

FDC Instructors

Our Instructors are trained Head Start Staff & front-line workers, who live and work in their local communities. As a statewide peer group, we have been trained in the FDC curriculum, and practice the principles of family development & adult learners. We serve as mentors, role models, and partners with workers.

leadership
support
advocacy

Portfolio Advisors

Act as role models for workers taking the FDC Program. They provide the opportunity to develop a strength-based partnership that helps with the learning process of the program. Advisors teach & reinforce concepts & skills of family development as you discuss & review the materials.



In-state Instructors/Advisors:

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NOTE: Participants must be able to attend **ALL** sessions and complete **ALL** course requirements before obtaining a credential. You must have access to a laptop & MS Word. **Director approval required. Course updates/grades provided to Director/Supervisor.** Open to Head Start, EHS, EHS-CCP, Migrant, Tribal & CAP staff are prioritized. **Class size: 5 to 20 participants per course.**



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SCSHSA Family Development Credential Course *Hybrid*



2025 Cohort



*Helping people.
Changing lives.
Building Communities.*

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SCSHSA
2026-2027
FDC Schedule

BI-WEEKLY ZOOMS

OCT—MAR

AND

IN-PERSON

DATES: TBA

LAST CLASS/STUDY DAY

March 2027

EXAM DAY

MARCH 2026

9:00 am – Noon

Laptop REQUIRED

ALL dates are tentative

For more information see the 2026-2027
Syllabus (Coming Soon)



OUTCOMES

- Workers develop skills and competencies needed to effectively partner with families in line with the *PFCE Framework* and *HSPPS 1302.50; 1302.91(7) and 1302.92(3)(4)*.
- Families develop capacities to solve problems & achieve self-reliance



PREREQUISITE

Anyone with at least a **High School Diploma/GED**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Complete **90 Hours** (80 classroom/10 portfolio advisement)
- ◆ Participation in small & large group activities
- ◆ Role plays
- ◆ Self-Reflections
- ◆ Access to a laptop & know how to use MS Word
- ◆ Prepare and submit a completed portfolio
- ◆ Exam score of **70 or greater**

CURRICULUM

Empowerment Skills for Workers
developed by Cornell University

CREDENTIALING AUTHORITY
University of Connecticut
(UConn)

College credit available for additional fee

COST:

\$800 (per member)

\$1,150 non-SC member & out-of-state student
(Covers credential, portfolio advisor, book,
& materials)

Breakfast & Lunch provided (in-person)

Make checks payable to:

SCSHSA

PO Box 344

Greenville, SC 29602

*In-kind available

Purchase Orders accepted

Application Deadline: To allow time for scheduling, Applications should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than **July 1, 2026**.

Class size is limited to the first 20 participants with a completed registration



