

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

January 2024

“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.”

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To All Owners, Directors, and Center Staff

Happy New Year's to all of you!!

On behalf of the Child Care Licensure Bureau, we want to take this time to say **THANK YOU** for your passion, dedication, and commitment to shaping the future generations. **THANK YOU** for working hard to continue to provide a healthy and safe place for the children to thrive!

It is our hope that 2024 brings you renewed enthusiasm and excitement for teaching. Happy New Year and **THANK YOU** for being an incredible group of people.

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just a Reminder:

WELS (Lift-ED) Reminders

Happy Holidays Providers:

We hope that you are enjoying the Lift-ED, new professional development registry for training registration. For license facilities remember to ensure that all your staff are listed under 'Contacts' in LARS which allows your staff to be connected to your program profile in Lift-ED. You can access the Provider Record Maintenance by visit our website at: www.healthmys.com click Licensure—then click Child Care & Youth Camps. Below we have provided a few reminders to assist you.

- Lift-ED website: <https://portal.lift-ed.ms/Authentication/Landing>
- Please remember that ALL employees/staff members including owners and directors must set-up an account with Lift-ED to attend trainings.
- To register for trainings sign-in to Lift-ED system—under *“Professional Portal”* click *“Professional Development Opportunities”*. The next thing you will see is the training calendar—select a date to see what training is offered for that day. Once you locate the training you want to take—look on the left and click *“View”* and another screen will pop-up and give you all the information for that training session. To enroll click *“Enroll”* in the top right-hand corner. To see if it is (Virtual or Face-2-Face) look at the bottom right-hand corner.
- To see transcript and trainings you have taken—sign-in to Lift-ED system and under *“Professional Portal”* click *“My Registered PDO’s”* then *“Download Transcript tab”*.

FYI: If you have taken any training with MSDH Training Unit in October 2023 and you were issued a certificate, those certificates will not be available **90 days** after the training date. Any certificates before September 30, 2023, are no longer available as well.

If you have questions about any October certificate, please contact the Trainer that conducted the training, please be sure to include in the email: **Name of Participant, Name of Training, Date of Training, and Time of training** or **the email cannot be addressed.**

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center Developmental Screening Day

MECIC Early Interventionists will identify your child's strengths and highlight any areas your child may need more practice.



DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW YOUR CHILD IS DEVELOPING?

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to gain information on your child's development and learn activities to promote development at home.



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING, TALKING, OR MOVING?

Developmental Screening Day is an opportunity to learn if further assessment and referrals are needed.



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

CONTACT CHANDRA HARPER
CHANDRA.HARPER@USM.EDU
601.266.4745

For children ages birth to five.

WHERE: Cleveland Resource & Referral Center
821 N. Chrisman
Cleveland, MS 38732

WHEN: Thursday, January 18, 2024
9:00AM – 4:00PM

EOE/F/M/VETS/DISABILITY

Funded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, MECIC ensures young children with disabilities have access to the learning environment, participation in all learning activities, and appropriate support for children, teachers, and families.





Child care providers, we need your voices!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A DISCUSSION GROUP ON THE COST OF PROVIDING CHILD CARE?



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3SYQFQH](https://bit.ly/3SYQFQH)

We need to hear from child care providers!

Please share this information with child care providers that you know. As a part of the upcoming Market Rate Survey this year, we would like to gather information on how much it costs providers to offer child care. Better understanding the costs associated with providing care helps the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) identify the needs of child care providers and design programs and services to meet those needs.

These will be one-hour virtual sessions and providers will receive \$25 for their participation. The sessions will take place between January & March 2024. The comments during the discussion will not be associated with any individual's name.

[Those providers who are interested should visit this link for more information and to register by December 15th.](https://bit.ly/3SYQFQH)

JANUARY 2024

Happiness Calendar for Educators



This month, feel and foster more courage in your school community with daily tips and practices from Greater Good Science Center.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1 Reflect on your values for the new year.</p>	<p>2 Imagine your "courage creature."</p>	<p>3 Try a writing meditation.</p>	<p>4 Explore our free courage choice boards.</p>	<p>5 Enjoy and share beautiful music.</p>	<p>6 Practice a body scan meditation.</p>	
<p>7 Appreciate your strengths.</p>	<p>8 Connect with other educators.</p>	<p>9 Take our Courage in Education course.</p>	<p>10 Build meaning and purpose in the classroom.</p>	<p>11 Appreciate your people.</p>	<p>12 Be kind to yourself.</p>	<p>13 Embrace vulnerability.</p>
<p>14 Check in with your people.</p>	<p>15 Reflect on acts of courage.</p>	<p>16 Find awe in the everyday.</p>	<p>17 Make time for self-compassion.</p>	<p>18 Read for fun.</p>	<p>19 Celebrate your growth.</p>	<p>20 Let emotions come and go.</p>
<p>21 Plan a courageous act.</p>	<p>22 Create a healing-centered environment.</p>	<p>23 Be open to different perspectives.</p>	<p>24 Put down the put-downs.</p>	<p>25 Take a stand.</p>	<p>26 Flex SEL skills for social change.</p>	<p>27 Learn how growth mindsets can make us happier.</p>
<p>28 Meditate on your place in the universe.</p>	<p>29 Awaken compassion at work.</p>	<p>30 Foster friendly behavior to our planet.</p>	<p>31 Feel more hopeful and inspired.</p>	 <p>New! Courage in Education: Facing Challenges with Strength, Determination, and Hope Click Here to Sign Up</p>		



January 2024

School Readiness Calendar

Parents are the child's first teacher!
 Help prepare your child for kindergarten.



Sunday Creative Arts	Monday Language Arts	Tuesday Science	Wednesday Letter	Thursday Math	Friday Social & Emotional	Saturday Physical Development
	1 Happy New Year!! Start a new tradition- read a book every day with your child.	2 Take a winter walk with your child. Collect sticks, rocks, and leaves for your child to explore.	3 The letter W is for winter. Name words that begin with the /w/ sound.	4 1, 2, 3. Count daily with your child. Today, count your child's fingers and toes. Encourage your child to repeat you as you count.	5 Learning about emotions is important. Label your child's emotions. "You are happy, like the snowman!"	6 January is a cold month. Set up an indoor obstacle course for your child.
	7 It may or may not snow in Mississippi. Let your child create their own snow scene by gluing cotton balls onto paper.	8 New books are exciting for your child. Checkout winter books at your local library or Resource & Referral Center.	9 Introduce science vocabulary during nature walks. Say, "Some animals hibernate in the winter. This means they sleep all winter long!"	10 Place shaving cream on a clean surface. Show your child how to write the letter "W" with their finger for literacy and sensory play.	11 Count daily with your child. Today, count the number of people living in your home.	12 To help your child learn about emotions, label your own emotions. "Mommy is excited because Grandad is coming for a visit!"
14 Create a snow scene using white paint. Children can paint a scene with their fingers or a paint brush.	15 Today we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King! Reading books about Dr. King help children learn about his life and work!	16 Create your own snow experience! Mix equal parts shaving cream (foam) & cornstarch for a dense, foamy snow!	17 Letter recognition is important. While grocery shopping or in your own pantry, point to the letter "W" on products.	18 Add one more. Encourage your child to count as high as they can. Add one more, saying the next number.	19 Help your child recognize the emotions of others. "That little girl looks sad. She has tears on her face."	20 Bundle up! Visit a local park for movement and winter fun!
21 Cut out three circles. Encourage your child to glue the circles to create a snowman. Add eyes, a nose, and hat!	22 Talk, talk, talk with your child. Introduce winter vocabulary to your child, Winter, sweater, mittens, frozen, January, etc.	23 New science vocabulary. Say, "Geese & ducks have migrated to MS. They have moved to MS for the winter."	24 W is for waffles and water. Enjoy a fun breakfast with your child, emphasizing the /w/ sound.	25 Encourage your child to gather his favorite toys/objects. Count the objects together.	26 Introduce new emotional words to your child. "Not being able to play outside today is disappointing."	27 Have a winter animal walk with your child. Crawl slowly like a bear, jump like deer, and waddle like penguins!
28 Show your child how to tear tissue or tissue paper. Form into a small ball and glue on paper to create a snowy scene.	29 Encourage your child to choose their favorite book. While reading, encourage your child to point to named pictures in the story.	30 Science Experiment: Put ice cubes in a glass at night before bed. Check in the morning to see what happened. Why did they change?	31 Add an action! Putting movement with letters helps your child recall the letter name & sound. Wiggle, wave, & waddle!			