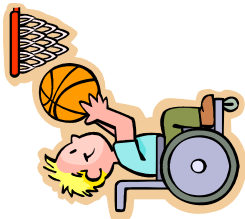
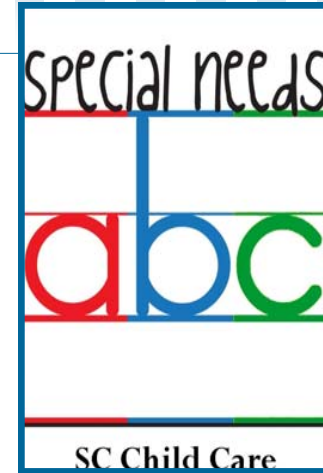


**ABC Special Needs Program
Center for Disability Resources
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Columbia, South Carolina 29208**



**For ALL questions
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**ABC
CHILD
CARE
SPECIAL
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PROGRAM**



South Carolina parents with children who meet special needs criteria and meet income guidelines may be eligible for assistance with the cost of their weekly child care. Income eligible parents must be working, in school, or in a training program.

The Program provides services for children with:

- *DISABILITIES* (child needs individualized materials, equipment, or instruction)
- *DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS* (child demonstrates delay in cognitive, communication, motor, or social development)

The goal of our Program is to provide inclusion for children 0 through 18 years of age into the greater community – child care, school, faith-based providers, and recreational programs.

What services are offered?

- Identified specialists through the Program offer consultation, technical assistance, and training to home, group, center, and faith-based providers, and others desiring to serve children with different needs and abilities at no cost to the parent or provider.
- Referral for services may be received from child care providers, service providers, parents, educators, and faith community.

Tips for Selecting a Child Care Provider

Finding quality—licensed, enhanced, accredited—and affordable child care can be difficult. Here are a few things parents and guardians may want to consider when selecting a child care provider:

Is the caregiver...

- friendly and in good health?
- able to make you feel at ease?
- trained to work with children?
- able to provide for your child’s different needs/abilities?
- flexible and responsive to the family’s needs?

Will the caregiver...

- read to and talk to your child?
- teach your child self-respect and to respect others?
- help your child solve problems?
- encourage your child to make his or her own choices?
- provide a safe environment?
- recognize the unique characteristics of each child and plan a program that responds to each child’s interests and abilities?

For services or referral information, call (803) 935-5238 or (803) 935-5281.



For service information, complete this form, detach, and return. (Please print clearly.)

Name _____ Program _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____