

# Sanford Children's CHILD Services

July - September 2026

## THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSION



For years Early Childhood Educators (including those providing care to school age children) have been viewed as babysitters. That simply isn't the case. As an early childhood educator you set the foundation for today's youth. Educators can stand proud knowing that you had a hand in teaching our next president of the United States, our next Kindergarten Teacher, Pilot, Army Ranger, etc. Interacting with children, families, and colleagues must always be done in a professional manner. Whether you are an infant and toddler, preschool, or school age teacher, it is critical to be knowledgeable about and model professional behavior.

Infant, toddler, preschool, and school age providers play a powerful role in children's lives. Did you know that 95% of children's brain development is complete by the age of 6? That means most of a child's development will take place in your care. Who children become has everything to do with the experiences they have early in their lives, which you, as the provider, play a huge role in.

High-quality professional standards will strengthen children's development when they are continuously exposed and engaged in meaningful interactions with adults, especially their teachers.

In the field of early childhood education, professionalism encompasses many specific behaviors and skills that address how individuals present themselves to other adults, such as:

- How you present yourself
- Knowledge of the early childhood field
- Quality of your work
- Relationship with other providers
- Your work ethic
- Your attitude

As an individual working with children, youth, and families, you engage in numerous activities that require you to maintain high-quality professional standards. Think about some of the experiences you participate in your daily professional life like:

- Engaging with children
- Interacting with various family dynamics
- Collaborating with other providers
- Interacting with community members

The work you do with children, youth, and their families lay the foundation for healthy development, growth, and success in school and life. Recognition of the significance of the early years on children's development strengthens the desire to strive for excellence when interacting with children, youth, and families.

**To learn more about The Early Childhood Profession, sign up for the class on Wednesday, July 22nd.**

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- [www.sdece.org](http://www.sdece.org)



# FACE to FACE Trainings

## All Ages

Classes for caregivers of all ages of children

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 22	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Active Supervision Basics</u></b> Learn how to go beyond “counting heads” with practical strategies for active supervision in early childhood classrooms. This training covers child-to-staff ratios, proactive supervision techniques, and ways to keep children safe and engaged throughout daily routines and transitions.	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Sioux Falls
Wednesday, July 22	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>The Early Childhood Profession</u></b> This training introduces participants to the knowledge, responsibilities, and mindset needed for professionalism in early childhood education while exploring ethical practices, professional organizations, and the importance of early childhood learning.	Professionalism & Leadership	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, September 22	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Music for All Ages</u></b> Participants will discover practical strategies for incorporating songs, rhythm, and movement into daily routines, while also learning how music enhances language development, social-emotional skills, and creativity.	Learning, Environment, Planning and Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, September 22	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>Rough and Tumble Play</u></b> Learn about rough play in young children. Find out what is appropriate and when you should be more concerned. Discover tips on how to respond when play gets rough.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Sioux Falls

## Infant/Toddler

Classes with an emphasis on caring for children birth to two years old

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Monday, July 13	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Intentional Interactions with Infants and Toddlers</u></b> Discover the importance of intentional and meaningful interactions and optimal times to create them with infants and toddlers.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Aberdeen
Monday, July 13	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>Calm During the Storm</u></b> Recognize signs of emotional flooding in children. Learn how to become an external regulator for children, calming experiences of overwhelm and increasing adaptability.	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Aberdeen
Saturday, September 12	9 – 10 a.m.	<b><u>Child Care Essentials: Reducing the Risk of SIDS</u></b> Protect the children in your care by creating a safe sleep environment to prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Aberdeen
Saturday, September 12	10 – 11 a.m.	<b><u>Child Care Essentials: Shaken Baby Syndrome</u></b> Never shake a baby! Learn the symptoms and outcomes of pediatric head trauma and ways to prevent it from happening.	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Aberdeen

# School Aged Care

Classes specific to care provided in out of school time settings



DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Monday, July 13	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Professionals in School Age Care</b> (Class 1 of 3) Learn what it means to be a professional in an out-of-school time program.	Professionalism & Leadership	Sioux Falls
Monday, July 20	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Understanding the Challenging Child</b> (Class 2 of 3) Tips to promote and teach school-age children positive ways to deal with challenging behaviors.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Sioux Falls
Monday, July 27	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Clear Expectations for School Aged Success</b> (Class 3 of 3) This training equips school-age childcare providers with practical strategies to establish and communicate clear expectations, reinforce positive behavior, and use logical consequences to guide children toward responsibility and success.	Child Growth & Development	Sioux Falls



## CHILD SERVICES CLASS POLICIES

- All participants are required to personally call and register for all classes. Registration on behalf of others, including co-workers, is not permitted.
- Participants are expected to arrive or sign in no later than 10 minutes after the scheduled start time. Those arriving after this period will not be permitted to attend the class.
- In order to maintain an appropriate learning environment for classes, children are not allowed to attend classes.

# Certified First Aid

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Tuesday, July 21	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Certified First Aid</b> The American Heart Association's Pediatric First Aid course trains participants how to respond to and manage illnesses and injuries in a child or infant in the first few minutes until professional help arrives.	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Sioux Falls
Saturday, August 22	1 – 3:30 p.m.			Aberdeen
Wednesday, September 23	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.			Sioux Falls

# Adult/Child & Infant CPR/AED

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Saturday, July 25	8:30 a.m. – Noon			Sioux Falls
Thursday, July 30	6:30 – 10 p.m.			Sioux Falls
Saturday, August 8	8:30 a.m. – Noon	<b>Heartsaver Adult/Child &amp; Infant CPR &amp; AED</b>		Sioux Falls
Tuesday, August 18	6:30 – 10 p.m.	This American Heart Association's course offers instructor-led course and teaches adult, child and infant CPR/AED and choking.	Health, Safety & Nutrition	Sioux Falls
Saturday, August 22	8:30 a.m. – Noon			Aberdeen
Saturday, September 12	8:30 a.m. – Noon			Vermillion
Tuesday, September 8	6:30 – 10 p.m.			Sioux Falls
Wednesday, September 16	6:30 – 10 p.m.			Sioux Falls

# HYBRID Trainings



## Management

Classes with an emphasis on managing child care programs

*\* Classes will be offered face to face & online - please specify location when registering\**

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Monday, August 10	6:30 – 8 p.m.	<p><b><u>Budgets, Projections &amp; Planning</u></b></p> <p>A four-part training series developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance that provides content to strengthen providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations. This class discusses budgets, planning, and projections for center-based programs.</p>	
Monday, August 17	6:30 – 8 p.m.	<p><b><u>Fiscal Management</u></b></p> <p>A four-part training series developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance that provides content to strengthen providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations. This class discusses financial reports and internal controls for center-based programs.</p>	Program Administration
Monday, August 24	6:30 – 8 p.m.	<p><b><u>Marketing for Child Care Centers</u></b></p> <p>A four-part training series developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance that provides content to strengthen providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations. This class discusses marketing your center-based program.</p>	
Monday, August 31	6:30 – 8 p.m.	<p><b><u>Staff Recruitment and Retention</u></b></p> <p>A four-part training series developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance that provides content to strengthen providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations. This class discusses staff recruitment and retention for center-based programs.</p>	



## Car Seat Safety Training

Getting ready for summer field trips? Want to make sure children's car seats are installed correctly? See the training below to learn proper car seat installation and help keep kids safe on the road.

- **Car Seat Basics:** A free Child Passenger Safety awareness training by the National Safety Council. The 1-hour e-learning course is intended for any audience and can be completed entirely online. In this course, you can stop and go as your time allows. This training is for anyone who is working with children and car seats.

Go to <https://www.cpsboard.org/trainings/car-seat-basics/>  
 - Click Launch Online Learning.

# ONLINE Trainings

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DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Tuesday, July 14	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>DAP in Real Life</u></b>                      DAP in Real Life helps early childhood educators understand what Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) looks like in everyday classroom situations. Participants will explore simple ways to support children’s development by adjusting the environment, activities, and their support.</p>	Child Growth & Development

## Infant/Toddler

Classes with an emphasis on caring for children birth to two years old

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Tuesday, July 14	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>Connection Seeking Behaviors</u></b>                      We often hear the term attention seeking in reference to children’s behavior. This class will focus on rephrasing this to connection seeking. Learn about what connection seeking means and strategies to respond.</p>	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being
Thursday, September 3	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>Child Care Essentials: Reducing the Risk of SIDS</u></b>                      Protect the children in your care by creating a safe sleep environment to prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).</p>	Health, Safety & Nutrition
Thursday, September 3	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>Child Care Essentials: Shaken Baby Syndrome</u></b>                      Never shake a baby! Learn the symptoms and outcomes of pediatric head trauma and ways to prevent it from happening.</p>	Health, Safety & Nutrition
Thursday, September 10	6 - 7 p.m.	<p><b><u>Nurturing Environments</u></b>                      Providing a nurturing environment that helps children develop trust through acceptance and love.</p>	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Thursday, September 10	7 - 8 p.m.	<p><b><u>Trauma and the Brain</u></b>                      Providers will learn about how trauma affects the brain and future development of infants and toddlers.</p>	Health, Safety & Nutrition



# Preschool

Classes with an emphasis on caring for children three to five years old


DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Wednesday, August 5	6 - 7 p.m.	<b><u>Circle Time Made Meaningful</u></b> Circle time is a valuable opportunity to build connection, foster engagement, and support whole-child development in early childhood settings. This training explores the meaning and purpose of circle time, while providing practical strategies to create interactive, developmentally appropriate experiences.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Wednesday, August 5	7 - 8 p.m.	<b><u>Worksheets Don't Work</u></b> Learn the importance of why worksheets are not always developmentally appropriate. Discover ways to focus on long-term understanding and bring fun, and exploration back into your classroom.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum

# School Age Care

Classes specific to care provided in out of school time setting





DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Tuesday, August 11	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Professionals in School Age Care</u></b> (Class 1 of 3) Learn what it means to be a professional in an out-of-school time program.	Professionalism & Leadership
Tuesday, August 18	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Understanding the Challenging Child</u></b> (Class 2 of 3) Tips to promote and teach school-age children positive ways to deal with challenging behaviors.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being
Tuesday, August 25	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Clear Expectations for School Aged Success</u></b> (Class 3 of 3) This training equips school-age childcare providers with practical strategies to establish and communicate clear expectations, reinforce positive behavior, and use logical consequences to guide children toward responsibility and success.	Child Growth & Development

 **ONLINE CLASS POLICIES**

Participants are emailed the class link, with instructions, within 24 hours prior to scheduled class start time. To receive credit for online classes, participants must:

1. Log into class within 5 minutes of the class start time
2. Demonstrate attendance by participating in class polls and chats
3. Complete all polls at the end of the class

 Sign up for classes online by scanning the QR Code!

 **SCAN ME!**

# News from the City of Sioux Falls



The Sioux Falls Health Department is working on adopting a new inspection software which will have online capabilities for licensing. This new system will be dependent on each Provider and Helper setting up an account on the City's online application portal.

We will be sending out information on how to do that by the end of summer, and we are optimistic that we will be moved to this new system in time for the fall license renewal season. More information to come.

Additionally, if you need to get registered for education classes please be getting those on your calendar. As we all know, summer goes way too quick

## Pathways to Professional Development



South Dakota Pathways to Professional Development Career Ladder is the a career ladder for early childhood and school-age care educators. Pathways identifies opportunities for professional growth so that every educator can create their own professional path.

The program recognizes each educator's professional development, education, and ongoing growth. Through certificates, welcome kits, and engagement opportunities like the Literacy Challenge, it also celebrates educators' professional development achievements.

For more information, visit <https://sdece.org/pathways/>

## Interested in CDA?

Sign up for the CDA Information night to learn more. CDA registration will be completed during this meeting.

**When:** Monday, August 17th  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** CHILD Services  
5015 S Western Ave, Suite 120  
Sioux Falls, SD



## Early Childhood & School Age Leadership Summit

**When:** July 24<sup>th</sup> & July 25<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Cedar Shores Resort & Conference Center  
Oacoma, SD

More  
information  
coming soon.....





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**2026 TRAINING SCHEDULE**  
JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER