



# CHILD CARE CHAT

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

2025



## **ACPC Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00  
CLOSED on Friday

## **ACPC Holiday Closings**

January 1st - 3rd, and  
January 20th



# 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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Your paragraph text

**Infant-Toddler Educator**  
**AWARD\$**



### 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 [AWARD\\$ Salary Supplement Scale](#) (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 THREE TRAINING CALENDAR

<b>First Aid/ CPR</b>	Pediatric CPR and First Aid  Registration deadline: January 7, 2025	January 9, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus <b>NO FEE</b> for Alexander County Providers
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<b>Introduction to ITERS-3 and ECERS-3</b>	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
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<b>ITS-SIDS</b>	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
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<b>First Aid/ CPR</b>	Pediatric CPR and First Aid  Registration deadline: January 30, 2025	February 3, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus <b>NO FEE</b> for Alexander County Providers
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<b>Toxic Stress and it's Impact on Children</b>	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
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<b>First Aid/ CPR</b>	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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<b>Stay Healthy Stay Clean</b>	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.



# February is National Dental Health Month

For information and resources on dental health awareness visit:  
<https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>



## Check out how WAGE\$ impacted NC Early Educators in 2023–2024!

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

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  
visit:

<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/online-learning>



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