



• NEW HANOVER COUNTY •

# EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION NEWS

Smart Start Early Care and Education Newsletter

August 2020

## Cleaning Supply Resources

**Disaster Coalition:** select 'Request supplies for your organization' in scrolling banner. Complete the form to indicate what resources you need <https://www.newhanoverdisastercoalition.org/>

**Cape Fear Restaurant Equipment:** contact Josh Williams  
910.399.6921     [josh@cfreinc.com](mailto:josh@cfreinc.com)

**Croaker Facility Supplies:** contact Web Bostic  
910.520.8188     [wbstic@ec.rr.com](mailto:wbstic@ec.rr.com)     <https://croakeronline.com/>

**Smart Start:** We have toilet paper and paper towels. Additionally, when we get word of supplies available in the community we'll pass it along. If you're looking for something, let us know.

'Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults.'

*-Abraham Lincoln*

## Our Training Calendar

- ⇒ All VIRTUAL training classes are free
- ⇒ IN PERSON training classes are \$6 with the exception of CPR
- ⇒ We will be adhering to DCDEE, CDC, and the Governor's guidelines to keep everyone healthy during our in person workshops
  - \*Masks must be worn at all times while attending our in person workshops. Seating will be 6 ft. apart and class sizes are limited
- ⇒ When signing in to your virtual workshop, be sure your name shows correctly on the screen for attendance
- ⇒ Please read your training class confirmation email for full details of what to expect
- ⇒ Training information can be found on our website with directions on how to register: email OR call to sign up
- ⇒ **Be sure to always check your junk/spam email folder if you aren't seeing an email from us– then mark us as a Safe Sender**

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## Rated License Assessment Trainings

Are you looking for additional DCDEE contact hour TRAININGS and RESOURCES pertaining to the Environment Rating Scales (ERS)?

Check out the North Carolina Rated License Assessment Project website [ncrlap.org](http://ncrlap.org). Here you will get the most up-to-date information on the ECERS-R, ITERS-R, and FCCERS-R scales, from actual assessors whose job it is to assess child care programs and provide ERS scores.

**Trainings:** (1 contact hour of DCDEE credit & FREE)

- Topics: Common Questions and Reminders about the ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS-U, and FCCERS-R
- Visit their website for more details: [ncrlap.org](http://ncrlap.org)

**Resources:**

- Webcasts, videos, low scoring items information, additional notes, etc.
- Newest Resource: FCCERS-R: Using Fine Motor Materials with Different Age Groups in Family Child Care Homes.

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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

As we adjust to the current times, we wanted to reach out and let you know we are still here and ready to support in any way we can. Here are some options to choose from if you are looking for some Technical Assistance:

- Scheduled phone and /or video calls (via FaceTime, Skype, Zoom)
- Email
- In person– with masks and social distancing

\*In accordance to the Health and Safety rules

\*If teacher/director/Smart Start staff person are comfortable

\*In a variety of ways:


outside-in front of building or on the playground  
in program lobby  
at classroom door  
after hours and/or when children are not present

Please let us know what way best accommodates you or share other ideas on how we can meet your needs!

## MEDICINE BOXES

We have FREE medicine boxes available for any FCCH or child care program that is in need.

Contact Mindy if you are interested.

**Directors:** a private  Facebook group, **Smart Start of NHC: Early Childhood**

**Directors**, was created for you. This page provides a place for administrators to network, ask questions of each other and coordinate efforts to better serve the children in their program. In addition, the Smart Start ECE team will share news and events, and help you with questions you may have about our services.

We hope you join to keep in touch! Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ECEofNHC/>



## Directors...

...Looking for a way to meet other directors, network, get ideas, or share frustrations?

We're still facilitating our Director Dialogues—*just via Zoom!*

Join other directors for the next meeting on **Tuesday– August 25 from 1-2pm.**

A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting. No planned agenda, and no RSVP needed, log on to chat!

For more information or questions, contact Natalie Pond.

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### ...share our newsletter and training calendar with your staff.

- \* post them in the staff breakroom (do staff know if the newsletter and training calendar are posted and where?)
- \* email them to staff
- \* provide a copy to each classroom or teacher or provide them with our website address to view the training calendar
- \* encourage staff to decide which training(s) he/she would like to register for
- \* remember that classes fill quickly. It's important to register online early.

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## Resource Room Updates

### **The Resource Room is offering curbside services!**

Call or email to check out a theme box or place an order for bulletin board paper/border. Park in front of the entrance and call our office when you arrive. We will bring your items out to your car.

Let us know if you are dropping off laminating and we can meet you outside the office.

Contactless payment is encouraged for laminating/bulletin board paper & border purchases. Pay online or by phone prior to pick up.

If you are returning any items, feel free to drop them off outside our door anytime between 8-5.

Call our office and ask for Dayla Mendez or email [dayla.mendez@newhanoverkids.org](mailto:dayla.mendez@newhanoverkids.org) with any questions!

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## CPR, AED & FIRST AID CLASSES

We know DCDEE has provided leeway with this certification that at least 1 person per site needs to have a valid CPR card.

Therefore, we are offering recertification classes to help recertify providers whose certificate expired March 2020 or later.

Because of new guidelines for teaching CPR classes, we are required to limit classes based on the amount of equipment we have. Our classes will be extremely small, and we appreciate your understanding of this.

### **Guidelines we will be following:**

- ◆ Masks will be worn at all times, except when practicing certain techniques
- ◆ FCCH providers will be given priority for registration
- ◆ Available spots for centers will be limited to 1 person per site

We will continue to evaluate the demand for recertification and adhere to DCDEE's current guidelines. If you have multiple staff that need recertification soon, we encourage you to seek options for classes with local authorized agencies.

Contact LaKeasha Glaspie for more details:  
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