

July August September
CHILD CARE CHAT
2025



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

8:00 - 5:00

Closed on Fridays

Holiday Closings:

July 4, 2025

September 1, 2025



QUARTER one



TRAINING CALENDAR

First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: July 8, 2025</p>	<p>July 10, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County 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: July 17, 2025</p>	<p>July 22, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$5</p>
First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: July 31, 2025</p>	<p>August 4, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers</p>
Children with Special Health Care Needs: Introduction to Caring for Children with Special Health Care Needs	<p>Training developed by the North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center covering information about children with special health care needs, ADA inclusion requirements, care teams for children with special health care needs, the role of the Child Care Health Consultant, required documentation for children with special health care needs and for handling medical emergencies at the child care facility.</p> <p>Registration deadline: July 31, 2025</p>	<p>August 7, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Rachel Lentz ACPC Office \$5</p>
Emergency Preparedness and Response	<p>This training covers planning and preparing for emergencies in early care and education settings. It includes an overview and introduction of the online EPR template.</p> <p>Registration deadline: August 14, 2025</p>	<p>August 18, 2025 6:00 – 8:30pm 2.5 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$7.50</p>

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The Brain Architecture Game	<p>How can you support a child that exhibits challenging behavior? You strengthen their brain architecture. A weak brain architecture makes it difficult for a child to learn or master skills, problem solving, self-regulation, empathy, etc., that will allow them to be successful in our society. Every day you have the opportunity to build and add to a child's brain architecture. In this training participants will explore practices that will strengthen brain architecture and consider how these practices can prevent or eliminate a child's use of challenging behavior to express themselves.</p> <p>Registration deadline: August 28, 2025</p>	<p>September 2, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Carden Millsaps ACPC Office \$5</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: September 4, 2025</p>	<p>September 9, 2025 9:00am – 1:00pm 4 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$10</p>
First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: September 9, 2025</p>	<p>September 11, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers</p>
Brushing is Fun!	<p>Learn how to combine early oral health best practices and sanitation guidelines to establish a toothbrushing routine in the classroom.</p> <p>Registration deadline: September 9, 2025</p>	<p>September 16, 2025 6:30 – 7:30pm 1 DCDEE Credits Leslie Hatfield ACPC Office \$2.50</p>

The Alexander County Partnership for Children was able to host its annual Spring Fling this year at the Alexander County Courthouse Park on Thursday, April 17th from 4 to 7pm. Despite having to be rescheduled from the original date due to rain, it was a huge success! The theme for this year was "The Great Outdoors: Adventure Awaits..." Each agency creatively designed their tents and spaces to engage the children and families as they walked through on a "Bear Hunt" looking for forest animals. The agencies also provided a fun and engaging, child friendly activity. At the same time, parents and caregivers were given information about beneficial services for families available in Alexander County.

The purpose of Spring Fling is to ensure families are connected to the appropriate supports and services they may need. We had close to 200 families with over 400 children in attendance. It was a joy watching the children play and explore while caregivers made connections. It was obvious that the children and families appreciated the hard work as they made their way through the event.

The Alexander County Partnership for Children would like to thank all of the 100 volunteers that participated and made this such a memorable event! These amazing volunteers showed up and welcomed families, guided activities, handed out books and snacks, and did it all with a smile. Because of all the volunteers and sponsors, we were able to provide fun, free, and meaningful experiences for our youngest learners and their families.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
2025
SPRING FLING
ADVENTURE AWAITS....



Headed Back to School?

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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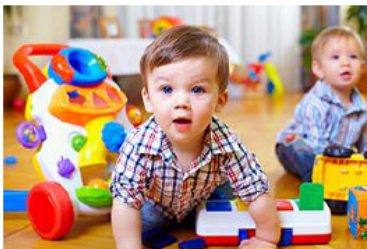
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Infant-Toddler Educator **AWARD\$**



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\$.

Summer Safety Tips



Stay Hydrated

Drink 8 or more glasses of water per day to stay healthy & hydrated



Know the Side Effects of Medications

Some medications have side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity



Stay Cool

Stay in the A/C, indoors, go swimming, etc.



Wear Light, Loose Fitting Clothing

Wear breathable clothing and light colors that reflect the sun



Have Emergency Contacts

Have a list of people to call in case of emergency



Know the Weather Forecast

Plan your days accordingly depending on the weather



Play Safely this Summer



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