



# *State Agencies*

# Early Childhood Virtual Resource Fair

## *Name of Resource Program and/or Group:*

Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Division of Early Childhood Care and Development



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## *Services Provided to Early Childhood*

### Child Care Payment Program-

The Child Care Certificate Program is a federally funded program designed to provide parents with assistance with child care tuition. Parents may choose any type of child care while participating in this program.

### Healthy Families Mississippi-

Healthy Families Mississippi is a new home visiting program serving pregnant mothers and parents with children up to three years of age in Copiah, Claiborne, Coahoma, Humphreys, Holmes, Issaquena, Jefferson, Neshoba, Sunflower, Sharkey, Tallahatchie, Tunica, Washington and Wilkinson Counties.

Healthy Families Mississippi will:

1. Link families to community services and resources.
2. Provide child development, nutrition, financial and safety education.
3. Provide family support materials to eligible families.
4. Refer families to other support services.

*Is there a cost for your services or program?*

Yes ☐ No ☒

*Website Link:* <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/early-childhood-care-development/>

*Other links for your services:* <https://secac.ms.gov/>

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## Name of Resource Program and/or Group:

Bureau of Child Care Licensure



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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Services Provided to Early Childhood

The Bureau of Child Care Licensure is comprised of three teams: licensure, investigation, and training. Each team supports the Bureau's goal of protecting and promoting the health and safety of children in Mississippi.

The licensure team conducts inspections, technical assistance visits, and follow-up visits with child care centers. During those visits we offer guidance, suggestions, and resources that assist in meeting regulatory compliance and enhance early childhood learning. We conduct inspections and provide technical assistance to ensure providers are striving to provide a safe and healthy environment for children.

The investigation team conducts investigations on all complaints of possible regulation violations filed against licensed child child facilities. The investigation team also investigates complaints on unlicensed facilities to ensure that they are in compliance with the law. In addition they conduct investigations on self-reports from facilities when they relate to child injuries that require medical attention. During each investigation, technical assistance is provided to assist providers with maintaining a safe and healthy environment for children.

The training team provides both virtual and face to face professional development and reviews and evaluates other professional development for contact hours. In addition, the training team ensures nutritional adequacy of child care menus for licensed facilities and conducts inspections in child residential homes and summer youth camps.

The Bureau of Child Care Licensure has recently developed the Child Care Connection to serve as an additional source of information for our child care providers. It is our goal to keep our providers up to date on all regulatory issues and provide them with useful early childhood information.

Please contact your local license official when questions or assistance is needed. For additional information visit our website ([www.healthyms.com](http://www.healthyms.com)) or call 601-364-2827.

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Website Link: [www.healthyms.com](http://www.healthyms.com)

Other links for your services:

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## *Name of Resource Program and/or Group:*

Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH)  
Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes  
Program (LPPHP)

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## *Services Provided to Early Childhood*

The mission of the MSDH LPPHP is to develop sustainable partnerships and coordinate program activities that foster a healthy and safe home environment for families while reducing health disparities, and promoting and protecting the health of all Mississippians.

Our program offers training for childcare providers that can be provided virtually or face-to-face. The trainings cover lead poisoning, healthy homes and safe sleep. Participants will learn about sources of lead, effects of lead on young children, lead poisoning prevention strategies, 8 principles of a healthy home/healthy childcare, safe sleep and sudden infant death syndrome risk reduction strategies.

CEUs are provided to all participants.

Print and electronic resources of all topics are available.

*Is there a cost for your services or program?*

Yes ☐ No ☒

*Website Link:* [https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/44,0,360.html](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/44,0,360.html)

*Other links for your services:*



## Name of Resource Program and/or Group:

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH

-Make a Child Smile

-Cavity Free Kids

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## Services Provided to Early Childhood

1) Make a Child's Smile (For children enrolled in Mississippi's early learning facilities)

The Mississippi State Department of Health is helping child care programs to provide preventive dental services and access to care for children enrolled in early education learning centers.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood. The MSDH Oral Health Division and Mississippi early learning centers are teaming up to give smiles back to kids in need by working directly through child care centers around the state.

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

A licensed dental hygienist will perform a dental screening for your child at no cost to you or the center. A dental screening can identify problems or disease conditions that need further evaluation by a dentist. A dental screening does not take the place of a dental exam, but it can identify the need for a preventive fluoride varnish, which is then provided to your child at no charge. Varnish is a protective coating that is painted on teeth to prevent tooth cavities. It is safe and recommended for application at least two times per year.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

For your child/students to receive this service, you must complete and return a Make a Child's smile parental consent form to your child's teacher. The results of your child's screening will be provided to you in writing. The Mississippi State Department of Health's Office of Oral Health will not bill Medicaid for the fluoride varnish application. Your child's preventive services data may be shared with other dental and health care providers that see your child for care.

### CONTACT

For more information about this program, please contact the Mississippi Office of Oral Health at (601) 206-1590.

2) Cavity-Free Kids: Educational Training for Child Care Providers and Parents

Cavity Free Kids is a free train-the-trainer oral health curriculum that provides education about dental cavities and how they can be prevented.

This curriculum was developed for child care directors and staff who work closely with parents and children. Those who participate will acquire knowledge, skills, and resources to educate families and children. Hands-on training includes exercises that are fun and easy for parents and children to understand.

This training is free. Child care staff will receive two contact hours for attending. For more information contact the Office of Oral Health at (601) 206-1590.

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Website Link: [https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/43,0,151,479.html](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/43,0,151,479.html)

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