Child Care Health Consultant Monthly Newsletter

March 2024





Helpful Reminders for the Month

Clean Classrooms for Carolinas Kids:

The NCDHHS, Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) is providing a presentation regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Reimbursement Program for NC Licensed Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes. Under the ARPA Reimbursement Program licensed facilities can be reimbursed up to 100% for eligible expenses related to asbestos or lead-based paint abatement or remediation activities. Funding for reimbursement will be available until December 31, 2026, or until it is depleted, whichever comes first. RTI website and register

https://www.cleanwaterforuskids.org/en/carolina/

• Starr Batts from Child Care Resources, Inc. shared information on how they can help you with TA to get ready for your Star Rated Assessment. Please reach out to Starr at sbatts@childcareresourcesinc.org

Please reach out to Starr and get ready for your assessment if you are in Cohort I, because it starts July 1st this year.

• WAGE\$:

We will be increasing WAGE\$ to Tier III and taking as many people off the waiting list that they can. Within the next month or two, depending on when we can get the money into contract. Link for Tiers and Information: https://www.childcareservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Supplement-Levels-All-Tiers.pdf

News from NCLCCA:

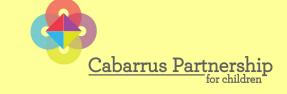
NCLCCA sent a letter first week of February to DCDEE Director Ariel Ford, urging the Division to support extending the "hold harmless" statute for star ratings until a new star-rating system, also called QRIS or Rated License, is implemented.

Mandatory QRIS (Rated-License) assessments, required every three years to maintain a star rating, have been paused since the pandemic. During the moratorium on mandatory star-rating assessments, licensed child care providers keep their last star rating (unless they are a new provider that had never been rated).

The "hold harmless" provision is set to expire on June 30, 2024, and DCDEE announced last year that they plan to resume assessments for about 1/3 of licensed providers on July 1. And even though the North Carolina Child Care Commission is currently working to modernize the decades-old QRIS for today's child care landscape and environment, DCDEE's plan would use the current system for assessments if they resume this summer.

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2024-2025 Training Calendar

ITS/SIDS: April 8th, May 6th, July 1st, October 7th

To Register for ITS/SIDS Call/Email:

Lissy at the Partnership: 704-933-8278 or lvrios@cabarruspartnership.org

CPR/FA: March 18th, June 3rd, September 9th

CPR Class MUST be paid prior to class via cash, check or PavPal

To Register Call/Email:

Debra Pless or Melissa Jones to schedule

NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED

ALL CLASSES are NOW AT MCGILL LEARNING CENTER from 6—8 p.m. 375 George W Liles Pkwy, Concord, NC 28027

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOORS
LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING NEAR
THE DUMPSTER

IF YOU ARE MORE THAN 10 MINUTES
LATE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE—
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN CLASS

Important Contacts

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 Melissa Jones, RN, CCHC
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 Cabarrus County DHS
 704-920-1400

 NC Immunization Branch
 919-707-5550

 Criminal Background Check Unit Line
 919-527-6620

