



CHILD CARE CHAT

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2025



HAPPY
fall
y'all

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:00AM - 5:00PM
CLOSED ON FRIDAY

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:
NOVEMBER 11, 27 & 28
DECEMBER 22-
JANUARY 2

2025 Provider Appreciation Banquet

Storybook Soirée

was one for the **BOOKS!!**



September 4, 2025, we had the joy of celebrating our incredible Early Childhood Educators at a magical Storybook Soirée banquet! 🌟 From fairy tales to fables, the evening was filled with heartfelt appreciation, laughter, learning, and a touch of fun—all in honor of some heroes in our community: the child care providers who shape little minds and big futures. ❤️

Special thanks to Stacy Sipe for donating the use of "Celebrate You" venue to host this year's banquet!! Caleb White of Cherry Culinary Company provided a delicious storybook-themed dinner. Alexander County Partnership for Children Board Members, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Discount School Supply, Lakeshore Learning and funding provided by a Spark Good Grant from Walmart, provided door prizes for the event! Alexander County Partnership for Children and Book Harvest provided books to each attending participant to enhance their classroom libraries! The evening provided a reminder of just how important literacy and the first chapters of a child's life really are.

To our early childhood educators: thank you for your endless patience, creativity, and love. You make a difference every single day, and this year's banquet was just a small way to say how much you are appreciated! 📖🍎🌟

QUARTER TWO

TRAINING CALENDAR

First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: October 2, 2025</p>	<p>October 6, 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: October 7, 2025</p>	<p>October 14, 2025 6:30 – 7:30pm 1 DCDEE Credits Leslie Hatfield ACPC Office \$2.50</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: October 14, 2025</p>	<p>October 16, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$5</p>
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: October 16, 2025</p>	<p>October 23, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Carden Millsaps ACPC Office \$5</p>

NCFELD	<p>If you want to increase your knowledge of child development, lesson planning, establishing goals for children and need engaging activities for classroom center play, then the NC Early Learning "Foundations" training is for you! This workshop will also provide strategies for engaging children in active learning by providing opportunities for them to create explore and discover their environment through play. <u>Participants must attend both sessions to receive training credit.</u></p> <p>Registration deadline: October 23, 2025</p>	<p>October 28 and November 4, 2025 6:00 – 8:30pm 5 DCDEE Credits Ashli Elder ACPC Office \$12.50</p>
First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: November 4, 2025</p>	<p>November 6, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers</p>
Introduction to ECERS-3 and ITERS-3	<p>Introduction to the ECERS-3 and ITERS-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.</p> <p>Registration deadline: November 6, 2025</p>	<p>November 13, 2025 6:30 – 8:30pm 2 DCDEE Credits Megan Porter ACPC Office \$5</p>
First Aid/ CPR	<p>Pediatric CPR and First Aid</p> <p>Registration deadline: November 26, 2025</p>	<p>December 1, 2025 5:00 – 9:00pm CVCC Alexander Campus NO FEE for Alexander County Providers</p>
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Impact in North Carolina FY 2024-2025

Nearly **\$9 million** invested in
WAGES salary supplements

89% of active participants whose
counties have participated two or more years
have the AAS ECE or higher, or have submitted
education during the year to document
additional coursework

4,075
supplement recipients

13%
turnover rate

1,806 early education programs
with supplement recipients

\$1,227 average six-month
supplement

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An Early Years Initiative

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Child Care WAGES program for
Alexander County Early Educators who qualify.
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Headed Back to School to Study Early Childhood Education? Thought about applying for a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship???



"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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