

Summer 2018 Edition

# South Carolina Association of Early Care & Education NEWSLETTER

## Regulations Updates

New licensing regulations for child care centers went into effect in June 2018. This has been the first update to the childcare regulations since 2005. For more information on the updated licensing regulations and what specifically has changed, [visit the SCAECE website](#).

In addition, the revised ABC Quality Standards were launched in April 2018. In an effort to support programs' ability to navigate and implement the new standards, ABC Quality is presenting a series of "Roadshows" throughout the state to promote program success. For more information, or to register to attend a roadshow near you, please [visit the ABC Quality website](#).

### Upcoming Roadshows

August 27	Charleston
September 4	Beaufort
September 10	Myrtle Beach
September 14	Aiken
September 17	Anderson
September 21	Spartanburg
September 25	Greenville

### **NEW SC Health and Safety Pre-Service Certificate for Early Care and Education Professionals**

The new SC 15-hour Health & Safety Pre-Service Certificate and 12-hour Continuing Education bundle (available upon completion of the Healthy & Safety Certificate) are free.

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# 2018 Conference Snapshots



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*will be held on*

Saturday, February 23, 2019

*at the*

Medallion Conference Center  
Columbia, SC

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# Back to School Tips

Teaching preschoolers can be fun, exciting and rewarding, but can quickly spiral out of control if you don't set the tone from the very first day. Set your classroom up in a logical, comfortable way so your students can move around safely and you can see all of them. Post schedules, calendars, helper charts and colorful teaching posters around the classroom. Prepare for anxious parents with questions and sometimes tearful youngsters as both groups make the adjustment to the little ones being in school. And keep yourself healthy and rested so you'll always be at your best when working with your young students.

## Get (and Stay) Organized

The best way to maximize your chances of having a successful school year with your preschoolers is to get organized before the first day of school. Use colorful storage bins for school supplies, cubbies for each student's belongings and folders for sorting students' weekly work. Preschoolers have a short attention span and may not be used to following schedules, so create a daily routine for your class and make a simple, colorful poster outlining the schedule so your students know what to expect. Position desks into small groups and assign each student a desk with her name on it so students know where to go each day when they arrive.

## Classroom Management

Develop your classroom management policies and make or buy any materials necessary for implementing them. With preschoolers, one of the most important tools is a behavior chart of some sort. From the very first day, teach them your discipline policy in simple terms they can understand. A green/yellow/red chart is a common tool for helping students track their behavior -- make this and hang it up in a prominent place at the kids' eye level and refer to it from day one. Mark wall hooks or

cubbies with students' names and explain they are to hang coats and backpacks there each day when they come in the classroom.

## Connect With the Families

Plan a few simple outreach activities to forge the connection between home and school. Consider creating a welcome packet for each student to take home the first week of school. Start with a friendly letter introducing yourself, welcoming the families and informing them how and when they can contact you. Include the daily schedule, the school-year calendar, your policies and expectations and any forms you want the parents to complete and return to you, such as transportation instructions and emergency data cards. Identify ways parents can volunteer in the classroom occasionally, such as helping with special projects, going on class field trips or organizing holiday parties.

## Minimize Anxiety

Decorate the classroom in inviting colors. Establish a "cozy corner" with bean bag chairs and a colorful rug for quiet reading. Spend time the first week helping students get to know each other, learn the classroom procedures and rules and get used to being apart from their families. Do an "all about me" activity with the children so they get to talk about what they like and the kids begin to establish connections. Create a bulletin board where each student can hang a picture of himself, along with a drawing of a favorite pet or activity. Another option is to give each child a brown lunch bag with instructions to fill it with four or five things that are meaningful to them. Each child will get a chance to do "show and tell" with the items in the bag. Or choose one day on which the kids may bring a favorite stuffed animal to use at rest time.

*[\\*Original article can be found here.](#)*



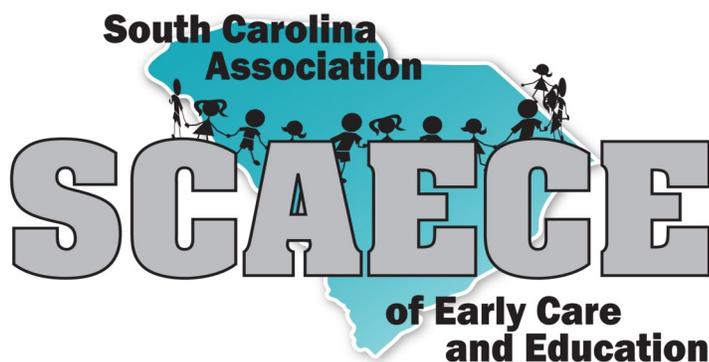
- Crayola crayons come in 120 different colors, but the labels are only made in 12.
- 72% of the US population is enrolled in school (nursery school through college).
- The average pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long.

## Mission Statement

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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