



CENTER FOR CHILD CARE CAREER DEVELOPMENT

South Carolina Child Care Training System and Registry

History of the Center for Child Care Career Development:

To assist in the implementation of a statewide child care credentialing and professional development program, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, established the Center for Child Care Career Development in 1993. From 1993-2002, the Center was the delivery system for training to earn the South Carolina ABC Child Care Credentials. These credentials, consisting of 30 continuing education hours for family/group providers and 60 continuing education hours for center-based child care providers, ensured that all recipients have basic core knowledge and competencies. These credentials prompted the creation of the South Carolina Early Care and Education Career Path. In addition, the Center partnered with the South Carolina Department of Social Services to ensure that all credential training also counted for the annual training requirements for all child care providers working in regulated child care in the state. A personnel registry was created to document training for child care providers participating in this new credentialing system and annual transcripts were provided. The Department of Health and Human Services funded a “Smart Money” incentive for child care providers receiving the credentials. During this time period, the Center awarded **420** thirty-hour (30) credentials and **1306** sixty-hour (60) credentials.

Recognizing that child care providers needed a link between the credentials and academic credit, the Center collaborated with the early childhood departments at the sixteen technical colleges to move the 60-hour credential to academic credit within the framework and competencies of the Introduction to Early Childhood, better known as ECD 101. The staff of the Center wrote and developed 16 modules using the latest research and information in early care and education, embedding each with materials and activities that reflected current best practices while fusing competencies from both the credential and Introduction to Early Childhood. By satisfactorily completing the requirements for ECD 101 child care providers in the state could earn the 60-hour credential, now entitled the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential and complete the first course toward an academic award. The decision was made to leave the 30-hour credential for family and group providers as 30 hours of continuing education hours entitled “There’s No Place Like Home”. It has been renamed the ABC Family Child Care Credential and is offered across the state through partnerships with the technical colleges and local First Step county offices, resource & referral agencies, Success by Six and adult education programs.

In 2002, at the request of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, the Center began documenting training to meet annual licensing requirements for all child care providers working in regulated child care facilities. The Center created the **South Carolina Child Care Training System** as a result of this request. This new system expands the personnel registry and transcript capabilities to include all child care providers in the state. The system also includes a training registry and technical assistance component to improve the quality of child care training. Information from this new system will enable the South Carolina Department of Social Services and South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services to better identify the availability and focus of training statewide and areas in the state where training is needed.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE TRAINING SYSTEM

In the first fifteen months of this new system, the Center staff has accomplished an impressive body of work:

Personnel Registry:

- The Personnel Registry documents the trainers, training hours, topic areas, dates and locations for all training received by child care providers. The Center mails official transcripts that reflect hours earned for DSS credit on an annual basis.
 - a. **17,868** - Transcripts mailed for training in 2002 (mailed in 2003)
We currently are in the process of completing data entry for 2003 and will begin the transcript mail out next month.
 - b. **29,993** - Total number of child care providers in system (1993-2002)
 - c. **85856** - Individual registered training entries (as of 9/15/03)
 - d. **44,446** - Individual certified training entries (as of 9/15/03)

Training Registry:

- There are two levels of training: registered and certified. All training entities who desire to have their training entered into the personnel registry to count for DSS requirements must register the training by completing registration forms and returning them to the Center. A voluntary training certification process is also available. Certified training documents that the trainer has appropriate education and experience and that the content is of high quality and appropriate for teachers of young children.
 - a. **768** - Registered trainers
 - b. **264** - Certified trainers
 - c. **1,542** - Conference trainers
 - d. **12,294.75** - Training hours presented (as of 9/15/03)

Technical Assistance:

- Provided technical assistance in the following manner:
 - a. Counseled child care providers regarding professional development
 - b. Advised entities desiring to sponsor training
 - c. Advised trainers regarding writing of outlines for training
 - d. Mailed quarterly newsletter to all registered and certified trainers
 - e. Presented training sessions on components of new system
 - f. Conducted training in principles of adult learning and effective presentations
 - Train the Trainer Seminar – **428 participants**
 - South Carolina Early Childhood Leadership Institute – **46 participants**
- Served on committees promoting quality care of young children & professional development of early childhood educators:
 - a. South Carolina Task Force: Cost of Quality Early Care and Education
 - b. First Steps - Greenville County Initiatives
 - c. Summit on Early Childhood Articulation
 - d. Good Start-Grow Smart
 - e. South Carolina Association for Education of Young Children
 - f. Success By Six Childcare Task Force

The Center has collaborated with state agencies, early childhood professional organizations, public and private child care providers, resource and referral agencies, the faith community and Head Start to implement this system and help improve the quality of child care for the children and families in South Carolina.