in one area of the website.



CCCCD New Website

The Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) has a newly redesigned web-site that is available for trainers and child care providers in South Carolina. The web address is still www.sc-cccd.net. The new website has CCCCCD's four components as entry points:

- SC Early Care and Education Credentialing System
- SC Child Care Training System
- SC Early Care and Education Technical Assistance System
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood South Carolina

Once you click on the SC Child Care Training System, you can access information for child care providers, trainers, or conference coordinators.

If you are a certified trainer and are on the website list, please check the list to make sure your email address is current. If you are a certified trainer and not on the certified trainer list, but would like to be included, please send the following information:

- Your name
- Location (city, state)
- Email address
- Areas of Certification

No other information will be included on the website list. Please email Sharon Buchanan as soon as possible with the requested information at Sharon.Buchanan@dss.sc.gov

We hope you will take a few minutes to look at the redesigned website and find the new organization of the information useful to you. If you have any problems or questions, feel free to contact a training coordinator toll free at 1-866-845-1555.

The new redesigned CCCCCD website also contains an im-

portant document for trainers - "Trainer and Training Policies". This document can be used as a guideline for trainers when registering or certifying trainings as well as answering any questions about training procedures. This guideline will help you perform your best when submitting information to CCCCCD.

If you have any questions about CCCCCD policies and procedures, please feel free to call or email any of the training coordinators.

This article was re-printed with permission from "Trainer Notes," the CCCCCD newsletter.

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season runs from June 1 - November 30. If a hurricane or tropical storm is forecast to come near South Carolina, Child Care Licensing may contact facilities in the path of the storm to ask about plans for closure, damage, etc. Licensing has also set-up a toll-free number for providers to call and report the same information at 1-800-556-7445. Please take this opportunity to look over your emergency preparedness plans and make sure they are up to date.

Staff to Child Ratios Stay the Same

The S. C. Legislature passed a proviso maintaining staff to child ratios at the same levels used since 2008. The ratios listed below will be enforced until June 24, 2012.

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| Birth to 1 year | 1:5 |
| 1 to 2 years | 1:6 |
| 2 to 3 years | 1:8 |
| 3 to 4 years | 1:12 |
| 4 to 5 years | 1:17 |
| 5 to 6 years | 1:20 |
| 6 to 12 years | 1:23 |

Caring for Our Children: Standard of the Month

Caring for Our Children is a publication of national health and safety standards and guidelines for early care and education programs. The new third edition of *Caring for Our Children* covers health promotion, nutrition and food service, infectious diseases, program activities for health development, and more. It also includes a new section on preventing childhood obesity.

Issued jointly by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, and National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education, *Caring for Our Children* can be an overwhelming publication for child care providers. Where do they start and how can they implement the standards? To help child care providers and child care health consultants successfully implement the Caring for Our Children standards, Healthy Child Care America focuses on one standard each month. With a team of experienced pediatricians, child care health consultants, child care directors, and family child care providers, we collect stories, ideas, and strategies that support "The Standard of the Month".

Standard: Meal and Snack Patterns

Young children, under the age of six need to be offered food every two to three hours. Appetite and interest in food varies from one meal or snack to the next. To ensure that the child's daily nutritional needs are met, small feedings of nourishing food should be scheduled over the course of a day. Snacks should be nutritious, as they often are a significant part of a child's daily intake. Children in care for more

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than eight hours need additional food because this period represents a majority of a young child's waking hours.

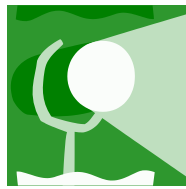
Strategy

This is how one director addressed nutrition. "Every other year we do a full evaluation of our meal and snack menus. We invite input from all the parents, and the dieticians at the hospital are involved as well. We consider not only nutrition but scheduling and cost as well. This year we switched to organic milk and brown rice, achieving better nutrition with no cost increase."

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Staff Member Reviews National Publication

Bob Howard, a member of the Child Care Licensing Central Office Staff, served as a reviewer for the Third Edition of [Caring for Our Children](#).



Staff Spotlight: Whitney Smith


Whitney Smith is a Child Care Licensing Specialist in Region IV which is based out of Florence. She serves providers in Sumter, Clarendon, and Florence Counties in Region IV. She also serves providers in Richland County (Region II) and Orangeburg and Berkeley Counties (Region III.)

Whitney began working for Child Care Licensing in August, 2006. After graduating from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, she worked in the infant room of a child care facility before she came to Child Care Licensing. Away from work, Whitney likes to travel and do mission work. She says that she likes to combine these two interests whenever possible. The following is Whitney's personal account of a mission trip she went on in June.

Recently, I was able to travel to Alabama with a friend to help with the tornado relief efforts. She asked me if I would be interested in helping in some way and I jumped right on board! I could not help but to think back on Hurricane Hugo and the devastation we faced right here in SC. My heart broke for those suffering in Alabama so I knew it was what we needed to do!

We set up various drop points in Sumter, Columbia, and Florence. The donations poured in from all over! Local churches, friends, and many wonderful co-workers came together to help us meet our goal! We were able to collect enough supplies to fill our 14 foot U-Haul! Two girls, a truck, and a goal! On our journey, we met some amazing people. It was shocking to see the devastation, but very refreshing to see so many people coming together to help.

Child Product Recalls

 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. To view recalled products, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772 or visit their website: www.cpsc.gov. Go to <http://SaferProducts.gov> to report a dangerous product or related injury.

- IKEA Recalls Children's Folding Tent Due to Laceration and Puncture Hazards
- Yu Wei Recalls Drop-Side Cribs Sold Exclusively at J.C.

Penney Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards

- Shermag Recalls to Repair Drop-Side Cribs Due to Entrapment, Suffocation and Fall Hazards
- American Woodcrafters Recalls to Repair Bunk Beds Due To Fall Hazard
- Pacific Cycle Recalls Swing Sets Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Toys R Us
- Table-Top Clip-on Chair Recalled by phil&teds USA Due to Fall and Amputation Hazards
- Strollers Recalled by phil&teds USA Due to Risk of Injury from Brake Failure
- Prime-Line Products Recalls Child Bathtub Non-Slip Pads Due To Fall Hazard

- Child Safety Latches and Outlet Covers Recalled by Prime-Line; Screw Breaks Can Allow Unintended Access
- Target Recalls Children's Task Lamps Due to Laceration and Fire Hazards
- Children's Sleepwear Recalled by Sage Creek Organics Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard
- Swing Sets Recalled by Adventure Playsets due to Fall Hazard
- Rugby Children's Pain & Fever Concentrated Drops Recalled Due To Failure to Meet Child-Resistant Closure Requirement
- GAMMA Sports Recalls Children's Tennis Racquets Due to Risk of Lead Exposure

Salmonella Prevention: Ducks and Chicks

The following information is reprinted from a flyer developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The flyer can be downloaded from the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/healthypets/resources/salmonella-baby-poultry.pdf.

A Spanish version of the flyer is also available on the internet at www.cdc.gov/healthypets/resources/salmonella-baby-poultry-spanish.pdf.

After you touch ducklings or chicks, wash your hands so you don't get sick!

- *Contact with live poultry (chicks, chickens, ducklings, ducks, geese, and turkeys) can be a source of human Salmonella infections.*
- *Salmonella germs can cause a diarrheal illness in people that can be mild, severe, or even life threatening.*
- *Chicks, ducklings, and other live poultry can carry Salmonella germs and still appear healthy and clean.*
- *Salmonella germs are shed in their droppings and can easily contaminate their bodies and anything in areas where birds live and roam.*

DO:

- *Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water right after touching live poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.*
- *Adults should supervise hand washing for young children.*

- *If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer until you are able to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.*
- *Clean equipment or materials associated with raising or caring for live poultry outside the house, such as cages or feed or water containers.*

DON'T:

- *Don't let children younger than 5 years of age, elderly persons, or people with weak immune systems handle or touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry.*
- *Don't let live poultry inside the house, in bathrooms, or especially in areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored, such as kitchens, or outdoor patios.*
- *Don't snuggle or kiss birds, touch your mouth, or eat or drink around live poultry.*

E-Newsletter

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

DSS Emergency Communications Room

During an emergency or disaster, 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, & Spartanburg Counties

864-250-5576

800-637-8550 (toll-free)

864-250-8044 (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)

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2638 Two Notch Road. Suite 217
Columbia, SC 29204

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