



Kids' Call of the Game 2016

Charleston Riverdogs Baseball



Sundays are Kids' Call Nights at the Charleston Riverdogs Joe Riley baseball stadium in Downtown Charleston. Your child has a chance to read a historic baseball play over the announcement system and on the radio and win tickets to another game. First pitch is at 5pm, so arrive before 4:30 and check in at the Riverdogs Office for the Kids' Call of the Game for your chance at being a sportscaster for the night! It's first come, first serve so get there early!

University of South Carolina & Clemson University Football

Registration is open for Kids' Call of the Game for the 2016 football season. Tell your parents to visit scchildcare.org to sign their children up for a chance to record a historic Clemson or Carolina football game call to be played on the radio, have their photo on the video board during a game, and get a behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium as well as four tickets to a home game. Your child care center will be entered in a drawing to win a learning center improvement grant valued at \$1,000.



For questions, email Morgan.Jones@dss.sc.gov.

HELPING CHILDREN GRIEVE

We hope children don't experience the death of a loved one; unfortunately, some children suffer the loss of a classmate, friend or family member. Many adults underestimate the abilities of young children to understand what death is. How much children understand depends on their age, life experiences and personality. Like adults, children can take months to process grief. Help children you know grieve with these tips.

1. **Explain death simply and concretely.** It may help to relate death to the body, such as "When Suzy is dead her body stops working. She doesn't sleep, get cold or hungry or scared."
2. **Avoid euphemisms.** Children think very literally, so telling them that a loved one "went to sleep" or is "lost" may confuse them or make them fearful to sleep.
3. **Answer repetitive questions** calmly and with patience. We know children learn by repetition. As they would ask a bedtime story be re-read, they may repeatedly ask questions about death. Don't lose patience with them or discourage them.
4. **Reassure scared children.** After a death, children may fear the death of others close to them. A child may be possessive over remaining loved ones. Others may withdraw from loved ones, fearing their 'disappearance.'
5. **Allow children to play.** As children learn through play, they often grieve through play as well. A child may be drawn to a new toy after experiencing a loss. Allow the child the time she needs to grieve in her own way through play. Check out these homemade [playdough](#) recipes.
6. **Don't hide your pain.** Letting a child see your reaction to a death shows that crying is a natural reaction to emotional pain and loss and can make them more comfortable sharing their feelings.
7. **Respond to the child's lead.** Sometimes we want to explain things or provide information based on our own needs or assumptions about what we think a child wants or needs to know. That can result in confusion or distress for a small child.

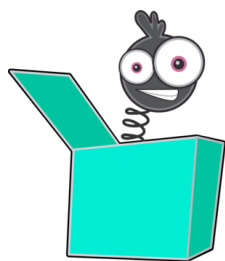
Caregivers can't always shield kids from sadness and losses, but helping them learn to cope builds emotional resources they can rely on throughout life.

Spotlight on SC Voucher

The SC Voucher Program (formerly ABC Voucher) makes payments to child care providers to care for children from low-income families so their parents can work or attend school or training. Approximately 2,000 child care providers are currently enrolled in SC Voucher. SC Voucher pays providers quickly, often 3-4 days after the provider submits forms online. Some parents are required to share in the cost of child care with co-payments. SC Voucher providers can access grants and other supports available through ABC Quality.

For more information on SC Voucher,

visit scchildcare.org
or call 800-262-4416



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>.

Product Recalls Related to Child Care

- ◇ **Rainbow Play Plastic yellow trapeze rings** due to risk of fall caused by breakage
- ◇ **Fisher-Price Infant cradle swing** due to fall hazard caused by seat peg not being fully engaged
- ◇ **IKEA Children's bat cape** due to strangulation hazard
- ◇ **Flying Tiger Copenhagen Wooden toys** due to choking hazard caused by small parts
- ◇ **Miniland Educational Moogy plush toys** due to choking hazard caused by red button
- ◇ **Munchkin Latch lightweight pacifier** due to clip cover detaching
- ◇ **Pacific Cycle Infant bike helmets** due to choking hazard caused by magnets on the chinstrap
- ◇ **Bednest Bedside infant sleepers** due to fall hazard and failure to meet federal standards