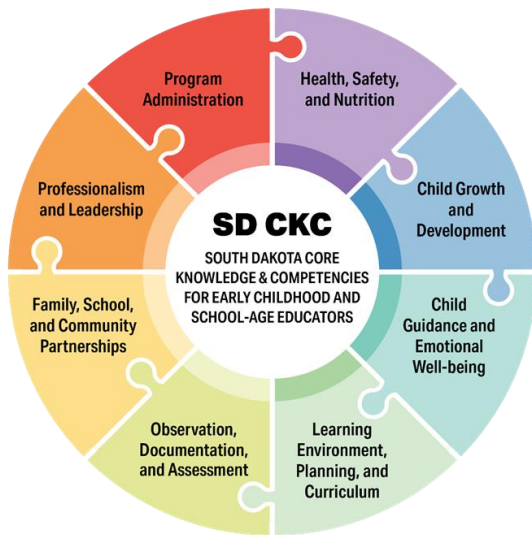


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## South Dakota Core Knowledge and Competencies for Early Childhood and School-Age Educators



### Are you an educator who is looking to continue to grow as a professional?

The South Dakota Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKCs) represents a core body of knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions all early childhood and school-age care educators must demonstrate to effectively support the development, learning, and well-being of young children and school-age youth.

The SD CKCs guide self-reflection and professional growth by describing what early childhood and school-age care educators need to know, understand, and be able to do at all levels of professional practice. The intent is for any individual, regardless of their background or professional status, to view their placement on the continuum of competency, set goals, and work toward improvement.

South Dakota's Core Competencies are divided into eight areas of knowledge and skills. The areas identify the knowledge and skills needed for early childhood educators to work with young children, families, community resources, and other professionals.

The eight domain areas are:

1. Health, Safety, and Nutrition
2. Child Growth and Development
3. Child Guidance and Emotional Well-being
4. Learning Environment, Planning, and Curriculum
5. Observation, Documentation, and Assessment
6. Family, School, and Community Partnerships
7. Professionalism and Leadership
8. Program Administration

The South Dakota Core Knowledge and Competencies is a supportive guide for your learning, understanding, and application and how you choose to invest in YOU! The intent is for any individual to view their placement on the continuum of competency, set goals, and work toward improvement. The SD ECE system has various opportunities for your professional development and is here to support you in your journey as an educator supporting South Dakota children and families.

For a digital copy of the CKC's go to [www.sdece.org/pathways](http://www.sdece.org/pathways) or to request a copy of the South Dakota Core Knowledge and Competencies please email [SDSU.SDQRIS@sdstate.edu](mailto:SDSU.SDQRIS@sdstate.edu).

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# FACE TO FACE Learning Opportunities

## General Classes

Classes for caregivers of all ages of children

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Tuesday, January 14	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Enhancing Your Environment</u></b> Explore various ways to make classroom environments meaningful to children. Inspired by South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Wednesday, January 22	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>The Third Teacher</u></b> The environment is so important in child care, it's often called the third teacher. Explore how to make your environment the best it can be for the children in your care.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, February 25	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>The Third Teacher</u></b> The environment is so important in child care, it's often called the third teacher. Explore how to make your environment the best it can be for the children in your care.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Saturday, March 29	10 – 11 a.m.	<b><u>Introduction to Early Learning Guidelines</u></b> Introduction to the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines	Child Growth & Development	Mitchell

## Infant/Toddler Classes

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

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Wednesday, January 29	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take - Sensory Bin for Infants</u></b> Learn about the importance of sensory input and how sensory bins support children's development through the exploration of their senses and use of fine motor skills. Create your own sensory bin to take back to your room.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Wednesday, January 29	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Nurturing Environments</u></b> Providing a nurturing environment that helps children develop trust through acceptance and love.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Thursday, February 6	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>A Bit About Biting</u></b> Just because biting is a common behavior for young children doesn't mean you should ignore it. Gain ways to decrease biting in the classroom.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Sioux Falls
Thursday, February 6	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take - Sensory Bin for Toddlers</u></b> Learn about the importance of sensory input and how sensory bins support children's development through the exploration of their senses and use of fine motor skills. Create your own sensory bin to take back to your room.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Saturday, February 15	9 – 10 a.m.	<b><u>No More "No"</u></b> Learn about the power of choices to create a "yes" environment while supporting each child's social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Vermillion



### FACE TO FACE CLASS POLICY

1. Class participants arriving later than 10 minutes past the class start time will not be allowed to attend class as the facility doors will be locked.
2. In order to maintain an appropriate learning environment for all class attendees, children are not allowed to attend classes.

Saturday, February 15	10 – 11 a.m.	<b><u>Peaceful Play &amp; Naptime Transitions</u></b> Discover effective ways to calm a child’s mind and body while preparing them for rest time. Ideas on scheduling, activities, and techniques to help rest time be as restful as possible.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Vermillion
Saturday, March 29	9 – 10 a.m.	<b><u>Intro to the Infant Classroom</u></b> Learn the basics of the infant classroom. We will cover diapering, feeding, interactions, and safety considerations while caring for the smallest of learners.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Mitchell

## Preschool Classes

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

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Tuesday, January 14	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take – Cozy Corner</u></b> Providers will learn about the purpose of a cozy corner, items to put in a cozy corner, and receive items to take back and use with children in their care.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Wednesday, January 22	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take – Sensory Bin for Preschoolers</u></b> Learn how sensory bins support children’s development through the exploration of their senses and use of fine motor skills. Receive sensory bin items to take back to your classroom.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, February 18	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>Stretching Storytime</u></b> Gain ideas on how to promote literacy development of young children in the child care setting.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, February 18	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take – Cozy Corner</u></b> Providers will learn about the purpose of a cozy corner, items to put in a cozy corner, and receive items to take back and use with children in their care.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls
Tuesday, February 25	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Make &amp; Take – Sensory Bin for Preschoolers</u></b> Learn how sensory bins support children’s development through the exploration of their senses and use of fine motor skills. Receive sensory bin items to take back to your classroom.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Sioux Falls

## fitCare Classes

Classes to help caregivers provide a healthy lifestyle program for children in their care



DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Monday, March 3	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Sweet Dreams!</u></b> Exploring strategies for sleep and relaxation.	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	Sioux Falls
Monday, March 10	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Mindful Moments!</u></b> Supporting children's social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Sioux Falls
Monday, March 17	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Ready, Set, Move!</u></b> Promoting physical activity and development.	Child Growth & Development	Sioux Falls
Monday, March 24	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>We are What We Eat!</u></b> Creating healthy nutrition environments.	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	Sioux Falls

# Saturday Spectacular Classes

One-day event with classes for childcare providers on various ages and settings

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY	LOCATION
Saturday, February 15	9 – 10 a.m.	<b>No More No</b> Learn about the power of choices to create a “yes” environment while supporting each child’s social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being	Vermillion
Saturday, February 15	10 – 11 a.m.	<b>Peaceful Play &amp; Naptime Transitions</b> Discover effective ways to calm a child’s mind and body while preparing them for rest time. Ideas on scheduling, activities, and techniques to help rest time be as restful as possible.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Vermillion
Saturday, March 29	9 – 10 a.m.	<b>Intro to the Infant Classroom</b> Learn the basics of the infant classroom. We will cover diapering, feeding, interactions, and safety considerations while caring for the smallest of learners.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum	Mitchell
Saturday, March 29	10 – 11 a.m.	<b>Introduction to the Early Learning Guidelines</b> Introduction to the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines	Child Growth & Development	Mitchell

# Certified First Aid Classes

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.

CKC Category: Health, Safety & Nutrition



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, January 11	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Sioux Falls
Saturday, February 22	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Aberdeen
Saturday, March 22	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Sioux Falls

# Adult/Child & Infant CPR/AED Classes

This American Heart Association’s course offers instructor-led course and teaches adult, child and infant CPR/AED and choking.

CKC Category: Health, Safety & Nutrition

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, January 11	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Sioux Falls	Saturday, February 22	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Aberdeen
Wednesday, January 15	6:30 – 10 p.m.	Sioux Falls			
Tuesday, January 28	6:30 – 10 p.m.	Sioux Falls			
Saturday, February 8	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Sioux Falls			
Saturday, February 22	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Sioux Falls			
Tuesday, March 18	6:30 – 10 p.m.	Sioux Falls			
Saturday, March 22	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Sioux Falls			
Saturday, March 29	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Sioux Falls			



## ADULT/CHILD & INFANT CPR/AED TRAINING ONLINE OPTION

Providers have an option to complete the education portion online and conduct face to face skill testing in Aberdeen or Sioux Falls.

Below is the process to conduct the education portion online and face to face skill testing:

- Contact our office to receive online CPR course link information.
- Complete the online course. After completion of the online course, you will have 60 days to complete the face-to-face skill testing portion.
- Contact our office to schedule 1:1 skill testing. Certificate of completion of online course must be brought to skill testing.

## NEWS FROM THE SIOUX FALLS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

City Ordinance section 92.181 (b) stipulates that “a provider may care for a maximum of 12 children, including the provider’s own children who are under the age of six years. No more than four of the 12 children may be under the age of two years, and no more than two of these four children may be under the age of one to maintain an adult child ratio of one adult to four children for children under the age of two.”

Due to recent changes to ratio allowances by South Dakota Department of Social Services and their licensing of Family Day Cares, we want to remind all in-home day care providers that operate within the city limits of Sioux Falls that the **requirements of city ordinance** must be followed. If you have questions about this requirement or any others, please call us at 605-367-8760. Thank you.

## SOUTH DAKOTA PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### DISCOVERING YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

Recognizing Educators who Provide Early Childhood  
and School-Age Care for South Dakota's Children



The **South Dakota Pathways to Professional Development Career Ladder** (Pathways) was revised and relaunched in October of 2024. The revision was set in place to revise the Career Ladder and streamline the application process. Pathways is designed to increase the quality of care in early childhood and school-age care settings across the state by building the quality of professionals who care for and educate our children in early childhood and school-age care settings. It is a tool to explore and guide professional growth and development for professionals in early childhood and school-age care settings.

Pathways also provides a way to formally and publicly recognize individuals who actively pursue continuing education and demonstrate a commitment to advance their knowledge and competencies in working with children birth through age 12.

Pathways celebrates and recognizes educators. Showcasing your professional achievements is important to the program, community, and the families you support by elevating awareness of the important role that early childhood and school-age care educators play within communities across South Dakota.

Please visit [sdece.org/Pathways](https://sdece.org/Pathways) to learn more about the program and how to apply.



# ONLINE Learning Opportunities

## General Classes

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Saturday, February 15	10 – 11 a.m.	<b><u>Introduction to the Early Learning Guidelines</u></b> Introduction to the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines	Child Growth & Development

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Monday, January 6	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Intro to the Infant Classroom</u></b> Learn the basics of the infant classroom. We will cover diapering, feeding, interactions, and safety considerations while caring for the smallest of learners.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Monday, January 6	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>Learning Spaces for Infants and Toddlers</u></b> Learn to arrange your space to provide developmentally appropriate activities for infants and toddlers.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Saturday, February 15	9 – 10 a.m.	<b><u>Be Intentional With Playful Planning</u></b> Learn how planning, observing and guiding children's play can help you achieve developmental and curriculum benchmarks.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Wednesday, March 5	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<b><u>No More “No”</u></b> Learn about the power of choices to create a “yes” environment while supporting each child’s social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being
Wednesday, March 5	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Peaceful Play &amp; Naptime Transitions</u></b> Discover effective ways to calm a child’s mind and body while preparing them for rest time. Ideas on scheduling, activities, and techniques to help rest time be as restful as possible.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Wednesday, March 12	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Intro to the Infant Classroom</u></b> Learn the basics of the infant classroom. We will cover diapering, feeding, interactions, and safety considerations while caring for the smallest of learners.	Learning, Environment, Planning & Curriculum
Wednesday, March 12	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>No More “No”</u></b> Learn about the power of choices to create a “yes” environment while supporting each child’s social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being
Thursday, March 20	6:30 – 7:30 p.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
Thursday, March 20	7:30 – 8:30 p.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

# Out of School Time Classes

Classes specific to care provided in out of school time settings

DATE	TIME	TITLE & DESCRIPTION	CKC CATEGORY
Wednesday, March 26	6 – 7 p.m.	<b><u>Partnering with Parents in OST</u></b> Learn ways to help families of your school-age program feel welcomed, comfortable and respected.	Family, School, & Community Partnerships
Wednesday, March 26	7 – 8 p.m.	<b><u>Understanding the Challenging Child</u></b> Tips to promote and teach school-age children positive ways to deal with challenging behaviors.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being

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Wednesday, January 15	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Mindful Moments!</u></b> Supporting children’s social and emotional development.	Child Guidance & Emotional Well-Being
Wednesday, January 22	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>Ready, Set, Move!</u></b> Promoting physical activity and development.	Child Growth & Development
Wednesday, January 29	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>We are What We Eat!</u></b> Creating healthy nutrition environments.	Health, Safety, & Nutrition
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## ONLINE CLASS POLICY

Participants are emailed the class link, with instructions, within 24 hours prior to scheduled class start time. In order 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.



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## **2025 TRAINING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH