

CHILD CARE CHAT

JANUARY



Headed Back to School in 2025? T.E.A.C.H. could help...



"T.E.A.C.H. has helped me pay for college and get my associates degree. If it wasn't for T.E.A.C.H. I don't think I would have even went back to school because I wouldn't have been able to pay for it. I have had to stop and start and also repeat some of the classes and T.E.A.C.H. has been there to help out financially with it all. Going back to school I feel has shown my own daughter that even though I started this journey to get a degree over 20 years ago it doesn't matter how long it takes to finish as long as you finish. "

-Melissa Schmittle, Mecklenburg County

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Do I qualify for AWARD\$?

To be eligible for at least one six-month payment during the fiscal year, applicants must:

- 1) Work at least 35 hours per week with infants, ones or twos.
- 2) Work in a facility with at least three stars. Family child care providers are not eligible in year one. Future eligibility is still being discussed with DCDEE.
- 3) Earn at or below \$18/hour.
- 4) Have one of the education levels listed on the <u>AWARD\$ Salary Supplement Scale</u> (from regionally accredited schools).
- 5) Work at least six months in the same child care program.
- 6) Be employed at this same child care program when funding is available and a final confirmation has been completed.
- *All North Carolina counties participate in the AWARD\$ program.

Still unsure if you're eligible? Call an AWARD\$ counselor at 919-967-3272 Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. When calling please reference AWARD\$.







QUARTER THREETRAINING CALENDAR

	First Aid
TR	CPR

Pediatric CPR and First Aid

Registration deadline: January 7, 2025

January 9, 2025 5:00 - 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers

Introduction to ITERS-3 and ECERS-3 This training will provide information about the differences between the revised version of the Environment Rating Scales (ECERS-R and ITERS-R) and the Third Editions (ECERS-3 and ITERS-3). It will include basic terms and definitions as well as detailed information about specific items and indicators. Examples of different ways programs can earn credit for various indicators will be reviewed. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

Registration deadline: January 9, 2025

January 14, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Megan Porter ACPC Office \$5

ITS-SIDS

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.

Registration deadline: January 16, 2025

January 21, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$5

First Aid/ CPR

Pediatric CPR and First Aid

Registration deadline: January 30, 2025

February 3, 2025
5:00 - 9:00pm
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Toxic Stress and it's Impact on Children Stress is a fact of life, no matter your age. Some stress is good for us – it keeps us attentive, sharp, productive, and learning. But Toxic Stress affects brain development and learning in young children, and can have long-lasting effects. This session will help participants define stress responses and understand the difference between "tolerable" and "toxic" stress. We'll look at the long term effects of Toxic Stress and investigate practices for mitigating those effects and promoting resilience in young children.

Registration deadline: February 18, 2025

February 25, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Carden Millsaps ACPC Office \$5

First Aid/ CPR

Pediatric CPR and First Aid

Registration deadline: March 4, 2025

March 6, 2025 5:00 - 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers

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Registration deadline: March 6, 2025

March 11, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$5

Stay Healthy Stay Clean

Join our Child Care Health Consultant for this training with a focus on healthy and clean classrooms! This training includes information on Handwashing and Sanitation Practices.

Registration deadline: March 11, 2025

March 18, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Rachel Lentz ACPC Office \$5



TRAINING REMINDERS

- · Completed registration form and fee must be received by Alexander County Partnership for Children at least 2 days before the training. Please submit form and payment together.
- 24 hour notice of cancellation is required to receive a transferable credit if you are unable to attend.
- Children ARE NOT allowed to attend any training.













Child Care WAGE\$

Program

2023-2024 Impact in North Carolina

More than \$9.4 million invested in WAGE\$ salary supplements

89% of active participants have the AAS ECE or higher or have submitted education during the year to document additional coursework

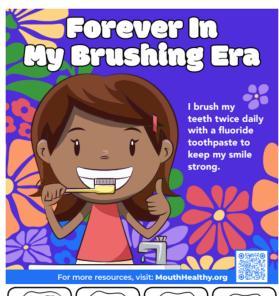
\$1,281

average six-month supplement

1,846 early education programs with supplement recipients

15% average turnover rate

4,079 supplement recipients











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Alexander County Partnership is proud to continue to fund the WAGE\$ program for qualifying Early Childhood Educators! To learn more about the impact of WAGE\$ and how Early Educators can qualify

https://www.earlyyearsnc.org/programs/wages/



Looking for Additional Training?



Southwestern Child Development
Commission, Inc offers a variety of
professional development opportunities
for ALL types of early educators in the
profession, including but not limited to:
Family Child Care Homes, Family Friend &
Neighbor Care, Center in a Residence,
Child Care Centers, School Age Facilities,
Summer Camps and more.

Check out their online training by visiting:

https://www.swcdcinc.org/onlinelearning



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