

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

May 2022

“Bridging the gap between Child Care Providers and MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for Mississippian children and families.”

Criminal Record Unit Reminders

LiveScan Fingerprint Reminders:

1. When sending an employee or applicant to a LiveScan site for fingerprinting, the applicant must have the [Applicant Information Form](#) completely filled out with the facility name and facility fingerprint ID code noted on the applicant information form. The LiveScan site will be unable to print an applicant without this information.
2. Payment for the LiveScan service at a county health department is \$10. Payment must be made with either a credit or debit card at the LiveScan site. (No Cash Payments will be accepted).

Child Care Suitability Letter Reminders:

All child care facilities now have online access to suitability letters from the [Criminal History Fingerprint Facility portal](#). If directions are needed for accessing the facility portal or if a facility ID code and/or password are needed, please contact a team member of the Criminal History Fingerprint unit at 601-364-1102 or 601-364-1101.

Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Check Form:

The Child Abuse and Neglect Registry check is included in the MSDH comprehensive background check and must be sent to the MSDH Fingerprint unit for processing. Beginning June 1, 2022, the MSDH fingerprint unit will no longer accept printed copies of the registry check and will require each applicant or employee to complete the check online. The electronic version of the form is available on the [MSDH Criminal History Fingerprint web page](#) and directions for navigating the form will be available soon.

Nutrition Fun From NAPSACC!

Taste Testing in the Classroom



Let's Try!
Enjoy your produce with children using these tips.

Why's Tasting Important?

Small bites can go a long way
Children need positive experiences with new foods to learn to like them. Tastings are a great, low-pressure way for children to get to know new foods. Offer tastings before you add new foods to the menu or to connect the garden to the classroom. Pair a tasting with a book about the food or other hands-on activity for an even richer learning opportunity.

Tips for Classroom Tasting

- **Timing:** Time tastings for when children are hungry, such as before lunch or at snack time. Pick-up time is another great time and will get families involved.
- **Ground Rules:** Teach children, "Don't yuck my yum!" Offer positive language that children can use to describe what they think, like, "yum; okay; not today."
- **Set-up:** Prepare table surfaces as you would for mealtime. Have children wash hands. Make sure any food that needs to be refrigerated is kept cold up until it is needed in class.
- **Foods:** Offer small portions. Try offering fresh veggies with a small serving of healthy dip (see our great low-fat ranch recipe!). Or, offer a veggie in two ways and have children vote on their favorite dish.
- **Table talk:** Ask children to use their senses and describe the food even before they taste it. Talk about where the food came from, how it was grown, or what part of the plant it is.
- **No pressure:** Children should be allowed to taste or not. Role model tasting and encourage children to try. If a child does not participate at first, say, "Mmm...this tastes good. Would you like to try some?" If no, say, "Okay, maybe another time!" This shows children that they can learn to like it and change their mind.

Low-fat Ranch Recipe

This recipe is perfect for young children! They can measure, scoop, and stir the ingredients, then try the dip with veggies! Use fresh herbs from your garden if you have them. You can scale up the quantity of the dry herb mix to store for later use. Just add 1 tablespoon of the dry mix for each cup of yogurt. Children can even package up the dry mix and recipe as a creative gift!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 Pinch dill weed
- 1/2 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 Tablespoon onion powder
- 1/2 Tablespoon salt
- 1/2 Tablespoon minced onion (optional)
- 3 Cups low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 1% or skim milk (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl or jar with lid. Stir or shake to combine.
- 2 Add the spice mix to the yogurt and mix well.
- 3 If needed, thin the dressing with milk.



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Upcoming Conference Information



MISSISSIPPI
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Join us for our first annual

SHARED SERVICES CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 11, 2022

8:00am - 5:00pm

Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Mississippi

Our theme is *Reimagine the Core: Moving with Purpose and Confidence*

The conference is designed to help childcare and early education programs come together to strengthen their business practices, share resources, and collaborate to enhance their programs. This year's theme will highlight the resilience of the early childhood community and celebrate the partnerships that were forged during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendees will:

- Learn how to maximize the resources available to them on [MSEarlyLearningResources.org](#)
- Explore how the shared services approach can help early care and education programs take their work to the next level.
- Connect with other providers, vendors, and early childhood experts.



Conference attendance is limited to 175 people, and registration costs \$25 per person.



Scan the QR code to register, or visit bit.ly/MELRconference.



Training Opportunity!

JUNE 27-29, 2022
REGISTER ONLINE!

HIGH QUALITY DIRECTOR'S CHILD CARE INSTITUTE

Participants can earn 28 contact hours (CEUs will be offered for an additional cost)

- This Institute will offer the following topics:
- Leadership
 - Curriculum
 - Literacy Development
 - Tools & Support

LOCATION:
Universities Center/R & D Center
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211

TIME:
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information call: 601-979-8894 or 601-979-8777



Free Training Opportunity!

Attention, Childcare Center Owners, Operators, and Staff:

FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

Are you concerned about lead in drinking water?

SipSafe works to screen water to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The SipSafe program is hosting online staff trainings:

- May 3, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- May 13, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- May 17, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Earn 1 CEU credit!

To register for a training session, please CONTACT Leah Gann at leah.gann@msstate.edu.

For more information about SipSafe or for disability accommodation, please contact Nelson McGoough at nelson.mcgoough@msstate.edu, or visit ext.msstate.edu/sipsafe.

SipSafe is a joint project of MSU Extension, Mississippi Department of Health, Mississippi Bureau of Public Health Supply, Child Care Licensee, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, University of Mississippi Sea Grant Law Center, and Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program.

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Teach like a PINEAPPLE



Free Training Opportunity

PLAN, PRACTICE AND PLAY:



A Free Mini Conference for Child Care Providers

July 20-21, 2022

9 AM - 4 PM

The Riley Center
2200 5th Street
Meridian, MS

Reception, July 20
5:00-7:30 PM
MS Arts + Entertainment Experience (MAX) Center
Details to follow

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Dedicated to celebrating Mississippi Child Care Providers!

Come and join in the fun and learning as we Plan, Practice and Play together! Limited 200 slots available.

SESSIONS:

- Life is Good: Being a Playmaker
- Little hands. BIG potential. Hands-on, active learning products that work!
- Go with the Flow and Grow! Implementing Yoga and Gardening in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Best Practices in Utilizing Instructional Strategies in Infant/Toddler Classrooms
- The Mississippi Children's Museum in Meridian: Museum Play

To register click here: <https://nmc.msresoservice.com/ECPPR>

Registration slots are first-come, first-served!



Lunch on your own.

All participants will attend each session over the two-day conference. Some sessions will last 3 hours resulting in participants attending 2 sessions per day.

All participants must attend the two days to receive professional development hours and hours will only be awarded upon completion of a daily survey.

SESSIONS

Life is Good: Being a Playmaker

This session will be taught by Life is Good Playmakers who will provide participants with information that will deepen their understanding of trauma-informed, optimistic engagement and provide a wealth of developmentally and situational appropriate tools, techniques and activities for their work.

Little hands. BIG potential.

Hands-on, active learning products that work! Ronnie Thomas, PITSCO, Education Advisor
We know that little learners learn BIG through hands-on discovery and exploration. Explore learning domain aligned curriculum and engaging hands-on coding, sensory, outdoor/play, science/investigation, and STEM making/building products for PreK through Grade 2.

Go with the Flow and Grow! Implementing Yoga and Gardening in the Early Childhood Classroom

Dr. Kenya Wolff, Associate Professor of Education, University of Mississippi

Participants will engage in children's mindful yoga and gardening activities, while learning how to incorporate wellness and social-emotional learning strategies throughout their classroom community.

Best Practices in Utilizing Instructional Strategies in Infant /Toddler Classrooms

Bryan Fulton, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Southeastern Regional Sales Manager

Learn how to arrange learning spaces for infants and toddlers that address state early learning standards.

The Mississippi Children's Museum in Meridian: Museum Play

Clair Huff, MS Children's Museum

Join the staff of the MS Children's Museum to learn more about connecting field trip experiences and traveling exhibits to your early learning standards. With a focus on childhood learning through play and discovery, MS Children's Museums in Meridian and Jackson offer engaging educational experiences to encourage a lifelong joy of learning in all children.

Let's Get Moving!



You know how sometimes it's really, really hard to sit still?

YEP!

When you're sitting, your body wants to move — naturally! (Miles, not so much!)

So get active every day — and feel great!

Moving more can give you a boost — in lots of ways!

How much activity do I need?

60 minutes of activity every day.

It's true — physical activity can actually help you do better in school.

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. What's your move?

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So, what kind of activity do I need?

Get a mix of activity. Do things that:

- Strengthen your bones
- Build your muscles
- Make your heart beat faster

Let's strengthen my bones!

Do some sit-ups, right? But bones need pressure to get stronger. So do the ground hugger — jumps, sprints, or do a cartwheel!

60 minutes all at once? I'm pretty busy.

Not a problem! Split up your 60 minutes over the day however you need — or all at once!

Before school

At recess

After school

So get moving! Do activities you enjoy!

Be a good role model for your parents. Even better, go home and get them moving, too.

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School Readiness Calendar

May 2022 - Farm Life Kindergarten Readiness Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Decorate Eggs	Language Arts	Science	Math	Reading	Art	Physical Education
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

