

## Upcoming Developmental Screening Regulation

A proposed new regulation, scheduled to take effect in July 2016, requires all licensed early care and education programs (centers and family providers) to conduct developmental screenings on children enrolled in their program until Kindergarten. Directors, teachers, and registered family care providers will be required to complete a Developmental Screening Overview training. The training, "On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Progress," is available at the Howard County Office of Children's Services on the following dates:

- Wed., Sept. 9 & 16; 6:30-8:30 PM (attend both sessions)
- Sat., Oct. 24; 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Sat., Nov. 21; Family Child Care Training Day

The developmental screening overview training is also available on-line through Maryland Public Television's Thinkport website at <http://ececourses.thinkport.org>.

### What is the difference between developmental screening and assessment?

Developmental screening is a brief process to quickly identify a child's progress through early childhood developmental milestones. Results are used to determine if a child needs further evaluation by a professional. Assessment is a more in-depth process to determine if a child is meeting specific outcomes/goals. Results of assessments are used by early care providers to plan small group and individual instruction. For more information on how screening tools are used see page 7.

### What screening tools are approved?

MSDE has identified five screening tools that may be used by providers to meet this regulation. The Office of Children's Services (OCS) has the tools available for preview at upcoming Screening Tool Showcases on Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in our training room on North Ridge Road. If you cannot attend the showcases, you can arrange to view the tools by contacting Joan Johnson at [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-1432 (voice/relay).

### How much do the screening tools cost?


Each screening tool has its' own cost structure that is presented in the overview workshop, but MSDE is funding the initial cost of the tool if requested by December 31, 2015. In order for MSDE to cover the cost of the tool, directors and family providers must complete the on-line application by the end of the year, located at <http://mptchildcarecourses.thinkport.org/dev-screening-tool-review-and-application.html>. You must complete the training before you can order your free tool. Ongoing costs of the tools vary and are also discussed during the overview training.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact Joan Johnson at 410-313-1432 (voice/relay) or [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov).

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**Developing Children**  
*through all ages*

2015 Annual Conference



# BUILDING BRAIN POWER

Howard County Office of Children's Services

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**  
**7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**The Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel**

This conference focuses on the latest brain research and how early childhood professionals can influence the brain power of the children they serve.

**Online Registration Only**  
**Registration Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training)  
For additional information contact Nikki Pierre at 410 313-1923 or [npierre@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:npierre@howardcountymd.gov)

# From the Howard County Child Care Resource Center

Dear Early Care and Education Professionals,

Parents and families often look to their child's teacher or child care provider for advice and information about local resources and child rearing. As a professional, many of you have already established resource files or binders, but it is hard to include all the information that is available in Howard County. For this reason, each issue of The NEST will include an "agency spotlight" highlighting a County agency or organization so you can learn more about their services. This month, our featured agency is the Multi-Service Center, located on Route 1 in North Laurel, which has served more than 3600 people this year. I hope you will read about the center and stop by to visit if you are in the area to learn more about the services provided.

## Do you have questions about resources for children and families?

Call our CARE Line at 410-313-CARE (2273) or email [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov). If we don't know the answer to your question, a CARE Line staff member will research it and get back to you with an answer and resources.

We hope to see you at our "Building Brain Power" conference or other resource center events this fall.

With your interests at heart,

**Debbie Yare**

Program Manager

Howard County Office of Children's Services

[dyare@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dyare@howardcountymd.gov)

410-313-1943 (voice/relay)



# Howard County Office of Children's Services Hours

## RESOURCE ROOM HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 8 AM-4:45 PM

## EVENING HOURS

September 30, 5-8 PM

## CLOSED ON FOLLOWING MONDAYS

September 14

November 9

December 14

## OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Labor Day- September 7

Columbus Day- October 12

Veteran's Day- November 11

Thanksgiving- November 26 - 27

Christmas- December 25

New Year's Day- January 1, 2016



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To contact us, or to join our email subscriber list, email [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov)

[www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children)

Visit us online for information on programs and services; to sign up for classes & workshops; and for updates on training classes, parent workshops and upcoming events.

Howard County Office of Children's Services  
3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 380  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

410-313-1940 (VOICE/RELAY)

## RESOURCE ROOM HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM

Find us  [www.Facebook.com/HoCoCitizen](http://www.Facebook.com/HoCoCitizen)

This information is available in alternate formats upon request.  
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## Agency Spotlight: MultiService Center



Are you a child care provider trying to assist a family experiencing financial difficulties due to a job loss? Perhaps a family member or friend

is in need of food stamps or health care, or maybe you have a need and aren't sure where to go for help. If you live in the North Laurel/Savage community there is one place to find the resources and support families are looking for – the MultiService Center. The MultiService Center brings together a variety of service agencies to meet the needs of families in Howard County. These agencies can assist with:

- eviction prevention
- rental assistance
- BGE/utility assistance
- health care enrollment
- food stamps
- medical assistance
- immigration services
- employment assistance
- business clothing
- individual & family counseling
- financial coaching
- veteran services
- legal assistance
- ex-offender services
- support for victims of domestic violence
- general information and referral

The MultiService Center also sponsors or participates in events and other opportunities to benefit the community, including community fairs, educational workshops for families, clothing drives and holiday assistance programs. If you or someone you know may benefit from these services, call or visit:

**MultiService Center**  
**9900 Washington Boulevard, Suite 1**  
**Laurel, MD 20723**  
**410-880-5917 or 301-490-4547 (voice/relay)**

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO SERVICES

### Local Resource Numbers (voice/relay)

Howard County Office of Children's Services  
410-313-1940

Child Care Food Program  
410-767-0214

Locate: Child Care Line (for parents)  
877-261-0060

Locate: Child Care Line (for providers)  
866-752-1614

Child Care Subsidy  
410-872-8700

Child Protective Services  
410-872-4203

Early Intervention Services  
410-313-7017

The Family Institute  
410-313-1440

Howard County Family Child Care Association  
301-776-4841

Howard County Health Department  
410-313-6300

Howard County Office of Child Care  
410-750-8771

MSDE Credentialing Help Desk  
410-767-7852

Maryland Children's Health Program  
410-313-7500

Maryland Poison Center  
800-222-1222

Subsidy Payment Questions  
866-243-8796

The CARE Center  
410-313-CARE (2273)

# Resources for Early Childhood Professionals

## 2016 CALENDAR KEEPERS

The Redleaf Calendar-Keeper 2015 is an all-in-one calendar and expense/income tracker that includes monthly attendance charts, payment logs, food program tallies, and a tax worksheet that corresponds to particular lines on key tax forms. Using this record-keeping system should make tax time easier since all of your business-related records are organized in one place. For ordering information, contact Redleaf Press at <http://www.redleafpress.org/> or call 800-423-8390. It is also available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## HOWARD COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

The Howard County Family Child Care Association (HCFCCA) was established in 1981 to foster professional, quality, registered child care by providing education, support and outreach to providers, families and our local community. The HCFCCA welcomes new members, and encourages all providers to join. Below are some of the trainings coming up in September, October, November and December of this year.



### SEPTEMBER 3

Age and Developmentally Appropriate Supervision

### OCTOBER 1

Roundtable Discussion with OCC – Regulation Update and Meet the New Licensing Specialist

### NOVEMBER 3

Resources that Guide Daily Planning

### DECEMBER 10

Professionalism in Family Child Care – SEFEL Part 2

Programs are held in Columbia at Howard Community College's Main Campus in the Kittleman Room of Duncan Hall, at 6:30 p.m. Please arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the start of the meeting to fill out an application to join. The annual fee of \$55 includes ten trainings, monthly newsletters, mentoring/networking opportunities, a parent message line, notary and more!

Come see what we are all about! For more information, visit [www.hcfcca.com](http://www.hcfcca.com) and like us on Facebook.

# Resources for Families

For many families in your care the back to school season and holidays can be a financial struggle. Below are some upcoming events which may be of assistance to the children and families in your care.

## THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Applications will be taken from Sept. 8 through 18 at Red Branch Road, Columbia, 21045. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Families will need to bring the following documentation with them to apply:

**Valid photo I.D. for applicant and valid I.D. for all individuals in the household (children and adults).** The following documents are acceptable forms of identification;

- driver license
- insurance card (with birthdate for children)
- state identification Card
- Visa or Resident Alien Cards
- Birth Certificate
- School ID Card (with birthdate)
- Military ID Card
- Passport

**Proof of Residence:** ONE of the following documents in the applicant's name;

- current lease or mortgage payment stub
- utility bill from current or previous month
- mail received from the federal government in the current or previous month

**Proof of Need:** ONE of the following documents in the applicant's name: Section 8 or HUD lease, TCA Eligibility, Medicaid letter, SS, SSI, SSD eligibility letter or proof of monthly income and expenses.

## HCC Dental Hygiene Center

The Dental Hygiene Center provides high quality, affordable dental hygiene care. Patient volunteers are cared for by Howard Community College Dental Hygiene program students, under the supervision of a clinic dentist (DMD), for a small materials fee. The Center does not accept insurance plan payments so it is a good option for those who do not have dental insurance coverage. **For more information visit [www.howardcc.edu/dentalcenter](http://www.howardcc.edu/dentalcenter) or call 443 518-1570.**

## Community Events

### HISPANIC CULTURAL FAIR

Join the County's Department of Recreation & Parks on Sept. 12 in North Laurel for a cultural celebration of the Hispanic communities! Enjoy delicious ethnic foods, entertainment, artisan crafts and children's activities. The event is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. For more information call 410-313-0390.

North Laurel Community Center  
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road

### HOWARD COUNTY'S 17TH ANNUAL 50+EXPO

Howard County's 17th annual 50+EXPO will take place on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia. Explore over 170 vendors and exhibitors of interest to older adults, families, caregivers, care providers and professionals. New this year: \$1 admission fee for all attendees over 18 to benefit the Vivian L. Reid Community Fund. For more information email [aging@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:aging@howardcountymd.gov) or call 410-313-6410 (voice/relay).

### ROBINSON NATURE CENTER'S OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate Robinson Nature Center's fourth birthday on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 12-5 p.m. Complimentary admission includes: live animal presentations, face-painting, nature crafts and movies in our planetarium. Walk the trails with our naturalists, explore the exhibits, and play in the Discovery Room. For more information call 410 313-1400 (voice/relay) or visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rncopenhouse.htm>.  
Robinson Nature Center  
6692 Cedar Lane

### MAIN STREET MUSIC FEST

Join the fun on Sept. 19 from 12-7:30 PM on Main Street in Ellicott City! More than 80 bands play Indoor and outdoor stages in one day! Bring the family for a day of live music, art, food, and shopping in Downtown Historic Ellicott City. Featuring a children's activity and offering free parking and free shuttle service to county court house parking lots. For more information visit <http://visitellicottcity.com/> or call 443 240-2060.

## MSDE Office of Child Care News

The Office of Child Care is pleased to welcome two new Licensing Specialists to the Regional Office. Patricia Woodward and Sara Moran have joined our team as new specialists and will share in all aspects of licensing. They bring with them valuable resources in child care, with extensive backgrounds in the child care field that will benefit their providers. Look for them at your facilities very soon. Remember, if you have licensing questions or concerns you may reach the regional office at 410-750-8771.

### NEW FROM HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



#### Beanstack Sends Children's Book Recommendations to Your Inbox

Howard County Library System recently launched a new free service called Beanstack, which sends personalized book recommendations to caregivers of children aged 0 to 10. How does it work?

Parents or caregivers can create an online profile for each child that includes reading level, hobbies, and favorite genres, topics, and types of character. Once a week, Beanstack emails parents with a book recommendation from the HCLS collection tailored especially to the child's age and interests. A direct link is provided in the weekly email that enables parents to see the availability of the book and request it for pickup at their local HCLS branch. Each email also includes a learning tip related to the recommended book that encourages engagement and critical thinking.

To sign up for Beanstack, visit <http://hclibrary.beanstack.org/>

# LOCATE Complaint Policy



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Through the LOCATE service, parents share feedback with the LOCATE staff on the programs in the files: licensed child care centers, registered family child care providers and accredited preschools and camps. While this feedback is at times positive, it sometimes concerns complaints parents have about child caregivers. Of course, LOCATE and the Maryland Child Care Resource Network want to use this information in a way that is fair to providers and parents, while protecting children, as well.

Therefore, the LOCATE Complaint Policy was developed and has been in effect since its approval by the Maryland Committee for Children Board in November, 1983. According to this policy, all complaints made to LOCATE about child care providers/facilities are recorded. The type of complaint is then determined:

**Less Serious Complaint- No Violation:** complaints which do not involve violations of child care regulations; complaints about situations which do not pose a threat to the safety, health or welfare of a child.

**Less Serious Complaint Involving Violation:** complaints of any violation of Office of Child Care (OCC), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) regulations, and/or the Health Department which do not pose a threat to the health, safety or welfare of a child.

**Serious Complaint:** any threat to the immediate health, safety, or welfare of a child. When a parent calls LOCATE with a complaint, the referral specialist advises him/her to register the complaint directly with the appropriate regulatory agency and/or Protective Services. Names and telephone numbers of the person with whom the parent should speak are provided.

When a Serious Complaint is received concerning one of the providers of facilities in the LOCATE system, no referrals are made by the referral specialists to that provider/facility. The LOCATE Director also communicates with the appropriate regulatory agency personnel about the complaint, and maintains the "hold" on the provider/facility until the agency's disposition of the complaint is known. Should the investigation result in no action, the "hold" status is removed from that provider's/facility's records. Should the license or registration be revoked, the record is removed from the LOCATE files. Providers are advised of LOCATE's actions in writing.

A provider may appeal the LOCATE Director's decision to cease referrals. Appeals are first addressed to the LOCATE Advisory Committee. Final appeals may be made to the board of the Maryland Family Network.

It is the position of LOCATE and MFN that the Complaint Policy is both fair and workable. Safeguards and due process are afforded to the care givers in the files, and parents' and children's rights to safety are addressed, as well. Any questions on this policy should be addressed to Arna Griffith, Director, LOCATE: Child Care at 410 659-7701 x259.

## The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

**The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** is nationally recognized as an indicator of quality child care and can benefit both you and the children in your child care program.

By participating in CACFP you'll learn about: menu planning and your role in obesity prevention; providing nutritious meals and snacks; and teaching children healthy eating habits. The CACFP provides a cash reimbursement for meals served; other benefits of participation include free training in nutrition education, resources & menu ideas, community outreach, and networking opportunities. Participation in the program is easy; a few of the requirements are listed below:

- Current license and have at least one child enrolled
- Agree to have on-site visits from your sponsor at least three times per year
- Prepare and serve meals that meet the USDA-CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements
- Post a weekly menu for children in all age groups
- Record the food you serve when you serve the meal
- Keep meal counts and attendance records

If you would like more information about the requirements for CACFP providers and its' benefits for both children and providers, please contact the appropriate program below:

### Howard County Child Care Centers

Contact MSDE's School and Community Nutrition Programs Branch at 410-767-0214. If centers want to participate under a sponsor, contact The Planning Council at 410-296-2512 or 800-410-9774.

### Howard County Family Child Care Homes

Contact The Planning Council at 410-296-2512 or toll free 800-410-9774.

### Programs Outside of Howard County

Visit the Maryland Public Schools website to find a sponsoring organization in their area:

[http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/programs/schoolnutrition/nutr\\_prog/day\\_care.htm](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/programs/schoolnutrition/nutr_prog/day_care.htm)

# CARE Center Corner: Using Screening Tools

Developmental screening tools help parents and child care professionals track and better understand a child's growth and development in a standard format. According to the Centers for Disease Control, tracking a child's development is multidimensional and should include not only physical growth but also evaluate how children play, learn, speak, and behave.

When parents or child care professionals contact the CARELine for assistance with a child, behavioral consultants will use both the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA). Behavior consultants use these screening tools to better understand how the child is developing and to measure a child's social and emotional health. The ASQ provides consultants, parents and child care professionals with a standardized way to assess the child's development. The DECA is used to measure the social and emotional health of toddlers and preschoolers.

The ASQ is a family-friendly tool that highlights a child's strengths and identify areas of concern. Its main goals are to provide information on a child's development and identify a child's skills. The DECA



measures initiative, self-regulation, and attachment/relationship to help consultants better understand the child in each of these areas.

The DECA has two main goals: to help parents and teachers learn what healthy social and emotional development looks like in children; and to give families and

teachers strategies to help support social and emotional development and resilience.

When faced with doing developmental screenings, we may say to ourselves, "Oh no, here's one more thing we need to do." However, formal screening leads to early identification of potential developmental delays. It also helps separate children who need more extensive assessment from those who do not. Information gained from the ASQ helps parents check their child's development and raises awareness of age and developmentally appropriate expectations. It is never easy to initiate a conversation about one's child, but using the results of the assessment provides a great starting point. Screening results can help everyone as a team to support a child's development.



The Family Institute offers Informational Sessions, Training Workshops and Resources for Parents on Child Development, Positive Discipline and Adolescent Issues

## The Family Institute

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The Family Institute kicked off 2015 by increasing the number of trainings provided to families in the Howard County community. With topics such as nutrition, discipline, school readiness and adolescent issues, many parental concerns are addressed next quarter and the topics will continue to expand. How does this benefit you?

- Host your own family information night by scheduling a training at your location
- Refer to specific classes when there are concerns addressed at parent teacher conferences
- Share the Family Institute Workshop Calendar with your families as a community resource
- Encourage families to attend together and grow your engaged and educated community

In working with families daily, you may hear parents' frustrations and see their struggles. Happy families bring happy children, which makes for a happy environment. If you see a need that doesn't have a corresponding workshop, please submit topic suggestions to [lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov). Be a part of the Family Engagement movement and share resources to help families prosper!

Visit the Family Institute at [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute) for the current workshop schedule!

# Professional Development Planning Tips

As you are planning your professional development for the next year, keep in mind that the following new training regulations are scheduled to take effect between January and July 2016:

- Family child care providers will be required to take Medication Administration which is a 6 hour workshop and is currently being offered in our training calendar. If you have taken this class in the past, you do not have to repeat it. We are offering as many sessions of this workshop as we can to meet demand.
- All providers will have to complete two other trainings. The first training is “Including all Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act” (if you have taken this class in the past, you do not have to retake.) The second training is the developmental screenings overview entitled “On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Progress”. In addition, tool specific training will be available for programs once they have selected their developmental screening tool.
- Family child care providers and Infant/Toddler center staff will be required to complete a breastfeeding support training. In addition to the training, this regulation also requires each program to provide a space for mothers to breastfeed or pump.

These workshops are all offered on a regular basis in our training calendar and are available as on-site trainings for 10 or more people. **If you need assistance in planning your professional development, contact Joan Johnson at 410-313-1432 (voice/relay) or [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov).**

## MARYLAND EXCELS

Participation in Maryland EXCELS continues to increase in Howard County. Monthly support group sessions are held by Rena Dubensky and Joan Johnson. During these sessions, we work one-on-one or in small groups identifying, producing, and uploading documentation necessary to meet the requirements of your EXCELS level. You are welcome to join us for one or more of the following sessions.

**Saturday meetings are from 8:30-10:30 AM  
Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5**

**Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6:30-8:30 PM  
Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM**

# Resource Center Events

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TOOLS SHOWCASES

The new regulation requiring all child care providers to conduct Developmental Screenings for children enrolled in their program will take effect around July 2016. MSDE has approved five screening tools that providers may select from to meet this regulation. In order to assist you in your selection of a screening tool, we will be providing you with several opportunities to come and examine each tool and compare their features.

The Developmental Screening Tools Showcases will be held on Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in our training room at 3300 N. Ridge Road #360, Ellicott City, MD. 21043.

**Remember that the application for a free screening tool must be completed by Dec. 31, 2015 at <http://ececourses.thinkport.org>.** For more information, contact Joan Johnson at 410-313-1432 (voice/relay) or [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov).

## SUPPORTING BREASTFEEDING IN CHILD CARE SESSIONS

In response to the upcoming regulations for child care providers who care for infants, we are offering information sessions which give you a certificate of attendance to meet the new requirement. You will receive a .5 hr Continued Training certificate by attending one of the training sessions below:



**Register for your preferred session, fee is \$5**

**Wed., Sept. 30: 6:00 or 7:30 PM**

**Thurs., Dec.17: 6:00 or 7:30 PM**

The breastfeeding support training is also provided as part of our Family Child Care Training Day on November 21 (see page 10).

Sessions will fill fast and pre-payment is required so register online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training) or use the form at the back of the training calendar.

# Training Calendar

- ▶ Registration and payment are required in advance for all classes
- ▶ Save 10% when you register online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training)
- ▶ To register by phone or for additional information, call 410-313-1442



Workshops are held at the Office of Children's Services, 3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 360, Ellicott City, MD 21043, unless otherwise noted.

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## SEPTEMBER

### On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Progress

Wed, Sept 9 & 16 / 6:30-8:30 PM / \$30

J. Johnson / 4 hrs (2 PRO, 2 CD)

Join us for an overview of the developmental screening tools and the benefits of using one. A review of the MSDE/OCC regulation, effective communication with families, and the referral process will be addressed. Discuss how to choose a developmental screening tool, appropriate collection of information regarding children, and the on-going process of screening children.

**Participants must attend both sessions to receive a certificate.**

### Including All Children and the ADA

Thur, Sept 17 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

T. Harris / 3 hrs SN

Including all children in your child care program can be challenging if you don't understand what you are required to do. Come explore the requirements of ADA for early care programs, examine best inclusionary practices, and learn about resources which can support you and your families.

### Infant/Child and Adult CPR/AED Certification

Sat, Sept 19 / 8:00 -10:30 AM / \$40

**Certification Only- Approved for Licensing / 1st Alert**

Certified by the American Heart Association, valid for two years.

### First Aid Certification

Sat, Sept 19 / 10:45 AM-1:15 PM / \$40

Certified by the American Heart Association, valid for two years.

### An Introduction to ASQ-3 and ASQ Online

Mon, Sept 21 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

J. Johnson / 3 hrs (1.5 CD, 1.5 COM)

Take a more in-depth look at the Ages and Stages screening tool, approved by MSDE. Learn how to properly administer the screening and interpret the scoring. You will gain the confidence to not only administer the tool, but also in discussing the ASQ tool with your staff and parents.

### Medication Administration

Sat, Sept 26 / 8:30 AM-3:00 PM / \$50

M. Conway / 6 hrs HSN

This MSDE-designed workshop will teach providers what they need to know when administering medication to children. Learn how to give oral, topical, inhaled, and emergency medicines to infants and children; how to keep accurate records; regulations for hygiene, safety, and measurement. **Please bring a bagged lunch.**

### Using Literacy Skills Throughout the Day

Mon, Sept 28 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

S. Peyser / 3 hrs (2 CUR, 1 CD)

Examine the foundation on which literacy skills are built and learn how to nurture literacy throughout the day. Work with other participants to explore rhyming word games, letter formation, letter identification, and more!

### 45-Hour Infant & Toddler Certificate

Tues, Sept 29 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$250

J. Johnson / 45-Hour Infant & Toddler Certificate

This course introduces the major concepts, theories, principles, and research related to the development and care of children birth to age 3. Participants will learn how to create a safe and healthy environment while developing appropriate interaction and communication skills that will assist with learning and development. **This course satisfies the regulation for family providers (to care for more than two infants and toddlers) as well as center staff working with infant and toddlers.** For questions related to the care of infants and toddlers, contact Joan Johnson, Technical Assistance Specialist at [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-1432.

### Infant/Toddler: Growth and Development

Tues, Sept 29 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

J. Johnson / 3 hrs CD / Ste 240

Learn the stages and milestones of infant/toddler growth and development, and how to meet the needs of individual children as they progress. Examine activities to encourage development across multiple domains.



# Training Calendar

## OCTOBER

### More Literacy + More Math = Much More Fun

Mon, Oct 5 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

S. Peysler / 3 hrs CUR

After reviewing the components of mathematics from The Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards for prekindergarten, participants will actively engage in hands-on materials to develop a deeper understanding of the domain. Children's literature will be used with all activities to demonstrate integrating curriculum. Information will be discussed in large and small groups.

### Introduction to the Maryland Credential

Wed, Oct 7 / 6:30-8:30 PM / \$15

J. Johnson / 2 hrs PRO

If you work with children in a licensed/registered program, you are eligible to participate in the Maryland Credential. Explore the many benefits of participation in the program - bonus money, training incentives, and assistance with college degrees.

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M. Conway / 6 hrs HSN

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### An Introduction to ASQ-3 and ASQ Online

Wed, Oct 14 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

N. Pierre / 3 hrs (1.5 CD, 1.5 COM)

Come take a more in-depth look at the Ages and Stages screening tool, an MSDE approved screening tool. You will learn how to properly administer the screening and interpret the scoring. You will gain the confidence to not only administer the tool, but also learn how to discuss this screening tool with your staff and parents.

### Infant/Child and Adult CPR/AED Certification

Sat, Oct 17 / 8:00 -10:30 AM / \$40

Certification Only- Approved for Licensing / 1st Alert

Certified by the American Heart Association, valid for two years.

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### Dance in Your Pants or Ants in Their Pants

Mon, Oct 19 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23

C. Bethke / 3 hrs CD

Kinesthetic learners are naturally active and have a lot of physical energy. The ideas and strategies in this workshop will help the child care professional work with and meet the needs of all the children in their care, especially the kinesthetic learner.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION QUICK TIP

In ActiveNet, you can easily display OCS workshops by following these steps:

- 1) Select Howard County Office of Children's Services as the Training Site
- 2) Sort the workshops by the Activity Number to display upcoming workshops in date order.

Online registration is easy!

Save 10% by registering online at

[www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training)



# Training Calendar

## Infant/Toddler: Nutrition

**Tues, Oct 20 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Lentz / 3 hrs HSN / Ste 240**

Encouraging healthy eating habits is critical to healthy development. Get tips on communicating with parents about nutrition. Discuss healthy food choices, dealing with food allergies, and handling picky eaters.

## Project Security Blanket

**Wed, Oct 21 & 28 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$15**

**J. Johnson / 6 hrs (3 PRO + 3 HSN)**

Develop a comprehensive plan to follow when a disaster occurs. Natural disasters, medical emergencies, technological hazards, and family and community concerns (disgruntled parents, missing children, pandemic flu) will be covered. Ensure that your plan addresses special needs, notifying parents, sheltering, resources, evacuation, and other possibilities! **Must attend both nights to receive a certificate.**

## Introduction to Maryland EXCELS

**Thur, Oct 22 / 6:30-8:30 PM / \$15**

**R. Dubensky / 2 hrs PRO**

Maryland EXCELS is a Quality Rating and Improvement System that awards ratings to child care providers and programs. It is voluntary and designed to increase and recognize programs who provide high quality child care. This workshop will take an in-depth look at the standards involved to help you understand participation in this new exciting initiative.



## On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Progress

**Sat, Oct 24 / 8:30 AM-12:30 PM / \$30**

**J. Lentz / 4 hrs (2 PRO, 2 CD)**

Join us for an overview of the developmental screening tools and the benefits of using one. A review of the MSDE/OCC regulation, effective communication with families, and the referral process will be addressed. Discuss how to choose a developmental screening tool, appropriate collection of information regarding children, and the on-going process of screening children.

## Infant/Toddler: Health

**Tues, Oct 27 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Johnson / 3 hrs HSN / Ste 240**

Gain insight into many current health issues affecting infants and toddlers. This class covers common illnesses, communicable diseases, and required vaccinations.

## Child Care Environments

**Thur, Oct 29 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**B. Egerton / 3 hrs (2 PRO, 1 CD)**

A child care environment is more than just where you put the furniture. Learn what makes up the environment and how it influences the effectiveness of your program. Discuss how you can create a safe and active environment for the children and a productive work environment for adults. Discuss organizational strategies for materials and ways to improve your environment.

## NOVEMBER

## Stupendous Science for Preschoolers

**Mon, Nov 2 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**C. Bethke / 3 hrs (2 CUR, 1 CD)**

Science for young children is all about discovery. We facilitate science learning when we create a sense of wonder and authentically engage in the process. This workshop will provide participants with the tools they need to create this sense of wonder in their programs.

## Infant/Toddler: Safety

**Tues, Nov 3 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Lentz / 3 hrs HSN / Ste 240**

Learn what's necessary for infants and toddlers to feel safe and secure in a child care program. Ensure that your environment offers many choices that are safe for newborns, as well as toddlers on the go.

## SIDS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Breastfeeding Support

**Wed, Nov 4 / 6:30-9:00 PM / \$15**

**J. Johnson / 2 hr HSN and .5 Cont. Training**

SIDS is the sudden, unexplained death of a healthy infant under 12 months. The cause of SIDS is unknown, but there are ways to make babies in your care safer. A SIDS class is required for family child care applicants and for any family provider seeking to become licensed for infant care.

## Why Risk It? Managing Risk in Child Care

**Thur, Nov 5 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**D. McGregor / 3 hrs PRO**

Learn ways to reduce the risks associated with owning your own family child care business. We will learn the different categories of risks, how to prepare for risks, and how to diminish the effect these risks have on the family child care home.



# Training Calendar

## Medication Administration

Sat, Nov 7 / 8:30 AM-3:00 PM / \$50  
C. Fleming / 6 hrs HSN / Ste 240

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## Looking Closely at the Project Approach

Mon, Nov 9 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23  
S. Peyser / 3 hrs CUR

Do you wonder if your lesson plans are exciting to your children, encouraging their natural instinct to learn? How do you know if you are truly engaging young learners? Learn about the project approach and how to use it to engage your children by asking questions, seeking answers, observing experts, investigating, and encouraging family participation.

## **FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAINING DAY**

### **Featuring Breastfeeding Support Training and Developmental Screening Overview**

Join us for a family child care training day on November 21, 2015 at the North Laurel Community Center. Registration is open online or using the registration form at the back of The NEST. Attendance will satisfy two upcoming training requirements for providers. Participants will receive 4 Core of Knowledge hours (2PRO, 2CD) for the developmental screening training entitled "On Track: All Aboard for Developmental Screening" and .5 hr continued training hours for Breastfeeding Support in Child Care. [Register online to receive 10% discount.](#)

**DATE:** November 21

**TIME:** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**COST:** \$35 (includes morning snack)

**LOCATION:** North Laurel Community Center:  
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723

For more information contact Nikki Pierre at  
410 313-1923 (voice/relay) or  
[npierre@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:npierre@howardcountymd.gov)

## Infant/Toddler: Special Needs

Tues, Nov 10 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23  
J. Johnson / 3 hrs (2 SN, 1 CD) / Ste 240

Learn to identify special needs of infants and toddlers, and how to care for them appropriately. Includes environmental allergies, diagnosed disabilities, and resources to help.

## Infant/Toddler: Assessment and Screening

Thur, Nov 12 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23  
J. Johnson / 3 hrs (2 PRO, 1 CD) / Ste 360

Examine and gain a greater understanding of the reasons for assessment and screening of infants and toddlers. Learn how to apply this knowledge while working with children and families.

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## First Aid Certification

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## CPR and First Aid Re-Certifications

Sat, Nov 14 / 1:30-5:00 PM / \$80

**Certification Only- Approved for Licensing / 1st Alert**

Certified by the American Heart Association, valid for two years. If your First Aid AND CPR certifications are current and unexpired, you may attend this condensed course. Your certifications for BOTH CPR and First Aid MUST be current to attend this class. Both certifications will be completed; you may not choose to only complete one.

## Understanding and Guiding Young Gifted Learners

Mon, Nov 16 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23  
E. Stinchcomb / 3 hrs (2 SN 1, CUR)

Children who are bright or gifted can easily become bored and begin exhibiting challenging behaviors. Understanding a gifted child's needs helps not only the child, but also the teacher to ensure appropriate behaviors and a fun day.

## Communicating and Promoting Healthy Choices

Tues, Nov 17 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23  
C. Lothen-Kline / 3 hrs (2 HSN, 1 COM)

Sharing information with families about making healthy choices for themselves and their children can be a challenge. Come explore ways to share in a fun and non-threatening way.



# Training Calendar

## Including All Children and the ADA

**Wed, Nov 18 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Johnson / 3 hrs SN**

Including all children in your child care program can be challenging if you don't understand what you are required to do. Come explore the requirements of ADA for early care programs, examine best inclusionary practices, and learn about resources which can support you and your families.

## DECEMBER

### Handling the Fusses and Fits

**Tues, Dec 1 / 6:30-8:30 PM / \$15**

**A. Moriarty / 2 hrs (1.5 CD, 0.5 COM)**

Learn how to reduce stress by addressing a child's emotional state before the behavior occurs. Build your knowledge of child development principles, which impact discipline. Learn and practice the 3-step process which links emotions, thoughts, and actions. This leads to greater willingness and connection, and enhances learning.

### Argh! What Can They Eat?

**Wed, Dec 2 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**C. Lothen-Kline / 3 hrs HSN**

It can be challenging to coordinate the likes and dislikes of the children in your care. Now add in a food allergy, intolerance, or other food related barriers, and it can make you want to pull out your hair! This workshop will provide you with the information and tools to understand and work with food allergies, intolerances, and other food challenges faced by children with ADHD, on the Autism Spectrum, and with sensory disorders.



### Infant/Toddler: Physical Development

**Thur, Dec 3 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Johnson / 3 hrs (1.5 CUR, 1.5 CD) / Ste 360**

Discover and celebrate growing infants and toddlers as they begin critical tasks such as rolling over, crawling, walking, and running! Learn to support physical development through activities, parent support, and other strategies.

### Medication Administration

**Sat, Dec 5 / 8:30 AM-3:00 PM / \$50**

**M. Conway / 6 hrs HSN / Ste 240**

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### Infant/Toddler: Problem-Solving

**Tues, Dec 8 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Lentz / 3 hrs (1.5 CD, 1.5 CUR) / Ste 240**

Infants begin to problem-solve from birth, observing caregivers, peers, and everything around them. Learn how young children use their own observations and investigations and how your environment can support problem-solving.

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**J. Johnson / 3 hrs SN**

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### Children's Temperament and Parenting Styles

**Tues, Dec 15 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**J. Johnson / 3 hrs CD / Ste 240**

A child's temperament affects his interactions with the world, and is impacted by significant adults in his life. Become familiar with temperament types and parenting styles and learn how to use this information in your program.

### Working with Mixed Age Groups

**Wed., Dec 16 / 6:30-9:30 PM / \$23**

**N. Pierre / 3 hrs (1.5 CD, 1.5 CUR)**

Working with a group of children who are different ages presents child care providers with unique challenges and opportunities.

Learn strategies to overcome challenges, create daily schedules, and meet the needs of each child. **Workshop satisfies 3 hours of Working with Mixed Age Groups training requirement.**



# Training Calendar

## SETTING THE STAGE: ASSESSMENT IN EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE

We will be offering this training opportunity in the Spring of 2016 on Saturdays. Formerly known as Maryland Model for School Readiness 2013, this training has been updated to better reflect the child care providers, children and families of today's early care and education communities. The training consists of five, six-hour modules totaling 30 hours of high quality training. The training is perfect if you have never taken MMSR training before, did not complete the 9 modules, have never implemented MMSR in your program or took MMSR over five years ago. **If you are interested in attending or registering staff (discount for multiple registrations) please email Nikki Pierre at [npierre@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:npierre@howardcountymd.gov).**

### CORE OF KNOWLEDGE KEY

Each training workshop listing indicates the approved Core of Knowledge area(s), which identifies specific topics of interest you may need to achieve or maintain levels within the Maryland Child Care Credential program. The Core areas are abbreviated as:

- CD: Child Development      COM: Community
- CUR: Curriculum            HSN: Health, Safety, Nutrition
- PRO: Professionalism      SN: Special Needs

## 45-HOUR INFANT/TODDLER CAREGIVER CERTIFICATE

Gain the skills necessary to work with infants and toddlers in a family or center child care program. Topics include growth and development, selecting materials, health and safety, temperament, and working with the families in your program.

**DATES: Tuesdays, Sept. 29 - Dec. 15, 6:30-9:30 PM  
Thursdays (Nov. 12 and Dec. 3 only)**

**LOCATION: 3300 N. Ridge Rd, Suite 240  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
Occasional meetings are in Ste 360**

**COST: \$250- register online for a 10% discount at [www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training)**

This certification course satisfies the MSDE requirement of 45 hours of infant-toddler training for child care teachers, directors, and family providers working with infants and toddlers. Register online or download form at [www.howardcountymd.gov/training](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/training) or call 410 313-1940 (voice/relay).

### NEW REGULATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

MSDE is in process of publishing several new regulations. These updated COMAR regulations can be accessed at: [http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child\\_care/regulat.html](http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/regulat.html)

## OCC Workshop Training Requirements

### Family Child Care - New Applicant

- ♦ All six 4-hour Initial Training Modules
- ♦ 6-hour class in Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
- ♦ Infant/Child/Adult CPR and First Aid Certifications
- ♦ SIDS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

### Family Child Care - First Renewal Year

- ♦ 3 hours training in each of 4 areas: Child Development, Mixed Age Groups, Health/Safety/Nutrition, and Professionalism
- ♦ 6 additional hours of approved training in any area
- ♦ Current First Aid and CPR certifications

### Family Child Care - After First Renewal

- ♦ 6 hours of approved Core of Knowledge training
- ♦ 6 additional hours of approved training in any area
- ♦ Current First Aid and CPR certifications

### Child Care Center Staff

For current staff staying in the same positions:

- ♦ Aide/Assistant 6 hours per year
- ♦ Child Care Teacher 12 hours per year
- ♦ Child Care Director 12 hours per year

New hires and staff moving to new positions are subject to additional requirements.

### Questions about Training Requirements?

- ♦ Contact Joan Johnson, Technical Assistance Specialist [jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jmjohnson@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-1432.
- ♦ Contact the Howard County Office of Child Care at 410-750-8771.
- ♦ Contact your county's Child Care Resource Center or the Maryland State Department of Education at MSDE Office of Child Care.

# Workshop Registration and Participation Guidelines



**REGISTRATION** is on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is required at the time of registration. All receipts are e-mailed to the address provided at registration. This receipt is your confirmation of registration. Reminder emails are a courtesy and should not be viewed as the sole indication of registration. Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Your registration and payment must be received by 4:00 pm on the day of the workshop for all weekday workshops (by Friday for weekend workshops). Same-day registrations are accepted online until noon and by phone until 4:00 pm if space permits; call 410-313-1442 (voice/relay) to check availability. Walk-ins will not be permitted to stay in workshops.

**PAYMENT TYPES/FEES:** You may register online, by phone (credit cards only), by mail or in-person (credit card, check, or money order). Credit card charges may appear as ACT\*Registration on your statement. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Workshops begin at the time stated in the calendar and your receipt. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early to sign in. If you arrive after the workshop begins, you will be asked to leave. You will not be eligible for a certificate, credit, or refund.

**CERTIFICATES:** Certificates will be mailed to participants who attend a workshop within 10 business days. All workshops are open to the public and are approved by the MSDE under training approval number CKO-30733.

**CHANGE/CANCELLATION:** If you cannot attend a workshop you have registered for, notify us at least 24 hours in advance to receive a credit for future use. Refunds will not be given unless OCS cancels the workshop. If there are extenuating circumstances which require you to cancel, call 410-313-1442 and leave a detailed message. Messages must be left on the day of the workshop to be considered, and are handled on a case-by-case basis. OCS reserves the right to change the location or instructor of a workshop. If a workshop is cancelled due to weather, instructor illness, etc., participants will be notified by phone by 4:00 pm. If possible, the workshop will be rescheduled; and participants will be notified by phone or email. You may call our main line 410-313-1940 for weather updates.

**REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES** may be requested by emailing [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov) or calling 410-313-1442 (voice/relay). There is a \$5 fee per replacement certificate within the past 12 months and \$10 for certificates older than 12 months.

**WORKSHOPS DESIGNED FOR ADULTS ONLY** please make child care arrangements in advance.

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## Howard County OCS Training Workshop Registration

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POSITION TYPE  FAMILY CC  CENTER STAFF  OWNER/DIRECTOR  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate if you require any special accommodations and our staff will contact you \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration and payment are required in advance for all classes and workshops.**

Make Check/Money Order Payable to: Howard County Director of Finance

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