

# CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS



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April, May and June 2024

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**APRIL IS  
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION MONTH**



Child abuse and neglect does not discriminate. It can affect anyone, anywhere at anytime. The effects of abuse/neglect can cause trauma that impairs brain development. It also can cause issues in physical development, emotional development and behaviors. These issues may continue later in life.

There are four main types of abuse: neglect, physical, psychological and sexual. Neglect being the most common type of abuse. As mandated reporters it is important the child care professionals know the signs of each type of abuse, as well as when to make a report. Remember, your task is not to prove an incident, but to report suspicions to the proper authorities. The most important task you face as a child care professional is the safety of the children in your care.

Anyone can make a report. For more information on reporting and other resources visit:

<https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-protective-services/> .

#WOYC24

naeyc  
Week of the  
Young Child™



**A Week of Fun!** April 6-12, 2024

Week of the Young Child is an annual event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to bring public awareness to the needs of young children and their families. It also recognizes early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Themes for the week are:

- \* Kick-off Saturday
- \* Music Monday
- \* Tasty Tuesday
- \* Work Together Wednesday
- \* Artsy Thursday
- \* Family Friday

For more information and ideas for WOYC visit :

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event>

## RESOURCE LIBRARY

We invite you to visit our resource libraries in Dothan and Montgomery for lots of great ideas and materials to enhance your learning environment.

Each library offers a selection of books, learning materials, puppets, kits and a wide assortment of die cuts. Best of all, it is a free resource for you. We provide basic colors of construction paper for die cuts and lamination.

For check out procedures and die cut orders, please contact the resource librarian in your area.

### Contact information:

#### Dothan

Library hours are 8:30 am to 11:30 am; 1:00 pm-to 3:30 pm  
Monday through Friday (*evening appointments available*)

**Resource Specialist:** Michelle Woodham (334) 712-7777 ext. 224

**Email:** michelle.woodham@dhr.alabama.gov

#### Montgomery

Library hours are 8:30 am -12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - 4:00pm  
Monday through Friday (*evening appointments available*)

#### **Resource Specialist:**

Lisa Kirkland (334) 270-4100 ext. 267

**Email:** lisa.kirkland@dhr.alabama.gov



Be sure to sign up for the library newsletters emailed each month.

# Quarterly CCDF Health & Safety Classes offered via ZOOM April, May and June 2024

Family Guidance Center's Child Care Education and Training Program – Dothan will be offering the following child care training classes.

Each class will be in the following categories:

**STATE CATEGORY:** HSUP, **APCK AREA:** HSN, **CDA Area:** 1 and **Target Age Group/Training Level:** Basic/All

<b>April</b> Registration begins 3/15/23 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
Date	Title of Class	Time	CCDF Area
4/1/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases <b>AND</b> Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
4/4/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices <b>AND</b> Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
4/16/24	Administration of Medication <b>AND</b> Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
4/23/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety <b>AND</b> Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
4/30/24	Emergency Preparedness <b>AND</b> CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10
<b>May</b> Registration begins 4/15/24 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
5/2/24	Appropriate Precautions in Transporting Children	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 1 hour	9
5/7/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases <b>AND</b> Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
5/13/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices <b>AND</b> Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
5/21/24	Administration of Medication <b>AND</b> Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
5/28/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety <b>AND</b> Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
5/30/24	Emergency Preparedness <b>AND</b> CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10
<b>June</b> Registration begins 5/15/24 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
6/4/24	Appropriate Precautions in Transporting Children	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 1 hour	9
6/6/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases <b>AND</b> Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
6/13/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices <b>AND</b> Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
6/17/24	Administration of Medication <b>AND</b> Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
6/24/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety <b>AND</b> Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
6/27/24	Emergency Preparedness <b>AND</b> CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10



## MEET OUR INFANT/TODDLER SPECIALISTS

Looking for opportunities to increase the quality of care for your infants and toddlers? Need guidance with behaviors, activities or mentoring? Then please contact the specialist in your area:

**DOTHAN:** Barbara Culver , 334-712-7777 x 235 or [barbara.culver@dhr.alabama.gov](mailto:barbara.culver@dhr.alabama.gov)

**MONTGOMERY:** Adrienne Royster, 334-270-4100 or [adrienne.royster@dhr.alabama.gov](mailto:adrienne.royster@dhr.alabama.gov)



Interested in obtaining your Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)?  
For information, visit the Council for Professional Recognition at  
<https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>



## See the calendar for more details



### Montgomery Region:

**Director's Roundtable** will meet on April 24, May 22, and June 26, from 9:30-10:30 for a discussion of the book Observation and Assessment by NAEYC. This quarter we will discuss meaningful, developmentally appropriate observation and assessment in the early learning setting.

### Director's Conference

Join Dr. Calvin Moore on June 29 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm as he discusses the process and details of the Child Development Associate credential (CDA). There will also be a few treats and surprises for all of your dedication and hard work as a director.

### ZOOM

**Supporting Best Business Practices**-This 4-part series covers budgets, fiscal management, marketing and staff.  
**Director's Forum Webcast**-A different topic will be offered each month. This quarter focuses on components of the Child Care Subsidy program.

### Dothan Region:

**Puppet Shows:** Thanks for making our Dental themed puppet show a HIT! Keep an eye out for the next one beginning in April. Our goal is to offer a different theme each quarter. Keep an eye out for the new flyer. For more information, contact Cindy Weeks at 334-712-7777 ext. 228 or [cynthia.weeks@dhr.alabama.gov](mailto:cynthia.weeks@dhr.alabama.gov)



## ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ONLINE Spring 2024 TRAINING COURSES

Registration for spring facilitated classes open  
Monday, March 11, 2024 @ <https://aptv.org/education/learn-online/>

Scan the QR code to access information regarding APT's winter facilitated course registration.

### Spring Facilitated 2024 Training Titles

- AELG Online (Alabama Early Learning Guidelines)
- Sesame Street in the Classroom: Training, Resources, and Support for Early Childhood Educators
- Essential Math Skills for Preschoolers: Kindergarten Readiness
- Implementing PBS Kids Resources in the Child Care Setting
- Talking to Young Children About Race and Racism



### APT's On-Demand Course Catalog

On-demand 2-hour trainings are always available on our website: [aptlearnonline.org](http://aptlearnonline.org) .  
Scan the QR code below to access APT's on-demand training catalog.



For more APT training opportunities see the Dothan and Montgomery training calendars .



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**REMEMBER**

**NEW LOOK FOR CALENDARS**

**RED** = Montgomery office **IN PERSON** classes      **GREEN** = **ZOOM** classes  
**BLUE** = Dothan office **IN PERSON** classes      \*\*\*Look at **OFFICE** to register  
**\*\*CCDF classes are now located in the newsletter portion instead of the pullout class list**

**👁👁 Please see the calendar insert 👁👁  
 for the following:**

- Registration procedures
- Classes specifically for directors
- Trainings in person and via ZOOM

**Our office will be closed on the following dates:**

April 22, 2024  
 May 27, 2024  
 June 3, 2024



**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**T.E.A.C.H. ALABAMA EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

A project of Alabama Partnership for Children, helps early learning professionals increase their level of education and effectiveness in the classroom by making the educational process more attainable and affordable

For more information, contact Alabama Partnership for Children 334-271-0304. or visit <https://alabamapartnershipforchildren.org/our-work/t-e-a-c-h/>

**LEADERSHIP IN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarships are funded by the Department of Human Resources. For additional information, contact Virginia Frazer, Leadership in Child Care Scholarship program assistant, at (334) 293-4552 or by email at [virginia.frazer@accs.edu](mailto:virginia.frazer@accs.edu).

For information about the Child Development Associate credential, visit <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>

