Conference Schedule

Friday July 21, virtual Saturday July 22, in-person

"Discover Your Impact"

Midlands Tech - Airport Campus 1260 Lexington Dr., West Columbia 29170



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Sessions on Friday, July 21, 2023 (Virtual)

Time	Session Title	Session Title
9:00 am to 10:30 am	Discover the Impact! Supporting My Journey to	Quality!
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship 101	
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Best Practices for Family Child Care Homes	Promoting Engagement Using the Pyramid Model
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Increase Parent Referrals to Your Program and Improve your Business Flow!	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	5 Reasons Why to Become an Early Care and Education Trainer	Workforce Forum - Overview of Workforce Activities Within DSS/DECE
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Mandated Reporting	

Discover the Impact! Supporting My Journey to Quality! Join Cathy Kovacs, Program Manager for ABC Quality in a candid discussion of her challenges and successes in pursuing a career in Early Care and Education. Cathy never imagined she would be in a position that allowed her to impact children and families throughout our state. During this session discover how TEACH supported her journey and how seizing opportunities helped impact her career goals!

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Trainer: Cathy Kovacs -ABC Quality

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship 101: Participants will discover more about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship and how it can support the cost of early childhood education courses taken in college.

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Trainer: Whitney White-Anderson- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® / SC Endeavors

Best Practices for Family Child Care Homes: Join us to learn the top 5 mistakes family child care providers make and how to avoid them.

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Trainer: Monica Akers-Bellamy, SC CCR&R, and Melissa Outen, DSS Child Care Licensing

Promoting Engagement Using the Pyramid Model: The Pyramid Model is an evidence-based framework for promoting social and emotional development and preventing challenging behavior in young children. Participants will learn about the Pyramid Model Framework and how it promotes healthy social and emotional development in young children. We will discuss the role social-emotional development has on child engagement and learning. Participants will learn evidence-based teaching practices that increase engagement and learning while decreasing challenging behavior.

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Trainer: Sarah Shaw, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative

Increase Parent Referrals to Your Program and Improve Your Business Flow! Connecting to SC Child Care Resource and Referral Parent referral System through SC Endeavors profile is an easy way to market your program. This session will walk you through the technology of SC Endeavors. You learn about features, reports, Pathways to Quality, and how to Market services with SC CCR&R. This is an exciting way to learn about features in SC Endeavors you did not know about that can support your program quality and services. Join us to learn more about free service for you in our state.

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Trainer: Darlene Faucette, SC CCR&R

5 Reasons Why to Become an Early Care and Education Trainer: SC DSS Child Care Licensing requires annual training hours for the early care and education workforce. Center Directors, Teachers, and other early childhood professionals can help early care and education professionals meet the training hours requirement by becoming an approved trainers through the SC Endeavors Registry. This session will provide information on who can be a trainer, tips about the application process, and fun facts about the DSS training topic areas.

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Trainer: Issiah Byrd, M.Ed., SC Endeavors

Workforce Forum - Overview of Workforce Activities Within DSS/DECE: Come learn about current and future early care and education workforce initiatives. SC DSS Division of Early Care and Education & SC Endeavors will provide a brief presentation of workforce activities. There will be a short online survey and a discussion group following the presentation.

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Trainer: Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors

Melissa McDonald, SC CCR&R, and Michele Bowers, SC DSS

Mandated Reporting: This webinar is designed for mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect, and professionals who have frequent contact with children, who play a key role in protecting children by identifying possible maltreatment and reporting it to the agencies responsible for investigation and intervention. Participants will learn to identify mandated reporters according to South Carolina law; describe statutory requirements and protections; identify the role and responsibilities of mandated reporters; recognize signs of possible abuse and neglect; and describe when to make a report of child abuse and neglect.

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Trainer: Jessica Hill, Children's Law Center

In-Person Sessions on Saturday, 7/22/23:

Midlands Technical College Airport Campus - 1260 Lexington Dr, West Columbia, SC 29170

Rooms	116 (auditorium- seats 400)	143 (Mary Robertson conference Room 80 - 100)	AC 220 (25)	AC 219 (32)	AC 218 (48)	AC 216 (24)	AC 216a (24)	AC 215 (44)	AC 350 (45- 50)	AC 351 (35- 40)
Time	Across from Registration Table	Across Breezeway	Second Floor	Second Floor	Second Floor	Second Floor	Second Floor	Second Floor	Third Floor	Third Floor
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Room Closed	Stories from the Field - A Conversation with Ruth Buckmire- T.E.A.C.H. Alumni and owner of His Daycare.	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship 101	Celebrating Culture, Food and Healthy Eating	Active Supervision	Increase Parent Referrals to Your Program and Improve your Business Flow!	Let's Create a Sound to Print Classroom Environment with Capit!	What is PSSA?	Taking the Scary Out of School	Self-Care
10:30 am to 12:00	Transformative Change Begins with YOU: Cultivating a Culture of Empowerment Keynote- TEACH									
pm 12:00 pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH in Breeze Way									

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1:00pm - 2:00pm	Professional Pathways for Career and Program Growth	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship 101	SC Building Blocks Stabilization Grant	Classroom Management and Relationship Building	Reframing Challenging Behavior	Room Closed	Room Closed	Part 1- Module I. Budgets, Projections, and Planning for Center-Based Child Care Providers	Welcoming Dual Language Learners into Your Classroom	Project Learning Tree Conference Teaser
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Panel	Welcoming Dual Language Learners into Your Classroom	CACFP Ones and Twos	Safe Sleep	Project Learning Tree Conference Teaser	Room Closed	Room Closed	Part 2 - Module I. Budgets, Projections, and Planning for Center-Based Child Care Providers	A Shared Vision?	Preschool Suspension and Expulsion: Shared Definitions and Next Steps

Stories from the Field - A Conversation with Ruth Buckmire- T.E.A.C.H. Alumni and owner of His Daycare: Come and learn how Ruth Buckmire's incredible journey in the early care and education field for the last 21 years including utilizing T.E.A.C.H. scholarships have led to winning the Greenville County Chamber of Commerce's, 2023 Women-Owned Business Award for her child care program His Daycare. SC CCR&R Director, Melissa McDonald will lead the conversation with Ms. Buckmire with time for participant's questions.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Room #AC 215

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship 101: Participants will discover more about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship and how it can support the cost of early childhood education courses taken in college.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Scott Busch, T.E.A.C.H Counselor

Room #AC 218

Celebrating Culture, Food and Healthy Eating: Identify best practices related to incorporating multicultural foods into childcare. Discuss strategies and resources for menu planning, family engagement, and educating children on multicultural foods. Identify why promoting healthy eating habits are important for children. Discuss strategies for encouraging healthy eating habits in children through teacher practices and supportive policies.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am Trainer: Jenny Ricks, MA, SC DSS

Room #AC 219

Active Supervision: June is National Safety Month and really in childcare every month is National Safety Month. One of our prime responsibilities as a childcare provider is to always supervise the children. In this session for childcare providers and directors, we will learn strategies to help us move from passive to active supervision.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Susan Kear, Palmetto Shared Services

Let's Create a Sound to Print Classroom Environment with Capit! After attending this session, participants will be able to create and utilize old and new stories to support cognitive, social, emotional, and cultural growth.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Mary Anne Guy, CAPIT Learning

Room #AC 216a

What is PSSA? This 1-hour session will take a deep dive into all the resources that Palmetto Shared Services Alliance has for all of South Carolina's childcare providers. Learn about our downloadable resources, job board, healthcare opportunities, and all our training options. Childcare administrators have a difficult job. We want to lessen your stress by providing all the resources you need to keep your program running successfully!

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Shelly Summer, Palmetto Shared Services

Room #AC 220

Increase Parent Referrals to Your Program and Improve Your Business Flow! Connecting to SC Child Care Resource and Referral Parent referral System through SC Endeavors profile is an easy way to market your program. This session will walk you through the technology of SC Endeavors. You learn about features, reports, Pathways to Quality, and how to Market services with SC CCR&R. This is an exciting way to learn about features in SC Endeavors you did not know about that can support your program quality and services. Join us to learn more about free service for you in our state.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Bonnie Darlene Faucette, SC CCR&R

Taking the Scary Out of School: Have you thought about returning to school, but are afraid of the technology, the homework, the professors, the younger students, or just having enough time? You can do this!! We'll talk about the expectations and the time commitments AND the fun and enjoyment of learning new things! General information will be shared, and we will talk specifically about the process of taking early childhood development courses at Midlands Technical College. We'll touch on applying, scheduling, and taking classes as well as using the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship!

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Lisa Corning, Midlands Technical College

Room #AC 350

Self-Care: One of the most important things you can do as a childcare provider is care for yourself, so you can effectively take care of the children in your care. While caring for young children can be rewarding, the stress and demands that come with work and personal life can impact the overall well-being of child care providers. Child care providers can take steps to care for themselves to their full potential by understanding the importance of self-care and its daily practices. And for those who don't know where to start, a self-care plan can help child care providers visualize their journey to self-care.

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Trainer: Faith Darvis, Be Well Care Well

Room #116 Auditorium

Keynote Transformative Change Begins with YOU: Cultivating a Culture of Empowerment: An overview of the T.E.A.C.H Scholarship Program. We are all changemakers and thought leaders when we have passion and power. How does the culture we are both a part of and a creator of provide a space where we can use our power to create change? We'll explore how we show up for ourselves and for others, identify limiting thoughts and perceptions, and how we can cultivate a culture that empowers ourselves and those around us to influence change. Think BIG, start small.

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Trainer: Kelsey Laird, Programs, Michigan AEYC

Room #116 Auditorium

Professional Pathways for Career and Program Growth: Whether you are an employer wanting to future-proof your workplace and retain top talent or you are seeking fulfillment in your own professional development and career, this workshop will help you create a plan to bring seemingly lofty goals and dreams into reality. The path to success is through action. We'll draw on early childhood career pathway opportunities and workforce development strategies to design your unique goals and achievable action items.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Kelsey Laird, Programs, Michigan AEYC

Room #148 Mary Robertson Conference Room

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Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Kim Kapadia, T.E.A.C.H Counselor with SC Endeavors

Room #AC 215

Part 1- Module I. Budgets, Projections, and Planning for Center-Based Child Care Providers: The purpose of this training is to strengthen child care providers' foundational knowledge of fiscal terms, concepts, and practices. It encourages providers to realize the importance of financial planning to the sustainability of their business operations. It provides tips and best practices to help break down fiscal processes into manageable steps.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Bonnye Peebles, SC CCR&R

Reframing Challenging Behavior: Training on reframing challenging behavior and the meaning behind behaviors.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Trainer: Karissa Wylie, SCPITC

#AC 219

Classroom Management and Relationship Building: Participants will be able to identify what they can do to encourage positive social interactions. Participants will examine what they can do to discourage inappropriate behaviors as well as plan the use of a solutions kit in the classroom.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Sarah Shaw, SC Inclusion

Room # AC 220

SC Building Blocks Stabilization Grant: In this session, participants will hear follow-up information on the grants, and receive reminders on current needs and due dates.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Tameka Pauling, SC DSS

Welcoming Dual Language Learners into Your Classroom: Participants will learn about language development among single and dual language learners, receive strategies and materials for language development intended to help all work with Dual Language Learners, regardless of language experience, and engage in interactive professional experience sharing on this topic. Ongoing learning and support from the DLL Project will be offered, along with project materials and services as they become available.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Trainer: Joy Huyck, SC CCR&R

Room # AC 351

Project Learning Tree Conference Teaser: Participants will be able to define Project Learning Tree (PLT) and its mission and goals. By doing so, teachers will be connecting the Trees and Me Curriculum to teaching young children and connecting the SC Early Learning Standards to these activities to use in the classroom.

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Trainer: Kimberly McCullough, SC CCR&R

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Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Whitney White-Anderson- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® / SC Endeavors

Room # 148 Mary Robertson Conference Room

Welcoming Dual Language Learners into Your Classroom: Participants will learn about language development among single and dual language learners, receive strategies and materials for language development intended to help all work with Dual Language Learners, regardless of language experience, and engage in interactive professional experience sharing on this topic. Ongoing learning and support from the DLL Project will be offered, along with project materials and services as they become available.

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Room # #AC 215

Part 2 - Module I. Budgets, Projections, and Planning for Center-Based Child Care Providers: The purpose of this training is to strengthen child care providers' foundational knowledge of fiscal terms, concepts, and practices. It encourages providers to realize the importance of financial planning to the sustainability of their business operations. It provides tips and best practices to help break down fiscal processes into manageable steps.

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Bonnye Peebles, SC CCR&R

Room #AC 218

Project Learning Tree Conference Teaser: Join us for this session to learn great ways to get the Tree's and Me Curriculum for your classroom for free from Project Learning Tree (PLT). Learn how it will increase nature-based learning with children from birth through age 5. This program will connect you to the curriculum and its connection to the SC Early Learning standards for lesson planning. The nature-based learning activities children learn will build stewardship of our environment. Come learn about this program with us!

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Kimberly McCullough, SC CCR&R

Safe Sleep: Participants will learn about what SID is and how to ensure a safe sleep environment for infants in child care and family home setting. Providers will learn what they can do to reduce the risk of SIDS for infants.

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Cassandra Young-Carter, SC CCR&R & Kimberly Sowell, SC CCR&R

Room # AC 220

CACFP Ones and Twos: This session will introduce the Meal Pattern for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Participants will obtain information regarding the eligibility requirements for program participation. Through physical activity, participants can relate the importance of nutrition and movement.

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Trainer: Greta Avery, CACFP

Room # AC 350

A Shared Vision: Maintaining high-quality childcare programs is a shared responsibility among those working to strengthen early care and education. This session will help early childcare providers share their aspirations, beliefs, and vision for children in various settings. By creating a professional vision statement, providers can set the necessary foundation for working collaboratively with families and community partners.

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Markeida Singleton, Student & Teacher Empowerment Group

Room # AC 351

Preschool Suspension and Expulsion: Shared Definitions and Next Steps: In 2023, the Office of Civil Rights at the US Department of Education issued their findings related to preschool discipline practices. This report highlighted the prevalence of the use of exclusionary practices (i.e., suspension and expulsion) and the disproportionate ways in which these practices are applied. In response to this information, the Joint Citizens and Legislative Council's Committee on Children released their 2023 Annual Report highlighting the need to consider policy solutions to address this issue in early

childhood settings in SC. Prior to the release of these reports, a system-level cross-sector group of South Carolina leaders convened a working group to define suspension and expulsion in early childhood settings.

During this session, we will describe the policy landscape in our state related to suspension and expulsion. We will explore the process used to draft definitions that can be shared across the early childhood system to develop policies and professional development to reduce or eliminate these exclusionary practices in early childhood. We will highlight current supports in SC to prevent the use of these practices. Lastly, we will solicit feedback from attendees related to their current needs related to suspension and expulsion in their work.

Presenters will use lectures, videos, and large and small group discussions to engage in the content of these sessions.

Time: 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Trainer: Sarah Shaw, SC Inclusion