

# REGION 5

O C T O B E R	Oct 1 & 15 6-9pm 6hrs Lewistown	Rori Croft Intermediate \$42 ★	<b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2</b> Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors. <b>You must have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model and Module 1. You must attend both classes for credit. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development, Providing positive child guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
	Oct 2 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	<b>So That's Why We Do That: Howard Gardner</b> In this seventh installment of the theories and philosophies of early childhood education, we will explore Howard Gardner's philosophy and how it has shaped the early childhood world.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Oct 4 6-9pm 3hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	<b>Early Childhood Essentials</b> Explore Early Childhood systems in Montana and practices that promote health, safety, professionalism and quality care and education. Explore community resources that support early childhood professionals, families and children.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Oct 6 8:30am-3pm 6hrs Great Falls	Mark Willmarth Beginning \$20	<b>Fall Conference</b> Fall is in the air...come join us for our fall conference and discover your "why"! We will be exploring our unique personalities, interpersonal skills, team building, work place challenges, and much more! <b>Lunch is included. Heritage Inn 1700 Fox Farm Rd, Great Falls</b>	KB: Program management, Personal Dispositions CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Oct 13 9am-12pm 3hrs Choteau	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning \$21	<b>Indian Education for All</b> Meet Metis elder, Alfred Wiseman and explore essential Metis and Blackfeet Culture items. Make and take projects or toys for your classroom! <b>Magpie Montessori 903 2nd St SW, Choteau</b>	KB: Diversity CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Oct 10 & 24 6-9pm 6hrs Great Falls	Rori Croft Intermediate \$42 ★	<b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2</b> Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors. <b>You must have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model and Module 1. You must attend both classes for credit.</b>	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development, Providing positive child guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
	Oct 16 11am-1pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Advanced \$14	<b>Director's Lunch Bunch</b> Bring your lunch and take a break from your hectic day. Share ideas and support with other center directors. Topics will include personnel polices, employee handbooks, advocacy, accreditation, and legal matters to name a few.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Oct 16 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Veronica Moldenhauer Beginning \$14	<b>Eligibility Answers for Providers</b> Come join us and deepen your knowledge about the Best Beginnings Scholarship Program. We will discuss new rules, the payment process, and much more!	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Oct 23 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	<b>So That's Why We Do That: John Dewey</b> In this eighth installment of the theories and philosophies of early childhood education, we will explore John Dewey's philosophy and how it has shaped the early childhood world.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Oct 25 & Nov 1 6-9pm 6hrs Great Falls	Laura Wren Beginning \$42 ★	<b>Montana Blended Pyramid: Model Module 1</b> Learn strategies based upon the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors. <b>You must have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model. You must attend both classes for credit.</b>	KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family & Community Partnerships CDA: Supporting social & emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
N O V E M B E R	Nov 3 10am-2pm 4hrs Lewistown	Erin Helms Intermediate \$42	<b>Child Care More Than Business As Usual: Developing and Using Budgets</b> Join us for the 1st piece of a 10 hour training that discusses the business side of child care. We will be talking about how to develop and use a budget to help your business succeed. <b>You must attend both classes for credit. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation
	Nov 3 9am-12am 3hrs Conrad	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning \$21	<b>Indian Education for All</b> Explore and visit about Metis and Blackfeet culture items. Make and take projects or toys for your classroom. <b>Stockman Bank Drive Thru 710 S Main, Conrad</b>	KB: Diversity CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Nov 5 6-8pm 2hrs Lewistown	Rori Croft Advanced \$14 ★	<b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Overview of Module 3</b> For staff who are NOT part of the behavior support team. Come learn how challenging behaviors are addressed in your program and what your role is. <b>You must have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model, Module 1, &amp; Module 2. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development, Providing positive child guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
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	Nov 8 6-9pm 3hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	<b>Program Management Essentials for Providers</b> Learn about Montana agencies and programs that support quality early care and education. Topics include licensing requirements, child development, curriculum, environments, guidance, family partnerships, and professionalism. <b>Prerequisites: Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.</b>	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation
	Nov 14 6-8pm 2hrs Great Falls	Rori Croft Intermediate \$14	<b>Why Can't They Just Behave?</b> Part of our Social Emotional Series. Does it feel like no matter what you do, the children still don't listen, don't follow directions, or just misbehave? Are you ready to pull your hair out? Join us as we discuss challenging behaviors and ways to prevent them.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development.
	Nov 27 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	<b>Building a Curriculum on a Budget</b> Want tips and tricks on how to update your classroom curriculum without breaking the bank? Join us for hands on training using materials that can be purchased or repurposed on a budget.	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Dec 1 10am-2pm 4hrs Lewistown	Erin Helms Intermediate \$42	<b>Child Care More than Business As Usual: Marketing and Recruitment</b> In this second part of the series, we will go over how to best market your program for growth and how to recruit and retain families and quality staff. <b>You must attend both sessions for credit. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation
D E C E M B E R	Dec 4 6-9pm 3hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	<b>Early Childhood Essentials</b> Explore Early Childhood systems in Montana and practices that promote health, safety, professionalism and quality care and education. Explore community resources that support early childhood professionals, families and children.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Dec 7 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	<b>CDA Portfolio Preparation and Building</b> Working on your CDA? Have you been collecting items for your professional portfolio and now have all these pieces of paper, articles, documentation, and don't know what to do with them? Come with the items you have been collecting and we will help you review, find holes, and put them in order.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Dec 8 9am-12pm 3hrs Choteau	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning \$21	<b>Feast of Festivals</b> Explore winter holidays from several cultures and then enjoy making tasty foods from those traditions. Recipes included! <b>Choteau United Methodist Church 12 1st Ave NW, Choteau</b>	KB: Diversity CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Dec 11 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	<b>Baby Talk</b> Have you ever wanted to know more of what your infants and toddlers were saying? Need a way to reduce frustration in the room? Join us to learn how and why baby sign works and how to implement it in your program.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
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## CPR / First Aid in Great Falls

**American Heart Association Heart Saver Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED, and First Aid – 2-year Certification Course**

- \* The course fee is \$30 per person and is open to those 16 years or older.
- \* Participants need to pay in advance of the class. If payment is not received by 10am the day before a class your place will be given to a person on the waiting list.
- \* Sign up by calling 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503
- \* For all daytime CPR/FA classes please bring a lunch as there will be no break.

October 9	9am-2pm	Great Falls
October 20	9am-2pm	Great Falls
October 25	6-10pm	Great Falls
November 10	9am-2pm	Great Falls
November 13	9am-2pm	Great Falls
November 15	6-10pm	Great Falls
December 6	6-10pm	Great Falls
December 15	9am-2pm	Great Falls



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\* There is a maximum of six participants, **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND**

- \* Certification cards come as an e-card through your email and will be distributed within 20 days of the course.
- \* The Heart Saver course has no written test and does not qualify for health care providers, nursing students, or others in the medical field.
- \* All other Family Connections training policies apply.

## Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills

**6:30-8:30pm on October 16 & 30, November 6 & 27, December 11, January 8 & 22, and February 5, \$60**

Children need life skills based on executive functioning of the brain. Ellen Galinsky and her team of researchers have identified and defined the seven skills that support success in life. These are skills that adults use everyday both professionally and personally. They are also skills that help children thrive now and in the future. As early childhood professionals, we can learn how these skills develop and use our time in early learning environments to promote their development in the children we work with every day. Explore the research and learn the tools written about in her book, *Mind in the Making* (Galinsky, 2010).

**Join us on this eight week journey to gain the knowledge, learn the skills, practice the application, and support children in the development of the skills that will set them on the path to a successful life.**

**Register at [FamilyConnectionsMT.org](http://FamilyConnectionsMT.org) Participants must attend all eight sessions to receive ECP credit.**

## *Registration Information*

- \* **Pre-registration required to secure your spot & ensure you are contacted for any changes or cancellations.**
- \* **Registration required at least one week prior to class date.**
- \* Pay, register, and view professional development training policies online at [FamilyConnectionsMT.org](http://FamilyConnectionsMT.org).
- \* Payment is required to be registered for a course.
- \* All courses are located at Family Connections unless noted.
- \* If you have any questions, contact Family Connections at 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503.
- \* All Pyramid Model courses are in a prerequisite format. Participants must take Introduction to the Pyramid Model, Module 1, Module 2, and then Module 3.
- \* All professional development opportunities offered for 5 hours or more are available for CEU and OPI credits.
- \* Online courses are available from Child Care Resources at [childcaretraining.org](http://childcaretraining.org).
- \* Please read the NAEYC's Code of Ethics at [naeyc.org/ethics](http://naeyc.org/ethics).
- \* **Please do not bring your children to trainings without prior approval.**



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**It's an exciting time to be a part of the Early Childhood field!**

The **Best Beginnings STARS to Quality Program** is a continuous quality improvement program for early childhood education in Montana. The STARS program can open many doors for both you and your program.

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- \* Be a part of this exciting program to improve the quality of early childhood care and education.
- \* Receive resources, coaching, assistance, encouragement and support for your child care program.
- \* Qualify for monetary incentives and mini grant opportunities.

Apply today at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ChildCare/STARS/applyforstars>

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