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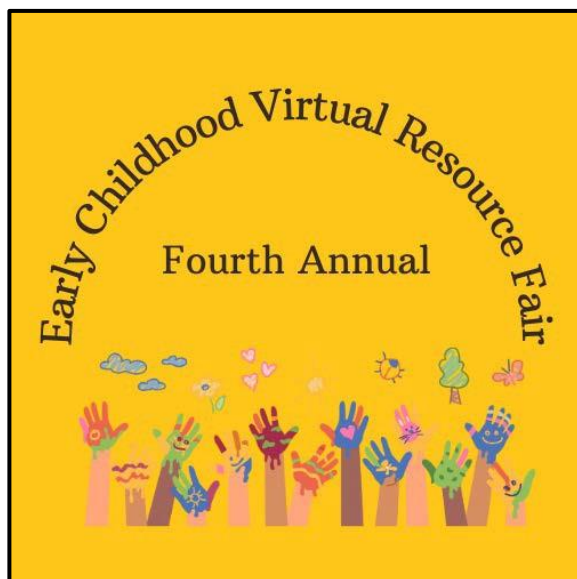
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Early Childhood Professionals:

Special Resources for Licensed Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers


Resource Manual



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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The mission of the Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning is to promote and facilitate the support of child development and learning by establishing policies and practices dedicated to:</p> <p>Providing leadership in the field as well as informing leaders charged with decisions that impact the lives of children birth-8 years of age.</p> <p>Conducting research and reporting various research findings that have a direct impact on the well-being of children birth to 8 years of age and their families. Collaborating with stakeholders and programs that focus on the needs of young children and their families</p> <p>For the mission to be met, we offer virtual and on-site training of early care and education teachers and administrators on a variety of topics, support pre-k teachers and assistant teachers in meeting state teaching requirements, provide resources and assistance to family child care providers and collaborate with agencies and programs that provide support to child care providers and parents of young children.</p>	
Website Link: http://gcsel.education.olemiss.edu/	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/gcsel/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	



STATE AGENCIES

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Health, Child Care Licensure	 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Contact Information: Person: Chriscella L. Clay M.Ed. Phone: 769-246-7555 E-Mail: chriscella.clay@msdh.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Inspections are now being conducted electronically; providers are automatically sent a copy of their inspection report the following morning after their inspection; the same inspection report will be automatically generated to child care provider search website. The licensure team conducts inspections, technical assistance visits, and follow-up visits with child care centers. During those visits we offer guidance, suggestions, referrals, and resources that assist in meeting regulatory compliance and enhance early childhood learning. Inspections and technical assistance are provided to ensure providers are striving to provide a safe and healthy environment for children.</p> <p>The investigation team conducts investigations on all complaints of possible regulation violations filed against licensed child care facilities. The investigation team also investigates complaints on unlicensed facilities to ensure that they are in compliance with the law. In addition, the team conducts 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.</p> <p>The training team provides both virtual and face to face professional development, as well as, reviewing and evaluating other professional development opportunities for contact hour approval. 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.</p> <p>The Bureau of Child Care Licensure has developed the Child Care Connection that is sent out monthly 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.</p> <p>Please contact your local license official when questions or assistance is needed. For additional information visit our website (www.healthyms.com) or call 601-364-2827.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.healthyms.com	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Health, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program</p>	 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
<p>Contact Information:</p> <p>Person: Crystal Veazey</p> <p>Phone: 601-576-7447</p> <p>E-Mail: crystal.veazey@msdh.ms.gov</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Educational trainings on lead poisoning, healthy homes and safe sleep. Educational materials addressing lead poisoning, healthy homes and safe sleep for distribution to families. Some of our trainings can provide CEU credits.</p> <p>The program can also provide a pack-n-play if a family is identified as not having a safe sleep environment for their infant.</p>	
<p>Website Link: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/44,0,360.html</p>	
<p>Other links for your services:</p>	
<p>Is there a cost for your services or program?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
Mississippi State Department of Health,
Office of Oral Health



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Contact Information:

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Phone: 601-206-1590

E-Mail: angela.filzen@msdh.ms.gov

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

Tooth decay remains one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood. The Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Oral Health is helping childcare programs to provide preventive dental services and access to care for children enrolled in early childhood learning centers.

(1) Make a Child's Smile

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 help 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, Office of Oral Health will not bill Medicaid for the fluoride varnish application. Your child's preventive service data may be shared with other dental and health care providers that see your child for care.

(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 childcare 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. Childcare staff will receive two contact hours for attending.

CONTACT

For more information about these programs, please contact the Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Oral Health at (601) 206-1590.

Website Link: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/43,0,151,470.html

Other links for your services: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/43,0,151,479.html


Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐ No ☐


Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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<p>Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity / Better Together Project / Go NAPSACC</p>	
<p>Contact Information:</p> <p>Person: Taylor Henderson</p> <p>Phone: 601-206-1558</p> <p>E-Mail: taylor.henderson@msdh.ms.gov</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Go NAPSACC is designed to enhance child wellness practices in early care and education settings by improving nutritional quality of foods and beverages provided, adopting best feeding practices, creating healthy environments, increasing physical activity, and decreasing screen time. States with a Go NAPSACC contract can use the website to work with child care providers in any of seven modules (Breastfeeding and Infant Feeding, Child Nutrition, Physical Activity, Outdoor Play and Learning, Oral Health, Screen Time, and Farm 2 ECE). The Go NAPSACC website walks child care providers through a five-step improvement process of taking self-assessments, making plans, taking action, learning more, and keeping it up. The platform includes over 100 resources and 35 trainings.</p>	
<p>Website Link: https://gonapsacc.org/</p>	
<p>Other links for your services:</p>	
<p>Is there a cost for your services or program?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Early Childhood Care and Development	 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Contact Information: Person: DECCD Staff Phone: 601-359-4500 E-Mail: ccpayment@mdhs.ms.gov	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers Child Care Payment Program- The Child Care Certificate Program is a federally funded program that provides child care subsidy assistance to families to help afford quality child care and education for their children. This program gives parents the freedom to choose child care arrangements that best suit their family's needs.	
Website Link: https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/early-childhood-care-development/	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood	
Contact Information: Person: Jill Dent Phone: 601-359-2586 E-Mail: jdent@mdek12.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) provides information, guidance, professional development, and technical assistance to public school pre-K and Kindergarten programs. OEC also provides technical assistance and training to child care, Head Start and private school pre-K classroom early learning providers.</p>	
Website Link: www.mdek12.org/ec	
Other links for your services: https://gsmu.mdek12.org/Public/Course/Browse	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition / Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	
Contact Information: Person: Susie Q. Evans-Gater Phone: 601-576-5000 E-Mail: susie.evans@mdek12.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps child and adult care institutions, and family or group day care homes provide nutritious foods to young children, at-risk youth, and adults who are chronically impaired.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/CACFP	
Other links for your services: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Education, English Learner Supports	
Contact Information: Person: Sandra Elliott Phone: 601-359-2586 E-Mail: selliott@mdek12.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>We provide professional development, technical assistance, guidance and resources related to supporting English learners, gifted students, students with dyslexia, and the Multi-Tiered System of Supports process. Resources for supporting these groups can be found on our websites:</p> <p>English Learner Supports: https://www.mdek12.org/EL</p> <p>Gifted Education: https://www.mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/ALGP</p> <p>Dyslexia: https://www.mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/Dyslexia</p> <p>Intervention Services: https://www.mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/InterventionServices</p>	
Website Link: https://www.mdek12.org/EL	
Other links for your services:	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency



Contact Information:

Person:

Phone: Public Information Line 866.920.6362

E-Mail: memainfo@mema.ms.gov

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

MEMA's website has information on how to prepare a disaster kit and plan. They also have a web page devoted to children with age-appropriate information including videos on preparedness for natural disasters.

Website Link: <https://www.msema.org/mema-kids/>

Other links for your services:

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?


Yes ☐

No ☒



SPECIAL NEEDS

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society	
Contact Information: Person: Jenny Babl Phone: 601-385-DOWN (3696) E-Mail: info@cmdss.org	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers CMDSS provides support, education, enrichment and resources to individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The CMDSS just opened a building (the first of its kind) in Ridgeland this month. It is called the Buddy Center and will provide free programming to people with Down syndrome, their families and the community at large. For more information visit: https://cmdss.org/support/support-cmdss-buddy-center/	
Website Link: www.cmdss.org	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
**Institute for Disability Studies-Learn
 The Signs. Act Early and
 Family Engagement**



Contact Information:

Person: Leslie LaVergne, PhD

Phone: 601-266-6225

E-Mail: leslie.lavergne@usm.edu

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

The Institute for Disability Studies, Act Early Ambassador, provides technical assistance regarding the use of developmental monitoring practices for professionals in early childhood and families. Materials developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are used to track developmental milestones and to engage in conversations with families and medical professionals regarding child development. In addition, this program provides support to families with children ages 3-18 eligible for services through Part B of IDEA in acquiring adequate special education services through public schools. This support can include one-on-one technical assistance to families regarding the transition from Part C to Part B, development of a meaningful Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and when necessary, advocacy support in IEP meetings with the local school district.

Website Link:

Other links for your services: <https://www.usm.edu/ids/index.php>


Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐ No ☒


Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Department of Education, Early Childhood Special Education	
Contact Information: Person: Dr. Becky Palculict Phone: E-Mail: rpalculict@mdek12.org	
<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers </div> <p>MDE Early Childhood Special Education staff provide training and technical assistance to early childhood staff from public schools, Head Start, and child care centers. Our training is focused on providing appropriate services to young children with disabilities to increase their outcomes. Sessions can include information on what a provider should do if they are concerned about a child's development, strategies for working with children with delays, and how to be a partner with other entities that serve children to ensure all children in the community are receiving appropriate services.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.mdek12.org/OSE/EC	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center	
Contact Information: Person: Alicia Westbrook Phone: 601-266-4745 E-Mail: alicia.westbrook@usm.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Meeting the needs of early childhood educators, families, and young children with disabilities by providing high quality early childhood inclusion.</p> <p>MECIC provides trainings and on-site assistance offering a variety of professional development options. Families and providers can also visit MECIC: Resource and Referral in Hattiesburg and Gulfport. To learn more about the Resource and Referral visit, https://mecic-usm.org/.</p>	
Website Link: https://mecic-usm.org/	
Other links for your services:	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi First Steps Early Intervention Program	 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Contact Information: Person: Miranda Richardson Phone: 601-576-7427 E-Mail: Miranda.Richardson@msdh.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, provisions are made to provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities or who have conditions that are likely to lead to developmental delays. In Mississippi, the Part C program is known as First Steps.</p> <p>The goals of early intervention are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Identify and connect all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families with early intervention services and supports;* Enhance children's development by helping families and caregivers learn strategies and skills to meet their children's needs; and* Reduce the later need for/expense of special education and institutionalization by maximizing the independent living of individuals with disabilities <p>Children who are eligible are between the ages of birth to 45 days before the child's third birthday. They must show significant delays in one or more of the five areas of development, including physical, adaptive, cognitive, communication, and social-emotional, have a diagnosed condition likely to lead to a developmental delay without intervention, or have a clinician provide a justification for early intervention services.</p> <p>Families who have a qualifying child are connected with professionals with specialized training in working with young children and families on development, including special instructors, speech therapists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. Most often, they will work with families and caregivers in the child's natural environments, including early care and education centers, to help them learn skills to work with their child.</p> <p>Anyone with information on a child can make a referral! Often early care and education providers are the first people to notice that a child has delays in development, so you are a valuable partner in helping us identify infants and toddlers and linking them to needed services.</p>	
Website Link: http://healthmys.com/ei	
Other links for your services: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/static/resources/2056.pdf (referral form)	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program	 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Contact Information: Person: Dr. Ashten Yost Phone: 228-432-3431 E-Mail: Ashten.Yost@msdh.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Hearing Loss is one of the most common birth defects, with approximately 3 of every 1000 babies born identified with some degree of hearing loss at birth. To ensure they are identified and receive intervention as early as possible, each state has established an Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, commonly called EHDI (pronounced like Eddie).</p> <p>The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program in Mississippi tracks all babies born in the state to ensure they receive hearing screenings by one month of age. EHDI-MS also tracks the children who do not pass hearing screening, to ensure they receive a diagnostic exam by an audiologist and confirmation of their hearing status by three months of age. If the diagnostic exam reveals they have hearing loss, EHDI-MS refers them to the Mississippi First Steps EIP for early intervention services by six months of age.</p> <p>These timelines are known as the EHDI 1-3-6 goals!</p> <p>As important as it is to identify children who are born with hearing loss, it is also important to identify those children who develop hearing loss after birth. An additional 3 in 1000 at children will have late onset hearing loss by the time they reach school age. So the EHDI-MS has a new Initiative to help identify children with late onset hearing loss: the Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative.</p> <p>The EHDI-MS is looking for early care and education providers to partner on conducting periodic hearing screening for infants and toddlers up to three years of age. As part of this project, early care and education programs will complete and agreement with the EHDI-MS and receive access to hearing screening devices, training to appropriately use these devices, and report the hearing screening results back to the EHDI-MS program to ensure those who do not pass will receive follow-up evaluations.</p> <p>To get more information about this opportunity email: EHDi@msdh.ms.gov.</p>	
Website Link: https://msdh.ms.gov/ehdi	
Other links for your services: http://www.infanthearing.org/states/state_profile.php?state=mississippi	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Parent Training and Information Center	 <small>MISSISSIPPI PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER PROJECT</small>
Contact Information: Person: Leslie Junkin Phone: 601-969-0601 office 662-251-5599 cell E-Mail: leslie@mspti.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>MSPTI is funded under Part D of IDEA and has been the parent center for MS since 2006. We provide training, information, resources and supports to parents of children with disabilities from birth to 26. We offer web training, IFSP and IEP consultation and support, information on how to request evaluations and advocacy skills training for parents. Parents of children with disabilities struggle with finding resources and support. Our organization's goal is to provide it.</p>	
Website Link: www.mspti.org	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: REACH MS	
Contact Information: Person: Brittany Herrington Phone: 601-266-4693 E-Mail: brittany.herrington@usm.edu	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers We provide regional face-to-face trainings, online trainings, and technical assistance for all teaching aspects of early childhood - academics, social-emotional learning, and behavior. On-site assistance may come with a small cost and is limited. Virtual trainings and assistance are at no cost and are less limited.	
Website Link: https://reachms.org/	
Other links for your services: https://challengingbehavior.org/	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	




LITERACY RESOURCES



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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Public Broadcasting	 Mississippi Public Broadcasting <small>mpbonline.org</small>
Contact Information: Person: Tara Y. Wren, Ph.D. Phone: 601-432-6298 E-Mail: tara.wren@mpbonline.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>MPB Education, a Division within Mississippi Public Broadcasting, is a robust, boots-on-the-ground provider of services, resources, and information. MPB Education offers a variety of rigorous programs both face-to-face and digitally. Services that focus on parents, children, and families top the list of initiatives. The hands-on, consistent nurturing approach allows us to get to know those we serve and dedicate consistent time to programs that have a lasting impact.</p> <p>Our vision is to serve from a holistic perspective. Therefore, we go beyond the family. Our relationship extends into the schools with teachers, principals, and counselors. And into the community with libraries, businesses, and organizations that we consider partners in the spirit of “it takes a village.”</p> <p>MPB is a statewide organization. We seek to serve as many Mississippians as possible and to be a support to other agencies offering similar services or seeking a complement to their programs. MPB Education believes in the success of engaging partnerships.</p> <p>Programs MPB Education offers span from an instructional television channel with lessons taught by Mississippi teachers and coaches to teacher, parent, and student workshops to workforce development to teaching children how to lead healthy lifestyles. We provide all of these services, as well as some in conjunction with PBS, the most trusted education platform in the world. As a PBS station, MPB brings the rich content of PBS to Mississippians through our programs.</p> <p>Like us on Facebook at MPB Education. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Sign up for our MPB Education newsletter at MPB Education Newsletter Signup (jotform.com). Plus, find many PBS and MPB resources at education.mpbonline.org.</p>	
Website Link: education.mpbonline.org	
Other links for your services: https://form.jotform.com/200900394122039	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Talk From The Start MS	
Contact Information: Person: Monique Ealey Phone: 601-709-8970 E-Mail: monique@mcm.ms	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> Professional Development Resources for parents and caregivers as it relates to talking with and to children Appearances by Rocky the Reader for schools and child care centers Early Literacy Traveling Exhibit Coming in 2022	
Website Link: http://talkfromthestart.org/	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Vroom and Mind in the Making	 
Contact Information: Person: Heather Martin Phone: 662-325-0105 E-Mail: heather.martin@ssrc.msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Vroom is a global program that provides FREE, science-based tips and tools to help all parents and caregivers give children a great start in life. Vroom was born out of a need for creative tools and materials that inspire families to turn everyday moments into brain building moments. It was developed with input from parents, early childhood experts, neuroscientists, and community leaders. Let me know how I can provide training and contact hours or help you share this amazing resource with your families and with your curriculum. Vroom Tips can be accessed multiple ways including through the app, by text, through the free website, and through videos on Youtube. Check out the brand-new Challenging Moments Tip Set!</p> <p>Mind in the Making is a national initiative to share research on the development of young children, including the importance of life skills that build on and promote executive functions. Mind in the Making makes this research available to those who can benefit most — particularly families and professionals who work with children— through training modules, skill-building tips, and other resources. This training is available and provides up to 16 contact hours upon completion. Also, find the FREE book skill building tips and skill building scenario sheets on the website!</p>	
Website Link: www.mississippithrive.com	
Other links for your services: www.vroom.org www.mindinthemaking.org	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	




PARENT RESOURCES

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Clarksdale Baby University	
Contact Information: Person: Chelesa Presley Phone: 662-609-0707 E-Mail: cjpalway@gmail.com	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers We provide an eight-week intensive parenting class for pregnant and family with children birth to age 3.	
Website Link: https://www.spring-initiative.org/	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/clarksdalebabyuniversity	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Diaper Bank of the Delta	
Contact Information: Person: Chelesa Presley Phone: 662-609-0707 E-Mail: Cpresley@deltadiapers.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Diaper Bank of the Delta provide basic need supplies to families such as diapers, wipes, menstrual products, books, car seats, and other early childhood essentials. We also product education and advocacy about diaper need and period poverty.</p>	
Website Link: www.deltadiapers.org	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/MississippiDiaperneed	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
Families as Allies



Contact Information:

Person: Jackie Taylor

Phone: 601-355-0915

E-Mail: jtaylor@faams.org

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

We are a statewide organization run by and for families of children, birth to 21, with behavioral health and other challenges. We support each other and work together to make things better for our children. We help families negotiate systems and understand their rights. We train those working with families in how to partner with families. We work at the systems level to ensure that policies and systems are responsive to children and families.

Website Link: www.faams.org

Other links for your services:

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
Mississippi Families for Kids



Contact Information:

Person: Nadeane Cattrell

Phone: 601-957-7670

E-Mail: ncrookmffk@aol.com

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

MFFK provides adoption services, counseling, parent training, teacher training, kinship support, developmental screenings, and resource connections to children and families.

Website Link: www.mffk.org

Other links for your services:

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐


No ☐

Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?


Yes ☐

No ☐


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Thrive Website with Interactive County Resource Maps	
Contact Information: Person: Laure Bell Phone: 662-325-8079 E-Mail: laure.bell@ssrc.msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Mississippi Thrive Website has a wealth of information and resources on early childhood developmental health for families, child care providers/teachers, health care providers, and early childhood partners.</p> <p>The site includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Developmental milestone and brain building information *Child care provider training modules *Parent videos *Early childhood research *National and state-specific toolkits for developmental screening and health promotion *Vroom® and Mind in the Making Resources *Information on the Early Childhood Development Coalition (ECDC) <p>The website also includes the MS Thrive Interactive County Resource Maps which assist in finding local resources in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Healthcare clinics and birthing hospitals *Healthcare service providers *Licensed child care centers *Family resources - such as resource and referral centers, developmental screenings, and much more *Essential needs - such as food banks, housing, etc. 	
Website Link: https://mississippithrive.com/	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi WIC Program	
Contact Information: Person: Kimberly Dixon Phone: 601-991-6000 E-Mail: kimberly.dixon@msdh.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>WIC is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children under five years of age. WIC helps you and your baby get healthy foods and healthy advice in the first years of life. WIC provides breastfeeding promotion, peer counselor support as well as breast pumps and devices to help mothers have a positive breastfeeding experience. The new director for the program is Dr. Jameshya Ballard.</p>	
Website Link: www.healthyms.com	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	



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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: The Parents' Campaign	
Contact Information: Person: Nancy Loome Phone: 601-961-4551 E-Mail: nloome@msparentscampaign.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Parents' Campaign helps parents, center directors, teachers, and all supporters of high-quality early childhood experiences influence the outcome of legislation and policy that affect early childhood systems. We analyze all proposed early childhood-related legislation and policy and notify the public when the proposals warrant their attention – whether they are proposals that could be helpful to or harmful to Mississippi children and teachers. We assist concerned citizens in identifying and contacting their own legislators and policy makers so they can have conversations about the impact of such proposals on the early childhood community, and we help them hold lawmakers accountable by reporting how they vote on related legislation. Additionally, the staff of The Parents Campaign regularly advises legislators and other elected leaders of best practices and research in the field of early learning to inform their decisions.</p>	
Website Link: https://mspparentscampaign.org/	
Other links for your services: Research site: https://tpceref.org/ Voting records: https://votes.msparentscampaign.org/show.php	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	




RESOURCES SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: AIM for Change Mississippi State University Extension Service	 
Contact Information: Person: Yolanda Pruitt Phone: 662-325-4293 E-Mail: yep11@msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>We work with community coalitions to develop community action plans for counties with an adult obesity rate of 40% or greater. Some of our work includes food pantries and gardens which serve families and children. We also work with communities with transportation plans that help to highlight how residents get to everyday destinations and walkability in communities which looks at safety, sidewalks, biking, etc. There is synergy with Early Childhood work through these partnerships, which prioritize high needs populations and work to improve health outcomes for Mississippians.</p>	
Website Link: http://extension.msstate.edu/food-and-health/health/aim-for-change	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: CASA of Mississippi	
Contact Information: Person: Mindy Brown Phone: 662-314-6781 E-Mail: mbrown@casams.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Every day, a child in Mississippi appears in a courtroom - not for a criminal action, but as a victim of abuse or neglect. Trained Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers advocate for the best interests of these children. They provide research, information, and recommendations about what's best for the child, enabling Mississippi judges to make more effective and child-centered decisions.</p> <p>CASA Volunteers are community members who ensure that neglected and abused child's needs remain a priority in an over-burdened child welfare system while working to find safe, permanent homes for these most vulnerable children. Advocates get to know the children, their caregivers, and the facts of the case. The children may have already been removed from the home and placed in foster care, or they may be at risk of entering foster care. CASA advocates take part in such processes as child and family visits, court hearings, and meetings about the children's needs. Advocates express their concerns and explore all of the options for permanent homes.</p>	
Website Link: www.cacams.org	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Children's Foundation of Mississippi	
Contact Information: Person: Linda Southward Phone: 662-648-9371 E-Mail: linda@childrensfoundationms.org	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</h3> <p>The Children's Foundation of Mississippi (CFM) is engaged in policy and systems change to improve outcomes on behalf of Mississippi's children, ages 0-18. We were founded in 2019 to serve as a convener, facilitator, advocate, and catalyst for positive change. Since then, the CFM has produced multiple data pieces, engaged with a variety of projects and partners, and hosted two state-wide children's summits.</p> <p>The CFM has published two "Blueprints for Improving the Future of Mississippi's Children." The Children's Foundation team has prioritized children and youth's needs by creating a data-driven roadmap that can guide the state toward the best possible future for all of our children. The goal is to identify the top challenges facing Mississippi's children and then determine what is feasible to improve their well-being.</p> <p>In addition, the CFM is home to Mississippi KIDS COUNT, the leading resource for comprehensive information on Mississippi's children, and serves as a catalyst for improving outcomes for children, families, and communities. We produce an annual Mississippi KIDS COUNT Factbook and regularly update our County Level Risk and Reach Report sheets. These sheets are designed to help counties see where they are succeeding regarding child well-being and what gaps need to be addressed. These reports are available on the CFM's website: https://childrensfoundationms.org/.</p> <p>In the summer of 2022, the CFM distributed small grants to nine nonprofits interested in forming Early Childhood Councils in their respective counties. In 2023 the CFM awarded 8 more. These councils are designed to be populated by a diverse group from all sectors whose goal is to improve the lives of Mississippi's children. Council representatives might include physicians, school administrators, teachers, state, city or county-level leaders, groups like Excel by 5, etc. The goal is for every county in the state to establish an Early Childhood Council focused on the specific needs of its children ages 0-5 and addressing those needs.</p> <p>The CFM has partnered with Entergy Mississippi to launch a My529 college savings account program that will donate \$60,000 to help Mississippi families establish child savings accounts. A My529 child savings account is designed specifically for postsecondary education. These accounts allow families to save funds for their children to attend a two- or four-year college, trade school or technical school. Eligible families can sign up for a free Kids to College my529 account with the help of CFM and will receive a \$50 contribution from Entergy. There is no signup fee and no monthly minimum required for opening the account. To receive the boost, families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an Entergy customer. • Must meet income thresholds of either single parent or guardians with up to \$60,000 and \$80,000 for dual earners. 	
Website Link: https://childrensfoundationms.org/	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Delta Health Alliance	 DELTA HEALTH ALLIANCE
Contact Information: Person: Rickey Lawson Phone: 662-822-5777 E-Mail: rlawson@deltahealthalliance.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Delta Health Alliance (DHA) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that binds together communities of the Mississippi Delta to improve the quality of life. Comprised of more than 50 programs focused on every stage of growth, DHA offers the tools, guidance and resources to meet the needs and challenges of those who call the Delta and surrounding area their home. DHA provides the ingredients to ensure that all residents have the best health and educational opportunities in a region historically distressed by a lack of these essential components. Whether a soon-to-be mom, a toddler preparing for kindergarten, a high schooler looking toward college or a senior wanting to stay active, DHA is a neighbor ready to provide a helping hand.</p>	
Website Link: www.deltahealthalliance.org	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Delta Health Alliance Head Start/ Early Head Start	 DELTA HEALTH ALLIANCE
Contact Information: Person: Leigh-Anne Gant Phone: 662-390-3455 E-Mail: lgant@deltahealthalliance.org	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers DHA Head Start/ Early Head Start and DHA Early Head Start Childcare Partnership provides high-quality preschool education services to eligible Leflore, Sunflower and Warren County children ages birth to five and pregnant women. Programming promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through quality educational, health, nutritional, and other social services to enrolled children and families. Head Start engages parents in their children's learning and supports parents in making progress toward their educational, literacy, and employment goals.	
Website Link: https://www.dhaheadstart.org/	
Other links for your services:	
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Delta Health Alliance (DHA) Grants

(Last Updated July 28, 2023)

Working to improve health, education and community outcomes



HEALTH

- (1) Delta BLUES Diabetes
- (2) Delta CHANGE
- (3) Delta Better Futures
- (4) Delta Opioid Taskforce
- (5) Delta Produce Rx
- (6) Delta Stroke Collaborative
- (7) Delta Wellness Center
- (8) Empowering Communities
- (9) Healthy Start Collaborative
- (10) Leland Medical Clinic (LMC)
- (11) LMC Mobile Medical Clinic
- (12) MS Tobacco-Free Coalition
- (13) NEW YOU Collaborative
- (14) POWER
- (15) RISE UP

COVID Efforts

- (16) LMC Covid Center/ Vaccine Outreach Program
- (17) MS RIVER Inverness

EDUCATION

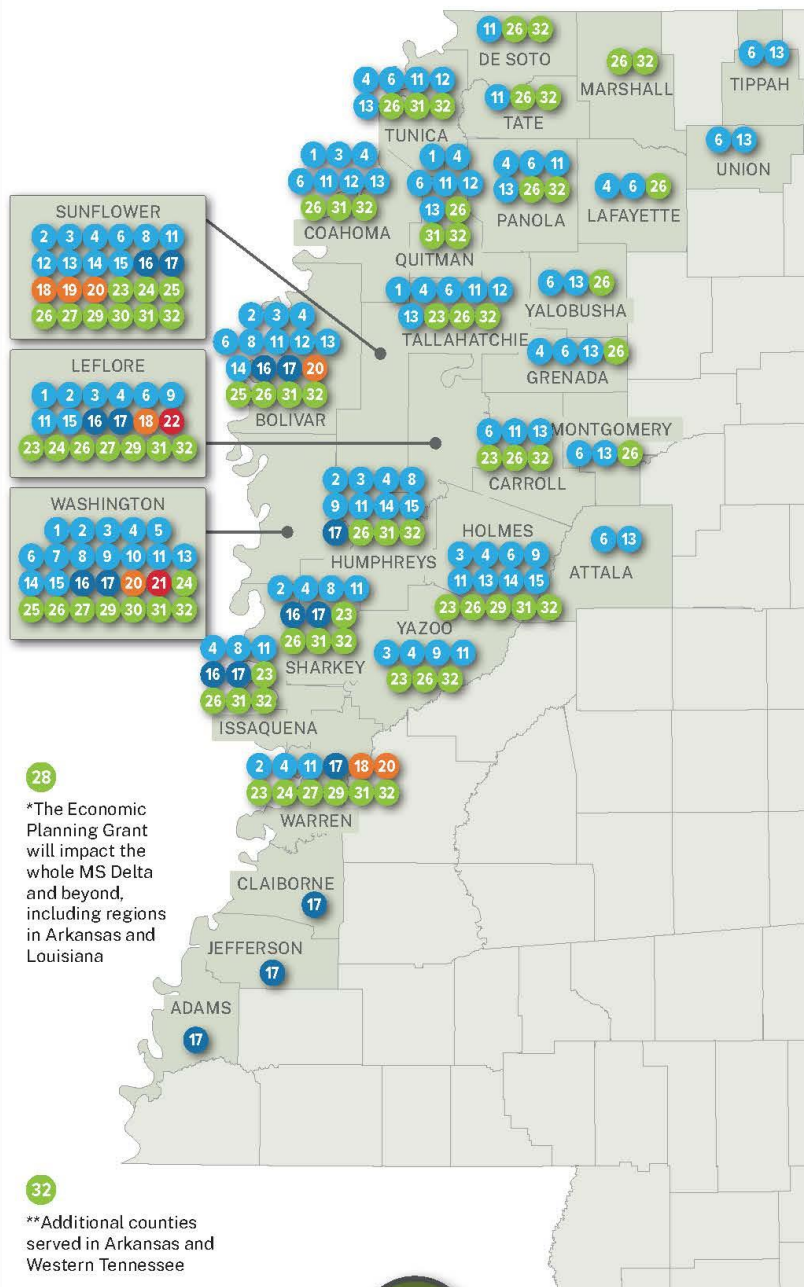
- (18) DHA Head Start / Early Head Start (HS / EHS)
- (19) EHS Childcare Partnership
- (20) Imagination Library

DHA Promise Communities

- (21) Deer Creek Promise Community (DCPC)
- (22) Leflore Promise Community (LPC)

COMMUNITY

- (23) Community Health Worker HUBs
- (24) Delta Careers Collaborative
- (25) Delta EATS / Farm2School
- (26) Delta Family Resource Sites
- (27) Delta Safe Families Collaborative
- (28) Economic Planning Grant*
- (29) LEADS Initiative
- (30) Sesame Street in Communities
- (31) TORCH Workforce Program
- (32) WORC**



Individual Well-Being Leading to Community Well-Being

QUALITY OF LIFE
VIBRANT ECONOMY



SOCIAL HEALTH
STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

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HEALTH

1. Delta BLUES (Better Living Utilizing Engagement Strategies) provides education and services to reduce the impact of diabetes. (HRSA)
2. Delta CHANGE (Community Health, Access, Nutrition, Growth and Equity) expands access to wellness programs, dental services, vaccinations and EPSDT screening for low-income families. (USDA)
3. Delta Better Futures is a community based Teen Pregnancy Prevention outreach program. (DHHS)
4. Delta Opioid Taskforce (DOT) Initiative combats the misuse of opioids in rural communities and puts users on the road to recovery, including serving the underinsured and offering support to effected youth. (HRSA, SAMSHA, DOJ)
5. Delta Produce Rx Prescription Program is a partnership between Leland Medical Clinic and local groceries to increase access to healthy foods for patients with chronic health conditions. (USDA)
6. Delta Stroke Collaborative establishes a network of providers to prevent and treat stroke in rural communities of the Delta. (HRSA)
7. Delta Wellness Center is a state-of-the-art fitness center including a cooking kitchen offering classes and programs to establish healthy lifestyle habits.
8. Empowering Communities will deliver and sustain a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program through community outreach. (ACL)
9. Healthy Start Collaborative addresses infant mortality and poor maternal and infant health outcomes. Programs collaborating under the roof of the Delta Home Visitation Initiative include Parents for Teachers, Delta Dads, Delta Doulas, and more. (HRSA)
10. Leland Medical Clinic (LMC) provides quality clinical services, behavioral health care and telehealth visits to residents of the Mississippi Delta.
11. LMC Mobile Medical Clinic, staffed by LMC's clinicians, brings convenient and quality medical care directly to local communities and employees.
12. Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition provides education outreach and strategies for risk avoidance in schools and communities throughout the Delta. (MS DOH)

13. NEW YOU (Nutrition, Exercise and Wellness for You) Collaborative provides obesity outreach and nutrition education through Community Health Workers. (HRSA)
14. POWER (Partnership to Optimize Women's Education in Reproductive Health) works to improve maternal and infant health and reduce unintended pregnancies through structural interventions. (NIH)
15. RISE UP (Recovery, Instruction, Support & Education Upward-bound Program) assists recovery from substance abuse through a pipeline of referral systems and wrap-around supports. (HRSA)

COVID Efforts

16. LMC's COVID center provides vaccine education and outreach, free rapid testing in low-income and minority communities, and training for outreach workers and the general public on COVID risks and mitigation. (USDA)
17. MS RIVER (Mississippi Recognizing Important Vaccine Education & Resources) continues a partnership with the City of Inverness to support community outreach and increase health literacy. (OMH)

EDUCATION

18. DHA Head Start/Early Head Start promotes school readiness by supporting the mental, social, and emotional development of children birth to 5. (HRSA)
19. Early Head Start Childcare Partnership addresses the critical need for high quality, affordable early childcare by partnering with private daycare facilities. (HRSA)
20. Imagination Library improves school readiness through free home delivery of developmentally appropriate books for children 0-5. (Dolly Parton Foundation)

DHA Promise Communities

The three DHA Promise Communities deliver a complete pipeline of services, without time or resource gaps, designed to prepare all children in partnering school districts for life-long success by attaining a high-quality education and successfully transition to college and a career. (US DOE)


21. Deer Creek Promise Community (DCPC)
22. Leflore Promise Community (LPC)

COMMUNITY


23. Community Health Worker HUBs are increasing capacity for high blood pressure self-management education programs in key community locations. (MS DOH)
24. Delta Careers Collaborative recruits and provides training for early childhood educators in DHA's EHS/HS centers. (DRA)
25. Delta EATS (Edible Agriculture Teaching Students) and Farm-2School partner with area farmers and local schools to increase access to fresh produce while improving agricultural education among students and families. (USDA, Whole Kids)
26. Delta Family Resource Sites provide early childhood resources and family referrals with 12 locations, each including a lending library to provide easy access to materials. (MDHS)
27. Delta Safe Families Collaborative aims to reduce unintentional injuries to children from preventable accidents like injuries from falling furniture, improper car seat installation, and uncovered electrical outlets. (HRSA)
28. The Economic Planning Grant is the first step of a broad and longterm initiative to sustainably and equitably transform the region's economy. (NSF)
29. LEADS (Leadership, Education, Action, Development & Sustainability) is a nine month rapid response intervention for wrap-around career support services. (State of MS)
30. Sesame Street In Communities gives free tools and resources to parents and families that address the developmental, physical, and emotional needs of young children. (SSIC Foundation)
31. TORCH (Training Our Rural Community Health) Workforce Program establishes a pipeline of recruitment and training for Community Health Workers for rural hospitals, clinics and other healthcare providers in the Delta. (HRSA)
32. WORC (Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities) supports the growth of rural childcare and healthcare workforces through training programs. (DOL)







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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Excel By 5	
Contact Information: Person: Daisy Carter Phone: 601-707-7726 E-Mail: dcarter@excelby5.com	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Excel By 5 introduces a groundbreaking certification process for early childhood communities, centering on the well-being of the community's youngest members. This initiative places a strong emphasis on the significant roles assumed by parents and early childhood educators in shaping children's lives during their most critical developmental phase - from birth to age 5.</p> <p>Within Excel By 5 coalitions, an array of essential stakeholders converges, including parents, early childhood educators, healthcare providers, and prominent community leaders. These diverse contributors collaborate tirelessly, forging vital connections among available resources and providing dedicated support to both families and educators.</p>	
Website Link: www.excelby5.com	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/EXCELBY5INC	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: ReadyNation Mississippi	
Contact Information: Person: Tonya Ware Phone: 601-260-1848 E-Mail: TWare@ReadyNation.org	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers ReadyNation Mississippi builds and leads the Mississippi Early Childhood Investment Council (ECIC), comprised of business leaders across the state that advocate for investments in early learning programs.	
Website Link: https://www.strongnation.org/locations/mississippi/early-childhood-investment-council	
Other links for your services: https://www.strongnation.org/locations/mississippi	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Public Health Alliance, Jackson Safer Childhood Experience	   
Contact Information: Person: Tara Clifton Phone: 7692513839 E-Mail: tclifton@msphi.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Jackson Safer Childbirth Experience (JSCE) seeks to increase birth equity within the state with community-based doula care supported by the Cochrane review and now data acquired by the efforts of the project's five doulas. The project focus is reducing unnecessary cesarean births, enabling community-based doulas, reducing adverse mental health outcomes due to cardiovascular disease, and collecting/ disseminating data. JSCE is working to spark conversations that will impact the overall approach, care, and health of African American birthing people that place them at the center of their care.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.safebirthjxn.org/	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/JacksonSaferChildbirthExperience	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Move to Learn	
Contact Information: Person: Jane Black Phone: 601-954-2499 E-Mail: jblack@bowerfoundation.org	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers Move to Learn is a free, easy to use tool for educators and early childhood providers to incorporate movement and fitness into the day. The Move to Learn website (www.movetolearnms.org) offers short exercise videos for grades PreK-12 and healthy lesson plans to help teachers and early childhood providers create positive learning environments and promote effective classroom management.	
Website Link: www.movetolearnms.org	
Other links for your services:	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: MSU-Extension Head Start & Early Head Start	 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ EXTENSION
Contact Information: Person: Jamila B. Taylor Phone: 228-241-2181 E-Mail: msuheadstart@ext.msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>MSU-Extension Head Start & Early Head Start programs in Harrison County strives to promote optimal development for children and their families through positive learning experiences and high-quality service to children and families in Harrison County.</p> <p>Our partnership with Shine Early Learning allows our program to execute a robust and comprehensive family service model to empower families to provide long-term success for their children. Additionally, Shine offers an intensive curriculum model and training to teaching staff to deliver high quality education opportunities and promoting health and safety for children enrolled in our program.</p> <p>Moore Community House provides oversight and delivery of our Early Head Start program at our Linda Lyons center in Gulfport. We are partnered with Gulfport School District that offer 5 blended Pre-K classrooms at:</p> <p>West Elementary Pass Road Elementary Central Elementary Twenty-Eighth St. Elementary Anniston Ave. Elementary</p>	
Website Link: https://extension.msstate.edu/family/children-and-parenting/msu-extension-head-start	
Other links for your services:	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Early Steps to School Success	
Contact Information: Person: Shenika King or Danita Mozee Phone: 662- 302-1856 or 769-245-9911 E-Mail: sking@savechildren.org dmozee@savechildren.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Early Steps to School Success provides early childhood education services to pregnant women and children birth to 5 years of age, educational services and ongoing support to children and families in rural communities. Using an approved curriculum developed by Zero to three the program is designed to assist children with early language, cognitive, and social and emotional development, and equip parents with the skills and knowledge to support their child's growth and development. Program offerings include: Bi-weekly home visits by a local trained early childhood educator, monthly parent child groups, home library program for students 0-5 years old, transition to school activities and community referrals.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.savethechildren.org	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: United Way of Northeast Mississippi	
Contact Information: Person: Patti H. Parker Phone: 662-841-9133 E-Mail: patti@unitedwaynems.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>United Way partners provides grants to 53 partner agency programs across 8 counties in Northeast Mississippi. We are a great resource for putting childcare providers or families in touch with supplemental services that may be of help to them. We also operate the Early Childhood Coalition, which provides direct support for childcare centers in Lee County along with some services in Pontotoc, Union and Monroe Counties. We are also expanding our Early Childhood Coalition into Chickasaw County, as we help them become a certified Excel by 5 community.</p> <p>Shelly Brooks serves as Director of the Early Childhood Coalition. shelly@unitedwaynems.org 662.432.0171</p>	
Website Link: www.unitedwaynems.org	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Building Minds Program	
Contact Information: Person: Mason Grace Phone: 662-321-7425 E-Mail: mgrace@olemiss.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Building Minds Program provides free resources to unlicensed and/or unregistered family home childcare providers in the state of Mississippi who provide care for children ages 0 - 5. Our resources include age - appropriate materials/activities (art supplies, etc.) and also a notebook with Mississippi Department of Education Early Learning Standards for infants through four-year-olds.</p>	
Website Link: N/A	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
**Child Development Associate
 (CDA) Scholarship Program**



Contact Information:

Person: Lisa Long

Phone: 662-325-3839

E-Mail: lisa.long@ssrc.msstate.edu

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

The goal of the CDA Scholarship Program is to provide evidence-based educational opportunities which positively impact program quality in early care and education. The program is for early childhood professionals in educational settings serving children birth to age 5 and is open to all Mississippi childcare center Directors and Director Designees employed in licensed childcare centers serving MS Department of Human Services (MDHS) Subsidy Children.

Through the CDA Scholarship Program, in partnership with Teachstone, the program provides 120 hours of formal early childhood education training / continuing education credits (CEUs) to prepare early childhood professionals to successfully earn the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The Teachstone training course is called The CDA with CLASS® and offers content focused on Infant/Toddler or Pre-K age levels. Scholarships also include the payment of fees to the Council for Professional Recognition for CDA credentialing, and the student's choice of an Infant-Toddler or Preschool CDA Competency Standards book.

The Teachstone CDA coursework is online and is self-guided at the learner's own pace, from the device of their preference (phone or computer). It is a 24-week course, broken up into three chunks, 120 hours total. The Teachstone program builds CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) understanding and skills for improved interactions between teachers and children. CLASS is a research-based method of measuring, evaluating and improving teacher-child interactions. The 24-week course is broken up into three Courses with opening and closing dates. Course 1 is Understanding Early Childhood Development; Course 2 is Health, Safety, and Environment; and Course 3 is Fundamentals of Teaching in Early Childhood.

This online group course is facilitated by a team of Teachstone educators / "Facilitators" to guide students through the CDA process. Throughout the course, these facilitators are available to answer questions, provide specific feedback, and grade assignments. They also help build the required CDA Candidate portfolio and coursework while growing the students' knowledge of CLASS. Students advance through the program with a community of other learners and by the end of the 120 clock hours, students are not only prepared to earn the CDA credential, but they have also learned skills for improving interactions with the children in their care.

This opportunity is sponsored by the Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning, North Mississippi Education Consortium, and the Early Childhood Leadership Institute and is funded by the MS Department of Human Services (DHS).

Website Link: <https://store.teachstone.com/cda-facilitated/>

Other links for your services:

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐


No ☐

Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?


Yes ☐

No ☐


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Childcare Director's Network Alliance	
Contact Information: Person: Deloris Suel Phone: 601-946-8501 E-Mail: dsuel@comcast.net	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Childcare Director's Network Alliance, Inc. (CDNA) is a partnership between childcare providers throughout Mississippi and Jackson State University Department of Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. CDNA was formed in 2001.</p> <p>CDNA promotes the well-being and education of young children and childcare providers.</p> <p>Encourages care of young children through networking and Comprehensive Training for childcare providers to enhance quality childcare services.</p> <p>Provides information and advices to families and childcare providers about services necessary for the health, safety, guidance, and education of young children.</p> <p>Collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies that provide services necessary for the growth and development of young children.</p> <p>Works to ensure that all childcare providers, parents, and the community are given an opportunity to participate in fair rule making procedures governing childcare.</p> <p>Provides professionalism and resources to the members to review and update regulations, laws, and guidelines recommended by federal, state, and local agencies governing childcare.</p>	
Website Link: N/A	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: CPR Stars Mississippi	
Contact Information: Person: Karie Loman Phone: 601-594-4157 E-Mail: cprstars@gmail.com	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers CPR Stars Mississippi offers affordable, effective and time efficient First Aid, CPR (adult/child/infant) and AED training to learning centers and daycares. We travel to you; training takes 1.5-2 hours and comes with CE hours.	
Website Link: www.cprstarsmississippi.com	
Other links for your services: www.facebook.com/cprstarsmississippi	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Early Childhood Leadership Institute	
Contact Information: Person: Cathy Grace Phone: 662-312-1395 E-Mail: cwgrace@olemiss.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Early Childhood Leadership Institute is the result of a new partnership between the University of Mississippi and The Mississippi Department of Human Services. The goal of the Institute is to provide a research-based curriculum for new directors as well as experienced to study proven practices in how to successfully lead early care and education programs.</p>	
Website Link: http://gcseleducation.olemiss.edu/	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/gcseleducation/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Association for Infant Mental Health (MS-AIMH)	
Contact Information: Person: Linda West Phone: (601)953-6949 E-Mail: msassocimh@gmail.com	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Mississippi Association for Infant Mental Health (MS-AIMH) Competency Guidelines provide a guide for those working with pregnant women and families with children ages (0-3) years and for those offering training to them. The overarching principle of the guidelines is that all development occurs within the context of relationships. Each competency and the behaviors identified in these guidelines promote this basic understanding. The Competency Guidelines identify the knowledge, skills, and reflective practice approaches that support the development of competency across disciplines and in multiple service settings. It offers individuals at all levels of practice in the infant and family field a professional development plan that focuses on knowledge, best practice skills, and reflective work experiences that lead to increased confidence and credibility within the infant and family field.</p> <p>The MS-AIMH Endorsement (IMH-E®) for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health is not a license or certification, but rather an overlay onto a person's professional credentials that recognizes the achievement of knowledge and training in the area of infant and early childhood mental health.</p>	
Website Link: N/A	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral Network	
Contact Information: Person: Lydia Bethay Phone: 601-720-7807 E-Mail: Lydia.Bethay@msdh.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral Network provides training and technical assistance to child care providers as well as a lending library of learning resources available to child care providers and parents free of charge. These services are available at any one of the Mississippi Child Care Resource and Referral sites located across the state. For more information about services for families and child care providers, contact your local site.</p> <p>https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RR-Contact-List.pdf</p>	
Website Link: https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/early-childhood-care-development	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Early Childhood Association	
Contact Information: Person: MS Early Childhood Association Phone: 601-761-9313 E-Mail: info@mississippiearlychildhood.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Educate – MsECA serves as a source of early childhood expertise and education for practitioners across the state. MsECA hosts an annual conference and offers mini-conferences through our local, community affiliates.</p> <p>Connect – MsECA is an organization that brings early childhood professionals from a variety of backgrounds together. We are Teachers, Administrators, Early Interventionists, Higher Education Faculty, Parents, Service Providers, Trainers, Advocates, Leaders, Curriculum Developers, Decision Makers, and Practitioners.</p> <p>Advocate – MsECA works to increase awareness of issues that impact early childhood at both the state and federal level. We have been involved in advising state agencies and policy makers on how to support the education and development of Mississippi's youngest citizens. MsECA advocates at our State Capitol to our Nation's Capital.</p>	
Website Link: www.mississippiearlychildhood.org	
Other links for your services: https://www.instagram.com/msearlychildhood/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative	 Mississippi Low-Income Childcare Initiative
Contact Information: Person: Carol Burnett Phone: 228-669-4827 E-Mail: cburnett@mschildcare.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative (MLICCI) is a statewide non-profit public policy advocacy organization working to strengthen women's economic security in Mississippi by making child care affordable for low-income working moms, achieving gender and racial equity in the workforce and making the safety net work for women.</p> <p>MLICCI offers single moms support to get into higher paying jobs as well as child care assistance through our Employment Equity for Single Moms program. Please encourage single moms interested in moving into higher paying work and who need child care to contact us. For more information and a link to apply, visit https://www.mschildcare.org/eesm/</p>	
Website Link: https://www.mschildcare.org/cclt/	
Other links for your services: https://www.mschildcare.org/eesm/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Are you a single mom in need of ...

A JOB? HIGHER WAGES?
EDUCATION OR TRAINING?
CHILD CARE?



We can help.

**EMPLOYMENT
EQUITY *for*
SINGLE MOMS**

[MSCHILDCARE.ORG/EESM](https://mschildcare.org/eesm)



EMPLOYMENT EQUITY *for* SINGLE MOMS

WHAT WE DO

Feeling stuck in your job? Want to pursue education or increase your career options?

We create job solutions for single moms, meaning we help you get job training / education and advance your career so you can build a better life for your family.


HOW WE HELP

We connect you to:

- ✓ Job Training
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Child care
- ✓ Transportation assistance
- ✓ Other services available in your area

A program of the
Mississippi Low-Income
Child Care Initiative

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:	 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ EXTENSION
Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral at MSU Extension	
Contact Information:	
Person: Dr. Tara Dickerson	
Phone: 601-407-2736	
E-Mail: mccrr@ext.msstate.edu	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers	
<p>The Mississippi Child Care Resource and Referral (MSCCRR) at MSU-Extension provides access to developmentally appropriate educational resources, referral support, family engagement activities, and more! This project is funded through the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS).</p> <p>What we offer:</p> <p>Leading Library - Each MSCCRR site has a lending library with a variety of learning materials and toys for early childhood professionals, children and families. Items can be checked out, at no cost for up to 14 days.</p> <p>Community Events - Monthly community events at each site provide a fun and educational experience. Events are free and open to the public.</p> <p>Family Support - MSCCRR connects families with childcare options and promotes educational opportunities for workforce development.</p>	
Website Link: https://extension.msstate.edu/family/children-and-parenting/mississippi-child-care-resource-and-referral	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>



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About Us

The Mississippi Child Care and Resource & Referral at MSU Extension provides access to developmentally appropriate educational resources, referral support, family engagement activities, and more!

Contact

mccrr@ext.msstate.edu

601-407-2736

662-325-6358



MS Child Care Resource & Referral



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Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral at MSU Extension



Features



Lending Library

Each R&R site has a lending library with a variety of learning materials and toys for early childhood professionals, children, and families. Items can be checked out, at no cost, for up to 14 days.



Community Events

Monthly community events are held at each site, which provide a fun and educational experience!



Family Support

The R&R connects families with child care options and promotes educational opportunities for workforce development.



Our Locations



Region II

- ★ NE MS Community College - Booneville*
- ★ ICC-Tupelo
- ★ Meridian Community College*
- ★ East Central Community College*
- ★ East MS Community College*
- NEMCC - Corinth



Region III

- ★ Midtown Partners - Jackson
- ★ Southwest MS Community College
- Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Natchez
- Vicksburg
- Gluckstadt



Region IV

- ★ Pearl River Community College
- ★ Copiah-Lincoln Community College - Simpson*
- ★ Hattiesburg*
- Jones College
- Willie Lock- Gulfport
- D'Iberville

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM

*Open Tuesdays from 8 AM -7 PM and
Saturdays 9 AM - noon
(2nd and 4th Saturday of each month)



Region I

Region II

Region III


Region IV

★ Current Open Locations


● Opening Soon

Delta Health Alliance serves Region I.
MSCCR&R at MSU Extension serves
Regions II, III, IV

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: North MS Child Care Resource and Referral Center	
Contact Information: Person: Hannah Sanders Phone: 662-915-2183 E-Mail: hdsande1@olemiss.edu	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers .We provide educational resources for teachers, parents, families, students, and other childcare professionals. We also provide training on high quality child care, child development, developmentally appropriate and evidenced based instruction for children birth to age 12, and information specific for families of children with special needs.	
Website Link: https://www.northmsec.com/nmrr/	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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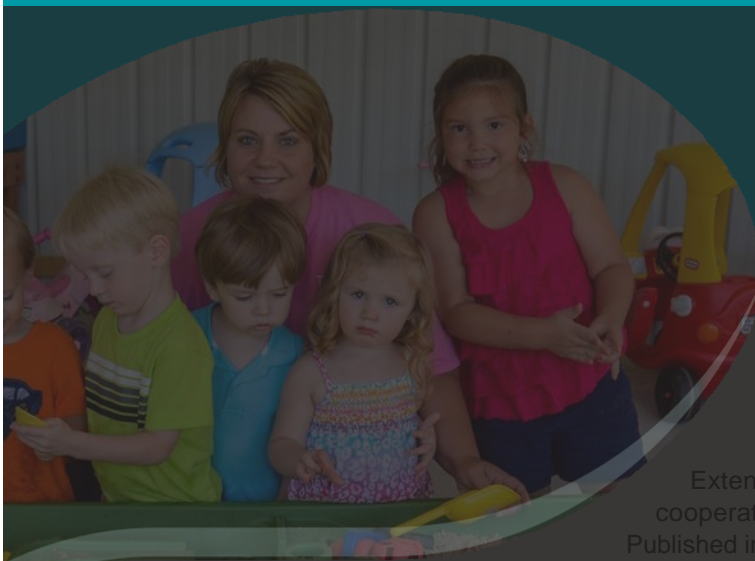
Name of Resource Program and/or Group: MSU Extension – Nurturing Homes Initiative	
Contact Information: Person: Kelly Carmody Phone: 662-325-6358 E-Mail: nurturinghomes@ext.msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Our mission is to improve the quality of the early educational experiences provided in family childcare homes through mentoring, improving the learning environment, and delivering research-based information.</p> <p>We offer technical assistance through one-on-one visits to your home; our coaches will support your goals and tailor professional development activities to your needs.</p> <p>Participants will receive valuable educational resources, provided to correspond with lessons, that engage and inspire young learners. These materials will foster creativity while enhancing your learning center.</p> <p>The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential will be offered online to interested providers participating in the program.</p>	
Website Link: https://extension.msstate.edu/family/children-and-parenting/nurturing-homes-initiative	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Mission

To improve the quality of the early educational experiences provided in family childcare homes through mentoring, improving the learning environment, and delivering research-based information.

Who qualifies for the Nurturing Homes Initiative?

Some unlicensed childcare providers who provide full-time year-round childcare services to children from birth to 5 years of age.



662.325.6358

email: nurturinghomes@ext.msstate.edu



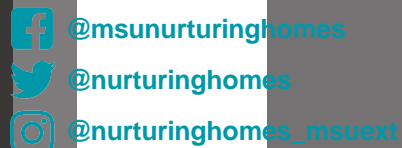
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WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

Technical Assistance

Through one-on-one visits to your home, our coaches will support your goals and tailor professional development activities to your needs.

Educational Materials

You will receive valuable educational resources, provided to correspond with lessons, that engage and inspire young learners. These materials will foster creativity

while enhancing your learning center.

Child Development

Associate Credential Online

The CDA Credential will be offered online to interested providers participating in the program.

☐ **YES** I'm interested in participating in the Nurturing Homes Initiative program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

County: _____

Is your in-home childcare business licensed?

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

How many children are in your care?

☐ **1-3**

☐ **4-5**

What are the ages of children in your care?
Check all that apply.

☐ **Infants/toddlers (0 – 2 years)**

☐ **Preschoolers (3 – 5 years)**

I understand that services are free and my participation is voluntary.

RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Mississippi State University Extension Service
Nurturing Homes Initiative
Box 9745, Mississippi State, MS 39762

SCAN QR CODE TO FILL OUT FORM



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Name of Resource Program and/or Group:
Project ECHO for Childcare Providers



Contact Information:

Person: Lisa Long

Phone: 662-325-3839

E-Mail: lisa.long@ssrc.msstate.edu

Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers

Receive Free “Real Time” Professional Development from Experts

Project ECHO for Childcare Providers is a free supportive network for early childhood teachers and center directors to address puzzling or challenging child behaviors caused by trauma, stress-related experiences, or developmental delays - all from the comfort of their smart device, laptop, or computer.

Project ECHO for Childcare Providers supports teachers and center directors by offering twice-monthly virtual Zoom sessions for staff to present an anonymous child behavior case from their classroom to their peers as well as a group of experts in child psychology, pediatric medicine, speech pathology, social work, and early childhood development and education. The goal of each session is to offer some concrete solutions and strategies to support young children and reduce behavioral issues.

Information about social emotional health and behavioral management techniques are also shared as “mini workshops” in each Project ECHO session. The hour-long virtual Zoom sessions are interactive and questions from childcare providers are encouraged, providing teachers and directors with unprecedented access to an expert team of behavior specialists and healthcare providers. This program allows providers to gain information and strategies to support children in their care in “real” time without having to leave their classroom and/or center.

Professional development contact hours are given for each hour of attendance.

Website Link: <https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/>

Other links for your services: <https://www.ssrc.msstate.edu/> and <http://gcse.education.olemiss.edu/>

Is there a cost for your services or program?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings?

Yes ☐

No ☐



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division	
Contact Information: Person: Nichole Williams Phone: 601-991-7770 E-Mail: williams.nichole@dol.gov	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers The Wage and Hour Division mission is to promote and achieve compliance with labor standards to protect and enhance the welfare of the nation's workforce. We are committed to ensuring that workers in this country are paid properly and for all the hours they work.	
Website Link: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd	
Other links for your services: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/wow	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Fact Sheet #46: Daycare Centers and Preschools Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)

This fact sheet provides general information on how the FLSA applies to daycare centers and preschools.

Characteristics

Daycare centers and preschools provide custodial, educational, or developmental services to preschool age children to prepare them to enter elementary school grades. This includes nursery schools, kindergartens, head start programs, and any similar facility primarily engaged in the care and protection of preschool age children. Individuals who care for children in their home are not considered daycare centers unless they have employees to assist them with the care of the children.

Coverage

The 1972 Amendments to the FLSA specifically extended FLSA coverage to preschools as covered "enterprises," regardless of whether public or private or operated for profit or not for profit, and without regard to the annual dollar volume of the business. As a result, all such enterprises are required to comply with applicable provisions of the FLSA.

Requirements

The FLSA requires covered employers to:

- Establish the workweek for pay purposes (7 consecutive 24-hour periods), which may begin on any day of the week in the employer's discretion (but remains fixed once established).
- Maintain complete and accurate [records](#) of each employee's daily and weekly hours worked each week.
- Pay at least the federal [minimum wage](#) to all nonexempt employees of not less than \$7.25 per hour effective July 24, 2009, for all hours actually worked.
- Pay at least one-and-one-half times each employee's regular rate of pay as [overtime compensation](#) to each nonexempt employee for all hours worked over 40 in each workweek.
- Comply with all [youth employment standards](#), such as restrictions on working hours, operating certain equipment, or performing work in certain occupations for minors under age 16 and, if under age 18, restrictions against performing certain hazardous occupations (which include driving a school bus, among others).

Preschool Teachers: Bona fide teachers in preschool and kindergarten settings may qualify for exemption from the minimum wage and overtime pay requirements as "professionals" under the same conditions as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school. Teachers are exempt if their primary duty is teaching, tutoring, instructing or lecturing in this activity as a teacher in educational establishment. It should be noted that, although a preschool may engage in some educational activities, preschool employees whose primary duty is to care for the physical needs of the facility's children would ordinarily not meet the requirements for exemption as teachers under the applicable regulations.

Rest and Meal Periods: Employers that authorize short breaks or rest periods must count them as hours worked. Rest periods of short duration, usually 20 minutes or less, are common in industry (and promote employee efficiency) and are customarily paid for as working time. *Bona fide* meal periods (typically 30 minutes or more) generally need not be compensated as work time as long as the employee is completely relieved from duty for the entire meal period for the purpose of eating a regular meal. The employee is not relieved from duty if required to perform any duties, whether active or inactive, while eating. Thus, an employee is not considered "relieved" if required to continue to watch over children while they and the employee eat their meal.

Lectures, Meetings and Training Programs: Attendance at lectures, meetings, training programs, and similar activities must be counted as working time unless **all four of the following criteria are met:** (1) it occurs outside normal scheduled hours of work; (2) it is completely voluntary; (3) it is not job-related (unless the employee attends an independent school or college on his/her own initiative outside work hours); and, (4) no other work is performed during the period. The time spent attending training that is required by the state for day care center licensing is working time for which employees must be compensated.

Typical Problems

Issues that the Wage and Hour Division's experience has shown to be problems in the industry include:

1. not recording all [hours of work](#), for instance, taking someone off the clock for lunch even though the person is required to remain with children and supervise them, attending parent staff meetings, running errands for the employer such as going to the grocery store, *etc.*;
2. employees reporting early or staying late who are paid a flat fee for this extra time, instead of paying proper [overtime](#) (time-and-one-half the regular rate of pay) for such extra hours;
3. taking improper [deductions](#) from employees' pay, such as for items that primarily benefit the employer, which causes them to be paid less than [minimum wage](#) or which cuts into the overtime due the employee;
4. classifying employees, who do not meet all the tests for [exemption](#), as exempt teachers and not paying such non-exempt staff appropriate overtime compensation; and
5. paying [overtime](#) compensation after 80 hours in two weeks instead of the required [overtime payment](#) after 40 hours in each week.

Family and Medical Leave Act

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requires that FMLA-covered employers allow eligible employees to take up to a total of 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for:

1. birth and care of a newborn child of the employee;
2. placement with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care, and to care for the newly-placed child;
3. care for a child, spouse or parent with a serious health condition; and
4. medical leave when the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition.

The FMLA applies to all public agencies, including state, local and federal employers, local education agencies (schools), and to private sector employers who employed 50 or more employees in 20 or more workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year. To be eligible for FMLA benefits, an employee must have worked for the employer for a total of 12 months, have worked at least 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and work at a location where at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

Where to Obtain Additional Information


For additional information, visit our Wage and Hour Division Website: <http://www.wagehour.dol.gov> and/or call our toll-free information and helpline, available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in your time zone, 1-866-4USWAGE (1-866-487-9243).

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Early Learning Resources	
Contact Information: Person: April May Phone: 601-832-2707 E-Mail: april@mssearlylearning.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Mississippi Early Learning Resources is a groundbreaking, economy-of-scale model for early childhood programs to come together to strengthen business practices, share services and buying power, and collaborate to enhance program quality and contribute to the holistic development of Mississippi children in their first 8 years of life.</p> <p>Mississippi Early Learning Resources allows members to access up-to-date, comprehensive, and relevant programs all in one place. Member programs experience tangible benefits for their staff and the families they serve. Time and cost savings are significant, and the collaboration is equally meaningful.</p> <p>Mississippi Early Learning Resources is brought to you by the Mississippi Early Learning Alliance (MELA).</p>	
Website Link: www.msearlylearningresources.org	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	




MUSEUMS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Lynn Meadows Discovery Center	
Contact Information: Person: Cindy DeFrances Phone: 228-897-6039 E-Mail: cdefrances@lmdc.org	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, the first children's museum in Mississippi inspires children, families and communities through the arts, interactive educational experiences and exploration. Through activities designed to simulate the real world of South Mississippi, children have the opportunity to learn about the past and the present; it is with a better understanding of themselves and their community that children can grow to be responsible, global citizens. Museums break the rules of traditional institutions by encouraging visitors to touch, talk, have fun and learn. At Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, the audience is most important, not the objects. The exhibits, however, are catalysts for questions, exploration and discovery and the entire experience is a playground for the mind.</p> <p>Programs which extend and enrich the exhibits by providing fresh, diverse experiences for visitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear Cub Club, the daily program for pre-school children and their adults, offers music, movement, art and children's stories to foster a love of learning. • Summer Camps, Homeschool Classes and Discovery Days offer experiences that appeal to a variety of interests and talents. These classes offer interactive experiences to support inquiry skills and encourage creativity. 	
Website Link: www.lmdc.org	
Other links for your services: https://www.facebook.com/LynnMeadowsDiscoveryCenter	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	



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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Aquarium Education	
Contact Information: Person: Elizabeth Whigham Phone: 228-241-1235 E-Mail: education@msaquarium.org	
Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers Mississippi Aquarium Education Department aims to provide hands-on, interactive STEAM programs that pique the curiosity of guests and leads to further learning and participation in research and conservation efforts. We provide MS state standard and NGSS-aligned educational programming for grades K-12. We offer programs such as field trips, Homeschool Days, outreach, summer and winter camps, virtual field trips, and sponsored admission for Title I schools in Mississippi.	
Website Link: https://www.msaquarium.org/	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Children's Museum	
Contact Information: Person: Monique Ealey Phone: 601-709-8970 E-Mail: monique@mcm.ms	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>MCM offers professional development for educators, we have several scheduled throughout the year at the museum but they can all be brought on site at any facility. We also have a new online learning platform for educators call The LIFT. https://theliftms.org/</p> <p>We also offer multiple outreach opportunities. Museum staff will come to your school/center and provide hands on educational experiences for your children. We also have multiple traveling exhibits that focus on health, literacy, and STEM that are available. Some exhibits are available for one day events and others can be installed at a center for multiple weeks or months.</p>	
Website Link: https://mschildrensmuseum.org/	
Other links for your services: https://theliftms.org/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi Museum of Natural Science	 
Contact Information: Person: Denise Mason Phone: 601-576-6031 E-Mail: denise.mason@mmns.ms.gov	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The MS Museum of Natural Science is open for visitation and offers free hands-on educational programs designed especially for early learners, we offer CEU opportunity for teachers and administrators, free Resource Kits covering a variety of topics for rent, and for schools/centers not in the Jackson-Metro area there are Educators available to visit your school and teach a hands-on program free of charge.</p>	
Website Link: http://www.mdwfp.com/museum	
Other links for your services: http://www.mdwfp.com/museum/learn-teach/for-teachers/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Free Statewide Outreach



Through a wide range of specially designed programs, projects, and events, the Outreach Conservation Educators bring the Museum to school children and adults statewide.

- Free classroom programs outside the Metro Jackson Area
- Grade-appropriate for grades K-12
- 45 minutes to 1 hour each - Registration Required

Programs focus on Mississippi wildlife. They are age/grade-appropriate and inquiry-based. Programs correlate with the Mississippi State Science Frameworks and are interactive presentations that may include live native animal demonstrations!

CONTACT AN OUTREACH CONSERVATION EDUCATOR NEAR YOU:

NORTHEAST MS: Deb Waz – DEBORA.WAZ@MMNS.STATE.MS.US

NORTHWEST MS: Jackie Henne-Kerr – JACKIEK@MMNS.STATE.MS.US

SOUTHEAST MS: Andrea Falcetto – ANDREA.FALCETTO@MMNS.STATE.MS.US

SOUTHWEST MS: Sabrina Cummings – SABRINA.CUMMINGS@MMNS.STATE.MS.US



Teacher Workshops

Museum staff provides training in internationally recognized environmental education programs for teachers. These programs can be conducted either in your school or at the museum for teachers of all subjects and grade levels. These workshops are excellent for informal educators such as scout leaders, camp leaders, and youth leaders of any kind! CEU credit is available. The following workshops are available:

- **Project WILD** capitalizes on the natural interest that children and adults have in wildlife by providing hands-on activities that enhance student learning in all subject and skill areas K-12. Project WILD helps educators guide students through a process that begins with awareness, moves toward understanding, challenges preconceived notions, and instills the confidence, skills, and motivation to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.
- **Project WET**, for grades K-12, is a collection of innovative, water-related activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun! Project WET activities incorporate a variety of formats, such as large and small group learning, whole-body activities, laboratory investigations, discussion of local and global topics, and involvement in community service projects.
- **Growing Up WILD** features new activities designed to stimulate young children in new and exciting ways while connecting them to nature and many of its wonders. Growing Up WILD is a national early childhood initiative that builds literacy skills and environmental appreciation among early learners through participation in engaging wildlife-based educational activities. This workshop is suggested for teachers that work with ages 3-7.
- **Flying WILD** introduces students to bird conservation through standards-based classroom activities and environmental stewardship projects. Flying WILD encourages schools to work closely with conservation organizations, community groups, and businesses involved with birds to implement school bird festivals and bird conservation projects. This workshop is for teachers that work with grades K-12.
- **WILD Aquatic** is an aquatic wildlife and aquatic ecosystems focused conservation education program for K-12 educators and their students. Project WILD Aquatic capitalizes on the natural interest that children and adults have in aquatic wildlife by providing hands-on activities that enhance student learning in all subject and skill areas.

Visit online for upcoming workshop dates WWW.MDWFP.COM/MUSEUM or call 601.576.6000 to schedule a workshop in your area.



Learning Resources

The Museum offers intriguing object kits and informative videos free of charge, as well as a variety of learning materials for purchase in the Museum's Dragonfly Shoppe. Our lending service provides most videos and object kits for one week and can mail to teachers. All teachers must reserve items at least two weeks in advance and are responsible for their safe return. To reserve materials or for more information, call 601.576.6000.

For an engaging learning experience, the Museum's lending program features object kits that contain a cohesive and interesting assemblage of objects, information and activities for grades K-12.

Titles include:

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| • Fossils, Rocks, and Minerals | • Tracks and Trails of Mississippi | • Black Bear 3rd Grade Reading & Math Kit |
| • Butterflies | • Mammals | • Fur, Feathers, Scales, Shells and Skins |
| • Invertebrates: No Bones to Pick | • Plants | |
| • Mammal Skulls | • Birds | |
| | • Black Bear | |


RESOURCES FOR SALE

The Dragonfly Shoppe is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and offers a thoughtful selection of books, posters, puzzles, models, puppets, and fossils that coordinate with current exhibitions and educational programming. Most items promote education and the natural wonders of our state.




EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Delta State University B.S. Family & Consumer Sciences-Child Development	DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY 
Contact Information: Person: Kelsey Overstreet Phone: 662-846-4320 E-Mail: koverstreet@deltastate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Program Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Knowledge of child growth and development-Hands-on experience with preschoolers-Roles and factors of parenting-On-site NAEYC accredited Child Development Center-Internship to provide a concentrated experience-Knowledge to effectively compete in today's job market <p>Coursework, assignments, observation, and internship experience provide child development majors concentrated industry experience.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.deltastate.edu/education-and-human-sciences/family-and-consumer-sciences/child-development/	
Other links for your services:	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Itawamba Community College Early Childhood Education Technology Program	 ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY
Contact Information: Person: Holly Weeden Phone: E-Mail: hweeden@iccms.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Itawamba Community College's career education programs are designed to prepare individuals to enter the workforce with the academic and technical skills needed to compete successfully in the global job market through the most advanced training available. The Early Childhood Education Technology program is a two-year, fully online program designed to help students develop competencies in child growth and development, behavioral guidance, health/nutrition and safety, program planning and management, preventing child abuse and neglect, creative arts and literacy development, active learning in the classroom and developmentally-appropriate practices in the classroom. Upon completion of the two-year program, the student will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education Technology.</p> <p>ICC also offers an 18 hour Early Childhood Education Certificate. The certificate is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree, but need additional Early Childhood Education hours.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.iccms.edu	
Other links for your services:	
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Do you provide child care licensure approved trainings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	


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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Jones College - Early Childhood Education Technology	
Contact Information: Person: Brooke Knight Phone: 601-477-4119 E-Mail: brooke.knight@jcjc.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The early childhood education technology program is a 4-semester program. We focus on child development, guidance strategies, health, safety, nutrition, and teaching young children. We are a hybrid program where students must attend on campus for class, as well as online content. The program requires an ACT score of 16 for full admission and we utilize one textbook/workbook for all of the CDT courses.</p> <p>To apply, simply apply to Jones College and select Early Childhood Education Technology as your major. Once your application is processed, you will most likely be contacted by an enrollment specialist to have your schedule made.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please contact Brooke Knight at brooke.knight@jcjc.edu.</p> <p>Go Bobcats!</p>	
Website Link: https://www.jcjc.edu/programs/earlychildhooded/	
Other links for your services: https://www.jcjc.edu/apply/	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Mississippi State University- Meridian Bachelor of Applied Science	 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
Contact Information: Person: Kristi Dearing Phone: 601-484-0229 E-Mail: kdearing@meridian.msstate.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>The Bachelor of Applied Science degree program with concentration in Education or Special Education provides an opportunity for individuals holding an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Technology to transfer in 100% of the earned technical credit toward completion of the bachelor's degree. The program also provides a pathway to the alternate route to teaching program resulting in a K-6 teaching license with PreK endorsement (see advisor for additional GPA, testing requirements, etc.). The program is available statewide via synchronous and asynchronous online coursework and is designed for working individuals.</p>	
Website Link: https://www.meridian.msstate.edu/academics/applied-science/	
Other links for your services: https://www.meridian.msstate.edu/	
Is there a cost for your services or program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: Developmentally Engaging Learning and Teaching Approaches (DELTA)	
Contact Information: Person: Shushan Vardanyan Phone: 318-290-1974 E-Mail: svardany@olemiss.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>Faculty and trained students from University of Mississippi help current teachers of Pre-K through 1st grade from private and public educational settings plan, and create resources that are aligned with their lesson plan objectives, but includes developmentally engaging and appropriate activities. DELTA program transforms worksheets/textbooks into active learning that engages students' minds and provides opportunities to interact with peers, and take autonomy in their learning processes.</p>	
Website Link: https://olemiss.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/delta	
Other links for your services:	
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Name of Resource Program and/or Group: University of Mississippi Early Childhood Education Program	
Contact Information: Person: Kenya Wolff Phone: 940 300 2467 E-Mail: kewolff@olemiss.edu	
<p style="text-align: center;">Services Provided to Early Childhood Providers</p> <p>We have a Bachelor's program in Early Childhood Education that leads to a Mississippi Birth to Kindergarten License with an emphasis in Early Intervention/Special Education.</p> <p>We have an Online and/or residential Master's program in Early Childhood Education. There are Graduate Assistantship opportunities available.</p> <p>We are about to launch an Online graduate certificate (4 courses) in early childhood public policy. Stay tuned for information about courses starting next fall.</p> <p>We have two doctoral programs in Early Childhood Education. The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education is a research-intensive program which focuses on developing graduates who can assume academic positions in universities and research institutions as well as leadership positions within school districts or other educational institutions.</p> <p>The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Education program is focused on enhancing the professional practice of its graduates who assume the roles of classroom teachers, local curriculum specialists and other professionals actively involved in classroom instruction, supervision or professional development in the various areas of emphasis.</p>	
Website Link: https://education.olemiss.edu/academics/programs/early_childhood_ed_bae.html	
Other links for your services: https://education.olemiss.edu/academics/programs/te_ed_phd_programs.html	
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