



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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2017 SC Farm to Institution Summit



South Carolina Farm to Institution, in partnership with the National Diabetes Prevention Program, is excited to announce that together they will be hosting the inaugural SC Farm to Institution Summit. This year's theme is *Growing Stronger Together*.

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Location: Richland Two Institute Of Innovation (R2i2) , Conference Center

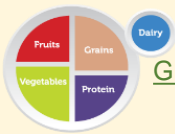
Address: 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29229

For more information, please visit scfarmtoinstitution.com.

Have you checked out the ABC Quality Blogs?



The ABC Quality blogs are the new hot spot for everyday early childhood information in categories like myth-busting, parenting tips, and best practices research. The blogs help parents and providers sort between fact and fiction while providing helpful tips on a variety of subjects. Topics addressed include quality child care, nutrition, school readiness, outdoor play, and a host of other relevant topics.



Meal Pattern Revisions:

Graham Crackers and Animal Crackers

USDA recently announced graham crackers and animal crackers will **not** be considered grain-based desserts and will continue to be creditable for CACFP as of October 1, 2017. However, since sweet crackers have a higher added sugar content, child care facilities should limit the service of graham crackers and animal crackers.

For more information about changes to the meal pattern, visit scchildcare.org.

REMINDER: SC Health and Safety Pre-Service Course



As of October 1, 2016, all newly hired ABC Quality employees are required to complete the SC Health & Safety Pre-Service Certificate and certification of Pediatric First Aid & Infant/Child CPR within 90 days of hire. Providers failing to comply with this requirement may be placed on a corrective action plan. For more information and to register, please visit SC Child Care.

Save the Date: Upcoming Conferences

SCAEYC - October 13-14, 2017

Midlands Technical College-Airport Campus, Columbia, SC

SCECA - January 25-27, 2018

Sheraton Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

SCAECE - February 3, 2018

Medallion Center, Columbia, SC

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. 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>.

☛ **South Shore Chest of Drawers** due to tip-over and entrapment hazards.

☛ **Homestar North America Three-Drawer TV Chests** due to tip-over and entrapment hazards.

☛ **Burt's Bees Baby Infant Coveralls** due to choking hazard caused by detachable snap.

☛ **TOMY Munching Max Chipmunk Toys** due to laceration hazard.

☛ **Manhattan Toy Activity Toys** due to choking hazard caused by defective colored plastic tubes.



Look Before You Lock!

Heatstroke is the number two killer of children behind car crashes. On average, vehicular heatstroke claims the lives of 37 children every year. More than half of those deaths are children under age 2. Each of these deaths is tragic, and all of them are preventable. The

inside of a vehicle heats up extremely quickly. Even with cracked windows, the temperature inside a parked car rises an average of 40 degrees within an hour, regardless of the temperature outside. Eighty percent of the temperature increase occurs in the first ten minutes. Cracking the windows doesn't slow the heating or reduce the maximum temperature. Children have died from vehicular heatstroke with temperatures as low as 60 degrees outside. This is largely because a child's body overheats three to five times faster than an adult's body. To prevent vehicular heatstroke, please be mindful of the following causes and tips for prevention to keep children safe and alive. kidsandcars.org, Office of Child Care, noheatstroke.org

Things that can cause caregivers to forget children in a car

- ☛ Changes in daily routine
- ☛ Fatigue, lack of sleep, hormone changes
- ☛ Phone calls, stress, or other simple distractions
- ☛ Rear-facing car seats look the same whether baby is in it or not

Prevention

- ☛ Make it part of your daily routine to account for all children in your care.
- ☛ NEVER leave a child unattended in the vehicle, even if the windows are cracked or the engine is running with air conditioning on.
- ☛ Get in the habit of looking in the entire vehicle before locking the door and walking away. Check both the front and back.
- ☛ Create reminders, try placing an item needed at your final destination (cell phone, handbag, brief case, employee ID, etc.) in the back of the vehicle next to the child.
- ☛ Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat. When the child is placed in the car seat, place the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat. This will serve as a visual reminder that the child is in the back seat.