

South Carolina Association of Early Care & Education

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2021 Virtual Conference Keynote Speaker



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SAVE THE DATE

SCAECE Conference Goes Virtual

ABC Scholarships Available

Jan 26 6-7pm Keynote Speaker, Meir Muller

Rabbi Mueller will be presenting "Good Trouble in Early Childhood Education"

Jan 30 9-12pm 3 Training Hours

Feb 6 9-12pm 3 Training Hours

Feb 20 9-12pm 3 Director/Owner Training Hours

2020 Conference Snapshots

























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Back to School Tips

Child Arrival – Parent or guardian brings child to the entry door of the center. Parents and Guardians are requested to wear a mask when they drop off or pick up their child. Parents and guardians are not permitted in the center. Child's temperature is checked when he or she arrives.__If a child's temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 28 degrees Centigrade the child is not permitted in the center and may not return with a doctor's note. Provided the child does not have a fever, the child is escorted to his or her classroom. The teacher must immediately have the child wash his or her hands. This applies to infants through school age children. Children must arrive by 9:30 a.m. in order to attend the center.

Faculty Arrival: Faculty must have temperature checked. Temperatures may not exceed 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Centigrade. They must then wash hands in the staff bathroom before they clock in. They are given a mask which they must wear at all times while they are in the building or on the playground. They clock in and then go directly to their work area.

Class procedures

We are doing our best to try to limit classrooms to 10 students only for children ages 3 and up. During nap time, mats must be spread out and children must **lay down head to toe** so they do not breathe into one another. Children are spaced out from one another. During class time, all interest areas open so that children can spread out and we can limit the number of children at an area. Large group activities are not permitted for any age group.

Outside Play

Outside time is crucial during the pandemic. It allows for distancing and fresher air. We adhere to strict outside class schedules to limit the number of children on the playground.

Shelves, toys and materials disinfection

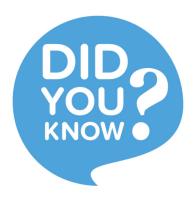
Cubbies and shelves are being sprayed and disinfected daily. Any toy that is mouthed is to be taken from the child and disinfected by spraying Bioesque Multi-surface Cleaner solution which must sit 3 minutes before drying with a disposable paper towel. When possible, allow to air dry. The center is fogged every 2-3 weeks.

New Students: Parents and guardians of all new or returning students must complete a COVID screening form for their child.

New Employees: All new faculty must complete a COVID screening form and provide a current Staff Health Assessment form.

Absenteeism: If a child is absent and the parent or guardian did not notify us in advance, we call the family to ask why they are absent.

Child or staff illness: Any child or staff member who develops of fever or show COVID symptoms is sent home and may not return without a doctor's note





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The South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education is a team of professionals who join together to promote *licensed*, privately-owned child care and early education opportunities for the children of our state. We have members (individuals, large and small centers, and schools) in every county. We represent our membership at all state-level legislative functions by employing a professional lobbyist and having a dedicated, hard-working Board of Directors. We have members on many committees in South Carolina which deal with early childhood issues such as the South Carolina Child Care Advisory Board, state & county First Steps Boards, and the First Steps/United Way Quality Task Force.

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