

Child Care Health Consultant

Monthly Newsletter

March 2024



Cabarrus Partnership
for children



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.



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
PayPal****

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 RE-
SCHEDULE—
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN CLASS**

Important Contacts

NC DCDEE	1-800-859-0829
Debra Pless, RN, CCHC	704-791-0058
Carolinas Poison Center	1-800-222-1222
Melissa Jones, RN, CCHC	704-787-2638
Cabarrus County DHS	704-920-1400
NC Immunization Branch	919-707-5550
Criminal Background Check Unit Line	919-527-6620

