

## **ABC Quality Staff Presenting at Statewide Virtual Conference!**

ABC Quality staff members will be presenting at the upcoming South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC) annual virtual conference from Saturday, October 2, 2021 – Saturday, November 13, 2021. Each ABC Quality staff member will use their specialized area of expertise to bring an interactive session for attendees.



### **Building Your Business Through Participation in ABC Quality**

Cathy Kovacs, M.Ed.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

8:00am – 9:00am



### **Creating an Engaging Outdoor Play and Learning Environment Curriculum**

Lynn Glenn, MPH.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

11:30am – 12:30pm



### **Incorporating Cultural Diversity in Parent Engagement**

Sherrie Dueno, M.Ed.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

12:45pm – 1:45pm

To learn more about ABC Quality please [click here.](#)



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## South Carolina Child Care Resource & Referral (SC CCR&R) Upcoming Conference



Family Child Care Conference – Families Only  
November 5-6, 2021

**To register, please email Monica Cohens:**  
[cohensm@email.sc.edu](mailto:cohensm@email.sc.edu)

Please look up SC CCR&R on the SC Endeavors registry to register for their free trainings. [Click here for the SC Endeavors Registry.](#)

## Exploring Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Early Childhood Professionals



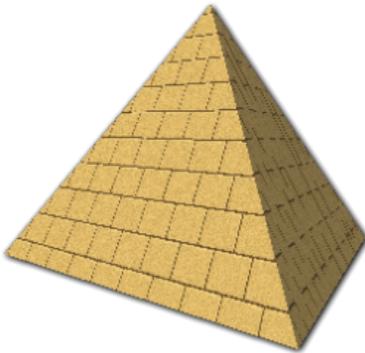
Join early childhood professionals around the state as we come together for a monthly learning series on equity, diversity and inclusion, sponsored by South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association. This virtual

learning series engages participants in gaining an understanding on how their own identity and experiences impact the way they view and interact with others. Each monthly session focuses on a different component of building an equity lens with exploration of topics such as self-awareness, bias, microaggressions, dominant culture, privilege and challenging assumptions. Through guided discussions, interactive activities, small group work and self-reflection, participants develop foundational knowledge to advance equity in early childhood systems.

Sessions are the third Tuesday of each month and are free for SCIMHA members or just \$5 for non-members. **To register, please [click here](#). To become a SCHIMA Member, please [click here](#).**



## Pyramid Model Pilot: Please Apply!



### Applications are OPEN

Are you a child care center director? Have you been looking for a model to better support the social and emotional development of the infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in your care? This might be the opportunity for you. Consider [applying](#) to be a pilot site for program-wide implementation of the Pyramid Model in child care settings.

### What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices used for supporting the social and emotional development of young children, preventing challenging behaviors, and appropriately intervening when young children exhibit challenging behaviors. Programs selected as pilot sites for Program-Wide Pyramid Model Implementation will receive professional development matched to the needs of their staff that could include a combination of training, coaching, consultation, and resources. For more information visit our [Program Wide Implementation](#) page or contact Carrie Trivedi ([trivedcr@email.sc.edu](mailto:trivedcr@email.sc.edu)).



## SC CCR&R Supports Families and Child Care Centers

If you know someone who needs help finding child care or if you are a child care center and are interested in coaching and/or improving the quality of your center, send SC CCR&R a referral by [clicking here](#).



## Sign Up: Free Virtual Training!

SC Program for Infant/Toddler Care (SCPITC) is offering a free virtual 1-hour training on Language Development and Communication.

**Title:** Let's Talk: Language Development & Communication

**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 2:00-3:30 pm

To register, please [click here](#).

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## Division Spotlight: ABC Scholarship Recipients 2021 SCAEYC Conference



More than 360 early childhood educators employed at participating ABC Quality early childhood programs received professional development scholarships to attend the SCAEYC conference. Scholarship recipients can use this training to meet Child Care Licensing training requirements, ABC Quality standards and increase the overall quality of care at their early childhood programs.

## **A B C** Quality **Child Care Heroes!**

Throughout the COVID-19 and Delta Variance pandemic, child care programs have ensured that families across South Carolina have a healthy, safe, reliable and quality environment to send their children.

ABC Quality continues to recognize individual early childhood educators and child care programs throughout South Carolina as Child Care Heroes. We have heard incredible stories of triumphs, resilience, and dedication to children and families. Thank you for all you do for children and families in South Carolina!



### **Catherine Ann Grubbs**

#### **Kiddie Korner Day Care, Inc., Woodruff, SC**

Kiddie Korner Day Care participated in the *Building for Our Future* project. They successfully reached their goals for quality improvement and creating organization and staff profiles in SC Endeavors, the statewide resource for early childhood educators,

trainers and child care programs in South Carolina. A key element for participating in *Building for Our Future* focuses on the staff's education and professional development. Staff members at Kiddie Korner Day Care created their profiles which included uploading education accomplishments.

*"I have wonderful teachers!"* - Catherine Ann Grubbs



Due to the pandemic, we have taken extra measures to ensure the safety of our staff, early childhood educators and programs, and community members. Please keep sharing your stories with us via email.

**Submit your Child Care Hero story to:**

[sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov](mailto:sherrie.dueno@dss.sc.gov)



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- **Joovy – Zoom 360 Ultralight Jogging Strollers**, due to fall hazard.
- **Walmart – Better Homes and Gardens Essential Oil Infused Aromatherapy Room Spray with Gemstones**, due to rare and dangerous bacteria.
- **Magnussen Home – Nova Series 5-Drawer Chests**, due to tip-over and entrapment hazards.