

Alexander County Partnership for Children

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Child Care Chat

Newsletter/Training Calendar

July, August & September 2018



Celebrating 25 Years of Serving North Carolina's Children and Families

For all of 2018 Smart Start is celebrating 25 years of serving North Carolina's youngest children and their families. In 1993, the North Carolina General Assembly created Smart Start, appropriating \$20 million to 18 pioneer counties to begin the work of improving the quality of child care, strengthening families, and supporting healthy child development. By 1997, the funding had increased to \$97 million and all 100 North Carolina counties were being served by Smart Start.

Since that time, Smart Start has become a nationally recognized leader in early childhood and healthy development. Our network of early childhood partnerships provides expertise, guidance and infrastructure to ensure North Carolina children receive the care and nurturing they need to thrive. Tailored to meet the specific needs of each community, we invest in early education, literacy, health and family support so that our children are ready to succeed, lead productive lives and contribute to a strong, vibrant North Carolina.

ACPC OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
8:00-5:00
Friday
Closed

CLOSING DATES:

- July 4, 2018
Holiday
- September 3, 2018
Holiday



Training Calendar

First Aid/CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm July 10, 2018</p>	<p>July 12, 2018 6:00-10:00pm 4 DCDEE Credits CVCC-Alexander Campus</p>	<p>CVCC- Alexander Center No FEE for Alexander Providers</p>
QUALITY in the ECERS classroom	<p>Having a high quality learning environment is our goal in Early Childhood Education every day! But what does high quality look like? And how do you improve the quality in the preschool classroom? This training will review elements of a high quality classroom and provide participants the opportunity to create display materials to enhance the quality of the preschool classroom.</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm July 19, 2018</p>	<p>July 24, 2018 6:30–8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC</p>	<p>ACPC Office \$5</p>
First Aid/CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm August 2, 2018</p>	<p>August 7, 2018 6:00-10:00pm 4 DCDEE Credits CVCC-Alexander Campus</p>	<p>CVCC- Alexander Center No FEE for Alexander Providers</p>
ITS-SIDS	<p>To give child care providers an overview of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Identify the SIDS risk factors and describe ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care. Discuss the requirements of NC laws that require placing infants on their back to sleep, keeping documentation and having a Safe Sleep Policy.</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm August 14, 2018</p>	<p>August 16, 2018 6:30-8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC</p>	<p>ACPC Office \$5</p>
Emergency Preparedness & Response in Child Care	<p>This training covers planning and preparing for emergencies in early care and education settings. It includes an overview and an introduction to the online EPR Plan template. Participants must attend the full session and complete the EPR Plan in order to receive training credits. Full participation will result in 6 hours of DCDEE training credits.</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm August 23, 2018</p>	<p>August 25, 2018 8:30am-2:30pm 6 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC</p>	<p>ACPC Office \$15</p>
Getting Started Improving Quality with the ITERS-R	<p>Would you like to gain a better understanding of the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale? More importantly, discover how to use the ITERS-R as a self-assessment tool to maintain quality long after the assessment is over. This two-hour training provides an overview of the ITERS-R. This training will explain the organization of the seven subscales used to evaluate programs, as well as the scoring system and what programs can expect before, during and after an assessment. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of the spiral bound Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised edition.</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm September 4, 2018</p>	<p>September 6, 2018 6:30–8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Alicia Shell Infant Toddler Specialist ACPC</p>	<p>ACPC Office \$5</p>
First Aid/CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm September 11, 2018</p>	<p>September 13,2018 6:00-10:00pm 4 DCDEE Credits CVCC-Alexander Campus</p>	<p>CVCC- Alexander Center No FEE for Alexander Providers</p>
Playground Safety	<p>Providers will be trained on a practical and educational interpretation of the NC Child Care Commission’s permanent playground rules. The five playground safety components within the rules covered including a safe environment, required monthly inspections and accident/injury reports.</p> <p>Registration deadline: by 5:00pm September 27, 2018</p>	<p>September 29,2018 9:00am-1:00pm 4 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC</p>	<p>ACPC Office \$10</p>



Alexander County Partnership for Children
Training Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____
Child Care Center: _____
County: _____
Facility's Phone Number: _____

Please check payment method.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit

Training Title: _____

Training Date: _____

Cost: \$2.50 per hour (example- 2 hour class is \$5.00, 5 hour class is \$12.50, etc.)

(There are no charges for childcare providers that are employed in Alexander County for CPR/First Aid)

- Please mail all registration forms and checks made payable to:
(All fees must be paid to the exact amount. ACPC does not keep change on site.)

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Registration form and fee must be received by the Alexander County Partnership for Children 48 hours prior to the date of the training. Fees are non-refundable.

ACPC expects that all training participants shall arrive on time. The instructor reserves the right to refuse entrance into training ten minutes after training has begun.

ACPC views the time of the instructor and all participants as valuable. Any participants talking, texting, sleeping or any other distraction the instructor deems disruptive may be asked to leave the training. This will result in the loss of potential credit hours. The participant will not be allowed to register for future classes after the second incidence.

You will be notified if the class is full or cancelled.

Please sign and date that you have read all the above information and that all provided information is correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions please call 828-632-3799.

Ready for a Challenge?

Positive interactions between staff and children are a **key element** to having a **high quality** classroom and great learning environment! The Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) item #32 looks at staff and child interactions. NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development (NCFELD) Goal ESD-3 says, "Children form relationships and interact positively with familiar adults who are consistent and responsive to their needs."

Are you:

- Spending time talking with each child about their play and things they are interested in?
- Sitting down with your children, on their level, at meals and during center play?
- Respectful of the children and their feelings?
- Warm and welcoming when children arrive each day?
- Helpful and patient with children who are hurt, upset or angry?
- Encouraging children to be respectful of each other?
- Enjoying the time you have with the children each day?

Here's the challenge...this week put a sticky note and a pen somewhere easy to access in the classroom or in your pocket. Add a tally mark when you catch yourself doing any of the things on the list above. Repeat this for the next couple of weeks. Challenge yourself to have more positive interactions each day!



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