



Statewide Resources for Child Care Centers

DHR Licensing

- DHR's Office of Child Care Licensing will provide a packet of information to child care centers interested in obtaining a DHR license, which includes a copy of the *Minimum Standards for Day Care Centers and Nighttime Centers* and an application for a DHR license. The office is available to answer questions and provide clarification on the licensing process and DHR Child Care Consultants can provide *Minimum Standards* training upon request.
Website: www.dhr.alabama.gov/services/child_care_services/Licensing_Overview.aspx
Contact: (334) 242-1425 or (866) 528-1694 or by email at childcare.licensing@dhr.alabama.gov

Training & Technical Assistance

- DHR's Regional Quality Enhancement Agencies provide a variety of trainings to staff and directors of child care centers, including training for child care staff to obtain the required 12-clock hours of training in child care and development listed in the *Minimum Standards for Day Care Centers and Nighttime Centers*. Often the agencies will post a training calendar online, but you can also request one.
 - ⇒ Child Care Central – Huntsville serves Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, and Winston County.
Website: www.tcrchildcarecorporation.org/ccq-quality/
Contact: (256) 551-7016
 - ⇒ Child Care Central – Talladega serves Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair, and Talladega County.
Website: www.tcrchildcarecorporation.org/ccq-quality/
Contact: (256) 362-3852
 - ⇒ Child Development Resources – Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Choctaw, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa County.
Website: www.hdfs.ches.ua.edu/child-care-provider-training.html
Contact: (205) 348-2650 or (800) 791-5437
 - ⇒ Childcare Resources – Birmingham serves Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, and Walker County.
Website: www.ccr-bhm.org/
Contact: (205) 945-0018 or (800) 822-2734
 - ⇒ Child Care Resource Center – Opelika serves Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell, and Tallapoosa County.
Website: www.ccr-alabama.org/
Contact: (334) 749-8400 or (800) 238-0872
 - ⇒ Childcare Resource Network – Fort Payne serves Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall County.
Website: www.childcarealabama.com/training.html
Contact (256) 845-8238
 - ⇒ Family Guidance Center of Alabama – Dothan serves Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike County.
Website: www.familyguidancecenter.org/services/education-and-training/
Contact: (334) 712-7777
 - ⇒ Family Guidance Center of Alabama – Montgomery serves Autauga, Bullock, Butler, Chilton, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery, and Wilcox County.
Website: www.familyguidancecenter.org/services/education-and-training/
Contact: (334) 270-4100 ext. 289
 - ⇒ Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services – Mobile serves Baldwin, Clark, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington County.
Website: www.grecs.org/training/training-technical-assistance/
Contact: (251) 473-1060 or (800) 276-2134

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- ADPH's Healthy Child Care Alabama provides a variety of free health & safety classes to licensed and exempt child care centers statewide, including free First Aid & CPR training. There are 12 regional Nurse Health Consultants available to provide the trainings and their contact information is listed online.
Website: www.adph.org/hcca/
- UCP Child Care Enhancement with a Purpose provides specialized training and technical assistance to child care providers caring for children with special needs.
Website: www.ucphuntsville.org/what-we-do/child-care-enhancement-with-a-purpose-ccep/
Contact: (256) 859-4900 or by email at seger@ucphuntsville.org

Lending Libraries

- DHR's Regional Quality Enhancement Agencies have lending libraries with resources for child care centers, including books, videos, and other classroom resources.
 - ⇒ Child Care Central – Huntsville has a resource center in Huntsville, Muscle Shoals, North Tanner, and Hanceville.
Contact: Huntsville center at (256) 551-7016, Muscle Shoals center at (256) 375-4974, North Tanner center at (256) 282-9453, and Hanceville center at (256) 375-4974
 - ⇒ Child Care Central – Talladega has a resource center in Calhoun, Talladega, Anniston, and Gadsden.
Contact: Talladega center at (256) 362-1390, Anniston center at (256) 835-3151, and Gadsden center at (256) 439-6800
 - ⇒ Childcare Resources - Birmingham has an Early Learning Resource Library and Van.
Contact: Betty Abbott at (205) 945-0018 ext. 315
 - ⇒ Child Care Resource Center – Opelika has a lending library/resource room.
Contact: Belinda Paul by phone at (334) 749-8400 or by email at belinda.paul@ccrc-alabama.org
 - ⇒ Childcare Resource Network – Fort Payne has a lending library in Fort Payne and Guntersville.
Contact: Fort Payne library at (256) 845-8238 and Guntersville library at (256) 582-8806
 - ⇒ Family Guidance Center of Alabama – Dothan has a resource lending library.
Contact: (334) 712-7777 or (800) 290-0933
 - ⇒ Family Guidance Center of Alabama – Montgomery has a resource lending library.
Contact: (334) 270-4100 or (800) 499-6597
 - ⇒ Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services – Mobile has The Resource Place.
Contact: (251) 473-1060 or (800)276-2134

Scholarships

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ALABAMA provides scholarships to staff working in licensed child care centers to assist them in obtaining a CDA (Child Development Associate), Associate Degree in Child Development and Early Care and Education, or Bachelor Degree in Child Development and Early Care and Education.
Website: www.smartstartalabama.org/programs/?pageID=8
Contact: Michelle Raybon at (866) 711-4025
- Leadership in Child Care Scholarship program provides financial assistance to qualified child care professionals working in child care centers to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Short-Term Certificate, Certificate, or Associate in Applied Science/Technology Degree in Child Development/Early Care and Education studies from an institution in the Alabama Community College System.
Website: www.accs.cc/index.cfm/departments-services/instructional-and-student-services/iss-links/leadership-in-child-care-scholarship/
Contact: Virginia Frazer by phone at (334) 293-4552 or by email at virginia.frazer@accs.edu

Alabama Quality STARS

- Alabama Quality STARS, Alabama's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), is a systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Only licensed child care centers are eligible to participate in Alabama Quality STARS, which awards quality ratings to child care programs that meet a set of defined program standards that represent an early care and education program's quality above the *Minimum Standards*.
Website: www.alabamaqualitystars.org/
Contact: (844) 883-7827

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