

Building Networks and Meaningful Connections in Family Child Care

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Welcome!

Welcome to the South Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral 2024 Family Child Care Conference, “Building Networks and Meaningful Connections in Family Child Care.” We are so excited to have you with us today!

The conference is a phenomenal free opportunity for family child care providers to gain training hours, meet other professionals in the field, and learn new strategies for improving your business and quality of care.

The conference will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After a brief presentation honoring some special providers, the Keynote will begin at 10:30. We will also hold our raffle during this time for 3 \$100 gift cards! Lunch will immediately follow from 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

During the conference today, there will be time to chat with vendors, get help at our tech table, and spend time with your region’s coach. We have color-coded the regions. Look for your color to chat with other providers in your area! We will also have designated spaces at lunch for you to ask your region’s Quality Coach questions, and network with other folks in your area.

Check out the program to view the day’s sessions, learn about our amazing keynote speaker, make a plan for vendors you want to speak with, and learn about the awesome way we’re collecting credit.

We hope you have a great day!

Keynote Speaker



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Dori Tempio *Able SC*

member of the Georgetown University Leadership Academy. Dori passionately works to promote disability rights by engaging the individual, professional, and community to promote dialogue for an interactive experience.

With over 30 years of education and training experience within the public and private sectors, Dori has focused primarily on interpersonal communication skills, conflict resolution, empowerment, and pride in oneself, including disability. The employment rights of individuals with disabilities are instrumental in including everyone in the workforce; Dori works with agencies that provide employment services to empower people with disabilities to sustain competitive employment. As a ten-year facilitator of the Community Leadership Academy, she is committed to helping leaders unleash their full potential within a diverse and rapidly changing societal landscape. Each year, Dori trains hundreds of individuals all over the state, including people with disabilities, community businesses, organizations, service providers, and federal as well as state agencies. She created the emergency preparedness training for county managers and responders with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Mass Care Management Training with the Department of Social Services, DPH, and the American Red Cross. Let's all be prepared! Health and wellness are two dynamic topics to Dori because people with disabilities are seven times more likely to develop chronic health conditions; Dori oversees the Inclusive Health Coalition in South Carolina along with the National Council on Physical Health, Activity, and Disability. Her efforts to improve access to quality healthcare services drive her enthusiasm for this project.

Dori also serves on the SC Disabilities Voting Coalition, SC Emergency Planning Committee for People with Functional Needs, and the Person-Centered Planning Workgroup. Dori has been instrumental in the development and implementation of several national pilot curricula for individuals with disabilities for NCIL, APRIL, SC LEND, and UCEDD programs focusing on the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities, including person-centered planning, sex education, and violence prevention against people with disabilities. Dori developed and provides training instruction for the Attorney General's Office VAWA on the intersection of violence and disability. Dori loves what she does, and always expresses herself with a "Woo Hoo," to foster community integration and collaboration!

What is the **Family Child Care Early Learning Network?**

The South Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Family Child Care Early Learning Network is a collaborative, supportive community of family child care providers. The network's mission is to build high-quality business practices, share resources to strengthen system infrastructures that include funding and policy, nurture peer leaders in the field, and provide the highest quality of care to the children of South Carolina.

The SC CCR&R FCC Early Learning Network provides access to a wealth of knowledge and expertise from SC CCR&R coaches and your FCC peers. Our goal is to foster social connections and friendships, creating a sense of belonging and community. Being part of the network offers opportunities for mentorship, emotional support, and collaboration on projects, initiatives, and research endeavors.

Through the network, providers can access training and workshops, to enhance their skills and advance their careers. By being a member of the SC CCR&R FCC Early Learning Network individuals can amplify their voices, put ideas into action, and effect positive change in their communities and field.

In-person meetings will provide FCC professionals updates on new training and regulations, the opportunity to build relationships with other providers in South Carolina, and time to plan and build their network.

We believe that the more tools you have under your belt, and the bigger your community, the better your care can be.

Visit our website at sc-ccrr.org to view the new Family Child Care page and stay up to date with all network meetings and updates!

Featured Vendors

ABC Quality

ABC Quality helps address the state's gaps in child care quality, access and affordability. We provide resources for providers within our quality rating and improvement system. Our search tool connects caregivers to high-quality programs. We work with partners to improve child care in our state. With over half of SC counties unable to meet local child care needs, ABC Quality works to ensure children experience quality early child care that helps them grow and thrive.

Able SC

Able SC is a disability-led organization seeking transformational changes in systems, communities, and individuals. Since 1994, they've remained a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability nonprofit that seeks to make South Carolina a national model of equity and inclusion for all people with disabilities.

BlueCross BlueShield

As the only South Carolina-owned and -operated health insurance carrier, BCBS has been offering security to Palmetto State citizens for more than 75 years. They are also one of South Carolina's largest employers and a major supporter of community and charitable causes. Through the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, they support research, education, and service.

Child Care Licensing

Licensing sets standards to promote the health and safety of children receiving care. All South Carolina child care programs are required to be one of the following: licensed, registered, approved, or legally exempt.

Early Learning Ventures

ELV was established in 2009 by the David and Laura Merage Foundation to help children develop strong learning foundations through universal access to high-quality early childhood education. In 2016 they transitioned to an independent public charity and remain committed to improving the quality of early child care by supporting providers. They offer child care providers nationwide much-needed back-office support through our licensing-compliant online child care management system, Alliance CORE.

Kaplan

For more than 50 years, Kaplan Early Learning Company has been a champion for play. From research-based curricula to enriching classroom environments and innovative technology solutions, Kaplan's products and services inspire a lifelong love of learning in children and educators.

Small Business Development Center

For more than forty years, entrepreneurs have turned to South Carolina Small Business Development Centers (SC SBDC) for help expanding an existing business or starting a new enterprise. Through free consulting, low-cost seminars and links to resources, the SC SBDC helps jump start startups and makes existing businesses thrive.

South Carolina Inclusion Collaborative

The South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative (SCIC) provides individualized training and technical assistance for child care providers to support the inclusion of children with disabilities/developmental delays in child care programs.

How do I Receive Credit for the Sessions I Attend?

On your name tag, you will notice you have a QR code. This code was made by SC CCR&R using the SC Endeavors ID you provided upon registration. Near the end of every session you take, the session host will go around the room scanning your QR code, and capture credit for the session. That's it!

This process is simple and requires nothing on your part as a provider. Your credit will be added to your SC Endeavors profile within the next two weeks following the conference.

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Sessions *Morning*

🌀 Introduction to Directing Your Family Child Care Home Business

8:15AM-10:15AM

Room 105

2 credits towards Program Administration

Darlene Faucette, SC CCR&R: This training program is designed for individuals who are either starting or currently running a family child care home business. It covers the fundamental aspects of directing a successful child care home, including legal requirements, business planning, operational strategies, and creating a positive environment for both children and parents. Participants will gain practical skills and knowledge to effectively manage their business, ensure compliance with regulations, and provide high-quality care.

🌀 Connecting the SC Early Learning Standards to Family Child Care Lesson Plans

8:15AM-10:15AM

Room 109

2 credits towards Curriculum Activities

Teneshia Slempa, SC CCR&R: Explore how to use webbing to connect your theme and lessons into the SCELS. We will form the connections together as we explore the early learning standards.

🌀 Communicating with Families about Developmental Concerns

8:15AM-10:15AM

Room 132

2 credits towards Curriculum Activities

Erin Martin, SC Inclusion: Participants will learn about monitoring developmental milestones of the children in their care. The participants will be able to recognize developmental red flags and learn strategies that will help them communicate about

development with families. In addition, participants will receive information about resources available for families to access developmental screening and/or evaluation.

🌀 Enhancing Emotional Literacy through Evidence Based Practices to Build Healthy Social and Emotional Development for Young Children

8:15AM-10:15AM

Room 203

2 credits towards Child Growth and Development

Stephanie McAvoy and Dallas Yoshida, Pyramid PIECES: Enhancing Emotional Literacy through Evidence Based Practices to Build Healthy Social and Emotional Development for Young Children
Session Description/Objectives During this session, we will discuss the meaning of emotional literacy and what it looks like and sounds like in early childhood classrooms who focus on emotional literacy. Effective practices that will be discussed during this session include classroom displays featuring emotional expressions, direct teaching, games and songs, books, feelings check-ins, and talking about feelings throughout the day. Examples of each practice being implemented in the classroom will be discussed as well. Key considerations when teaching emotional literacy will also be discussed. These include digging deeper into talking about positive and negative emotions and teaching children how to manage difficult emotions. We will present the information with minilectures, videos of practices being used, discussion of examples and a gallery walk of materials that can be used in the classroom.

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Disability Culture and Awareness in Family Child Care Programs

10:30AM-12:00PM

Room 105

1.5 credits towards Special Needs

We are so lucky to have Dori Tempio from Able South Carolina with us today to give our keynote. Able SC is a disability-led organization seeking transformational changes in systems, communities, and individuals. Since 1994, they've remained a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability nonprofit that seeks to make South Carolina a national model of equity and inclusion for all people with disabilities.

Today Dori's keynote will focus on the definition and history of disability and the appropriate language/terminology for people with disabilities. This training will cover disability culture & models, rethinking disability, and anti-ableism. Disability history and rights, recognizing and utilizing appropriate language, and strategies for including parents with disabilities in engagement activities.

Providers will receive resources about adaptive parenting programs and tips for in-home child care support. Dori would love to meet you and talk to you about your program and the ways it can adapt for community members with disabilities. Be sure to stop by the Able SC vendor table!

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Afternoon Sessions

🌐 Play Interactions with Infants and Toddlers: Play with Me

1:15PM-2:15PM

Room 132

1 credit towards: Curriculum Activities

Latisha Wright and Kelly Simmons, PITC: This training session is designed to equip child-care teachers with the knowledge and skills to engage infants and toddlers in meaningful play interactions effectively. Play is a critical component of early childhood development, contributing to cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. Through this training, participants will learn the importance of play, explore different types of play, and acquire practical strategies to facilitate and enhance play experiences in their classrooms.

🌐 I Provide Quality Care

1:15PM-2:15PM

Room 109

1 credit towards: Professional Development

Cathy Kovacs and Sherrie Dueno, DSS: ABC Quality is committed to an early care and education system in South Carolina that focuses on building high-quality family child care programs. Learn strategies on how to strengthen your quality for children, families, and community. Explore key areas of quality that make your program shine!

Gross Motor Development

1:15PM-2:15PM

Room 105

1 credit towards: Curriculum Activities

Taneisha Knox, SC CCR&R: In the exciting session participants will identify ways to support gross motor development inside the classroom and outdoor. You explore ways to include nature, portable play, learning areas and more in planning for gross motor activities as part of the daily schedule. The top ten activities you will develop in this session will support SC Early Learning Standards HPD 2 and 4. Join us to develop a gross motor plan for your classroom.

Using Pyramid Model Practices in Family Child Care

1:15PM-2:15PM

Room 203

1 credit towards: Child Guidance

Joanne Osterland, Pyramid Pieces: This overview of the Pyramid Model will provide participants with an understanding of how their use of Pyramid Model Practices will promote social-emotional development and prevent challenging behaviors of young children. Participants will leave with practical strategies for each level of the Pyramid that will support their work in the Family Child Care setting.

Family Child Care Record-Keeping that Increases Business Success

2:30PM-3:30PM

Room 105

1 credit towards: Program Administration

Jenn Adams, SC CCR&R: This training is designed to equip family child care providers with the essential skills and knowledge to keep accurate and organized records, which are critical to running a successful business. Participants will learn about different types of records, including financial documents, attendance logs, tax records, and contracts. The session will also cover practical strategies for maintaining these records and utilizing them to assess and improve business performance. By mastering record keeping, participants can ensure compliance with regulations, avoid financial pitfalls, and create a foundation for business growth.

🌱 Early Learning Ventures Shared Service Resources

2:30PM-3:30PM

Room 109

1 credit towards: Program Administration

Faith McCaul, ELV: Early Learning Ventures (ELV) is dedicated to expanding access to high-quality child care across the nation. We focus our efforts on building the supply of childcare excellence by making it possible to operate a successful, child care business offering distinguished services to children and families in a strengthened child care market. We do this through our Alliance CORE child care management software and several other shared service-based approaches.

🌱 Gardening with Children in Family Child Care Homes

2:30PM-3:30PM

Room 132

1 credit towards: Curriculum Activities

Kimberly Draughn, SC CCR&R: Gardening with children offers a hands-on, multisensory experience that supports their physical, cognitive, and emotional development. This training is designed for family child care providers who want to create or enhance a garden space that is both educational and enjoyable for children. Participants will explore the benefits of gardening, learn how to design and maintain a child-friendly garden, and discover how to integrate gardening into their daily curriculum. Through interactive activities, providers will gain practical skills and resources to inspire a love of nature and healthy living in young children.

🌱 Navigating Health Insurance for Caregivers and Small Businesses Owners

2:30PM-3:30PM

Room 203

1 credit towards: Program Administration

Susannah Lee, BCBS: I want to offer an overview of the health insurance options currently available. There are many avenues (large group, small group, ICHRA, and Individual) each with pros and cons. Most small business owners don't realize how many affordable options are available to them.

Thank You! We Would Love Your Feedback

Thank you so much to all of our presenters, vendors, staff, and providers who made this conference possible. We are so grateful to be part of your network!

We hope you had a positive experience and would love to hear feedback on your conference experience. We always use provider feedback to improve the conferencing process to make the next one even better! Find the survey for Friday and Saturday's session at the QR code below.

We'll see you next year!



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