

REGION 5

A P R I L	Apr 4 11am-1pm 2hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Advanced \$14	Director's Lunch Bunch Bring your lunch and take a break from your hectic day. Share ideas and support with other center directors. Topics will include personnel policies and employee handbooks, advocacy, accreditation, and legal matters to name a few.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Apr 5 6-8pm 2hrs Great Falls	Laura Wren Beginning \$14	★ Introduction to the Pyramid Model The Pyramid Model supports strategies to help providers create an environment that fosters social emotional growth in children and helps to prevent challenging behavior.	KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design CDA: Supporting social and emotional development
	Apr 5 6-9pm 3hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	Early Childhood Essentials Explore Early Childhood systems in Montana and practices that promote health, safety, professionalism, 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
	Apr 7 9-3pm 6hrs Great Falls	Laura Wren Beginning \$42	★ Montana Blended Pyramid Model Module 1 Learn strategies based upon the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills and how you, as a provider, can help children with challenging behaviors. You MUST have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model. Bring your own lunch!	KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family and Community Partnerships CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
	Apr 12 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	BAM! POW! BANG! The Value in Superhero Play Have you ever wondered why children are so into superhero play? Would you like to learn how to safely allow it in your program? Join us in exploring superhero and other big body play and why it important for young children.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting social and emotional development
	Apr 17 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	The Foundations of Play: Let's Sing Part 4 of our on-going series on the power of play. Join us to learn new ways to incorporate music and song into the daily activities in the classroom.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	4/23, 5/21 & 6/4 6:30-8:30pm 6hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Intermediate \$42	Navigating the Process for Change: Advocacy and Public Policy Explore the ins and outs of public policy process and learn how you can advocate for change to support our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. You MUST attend all 3 sessions to receive credit	KB: Family and Community Partnerships, Professionalism, Personal Dispositions CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Apr 16 & 30 6-9pm 6hrs Lewistown	Rori Croft Beginning \$42	★ Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 1 Learn strategies to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors. You MUST have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown	KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family and Community Partnerships CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
	Apr 21 10am-2pm 4hrs Lewistown	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$28	The Inclusive Classroom 3.0 Join us to explore inclusion in the early childhood classroom. This final session includes guiding behavior, facilitating communication, and dealing with physical needs to allow participation. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway, Lewistown	KB: Child Guidance, Diversity CDA: Advancing physical and intellectual development, Supporting social and emotional development
Apr 24 6-8pm 2hrs Conrad	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	Foundations of Play Learn how to talk to families about the importance of play & how to make your program play based in this new series on the importance of PLAY! Come to one or all of the classes for tips & tricks. Stockman Bank Drive Thru 710 S Main, Conrad	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning	
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	May 5 9am-1pm 4hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	Licensing Changes and ECP Registry: How Does It Affect You? Wondering how the new licensing changes will affect you, or your business? Confused about ECP and how to register? Join us as we answer questions and give hands on help with navigating the online sites.	KB: Program Management, Professionalism CDA: Managing an effective program, Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, Operation
	May 7 & 21 6-9pm 6hrs Great Falls	Laura Wren Intermediate \$42	★ Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2 Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors. You MUST have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model and Module 1.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, Proving positive child guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
	May 10 & 31 6:30-8:30pm 4hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$28	Loose Parts: Imagination + Creativity Have you ever wondered what you could do with milk jug lids, tin pie pans, or extra aquarium gravel? Join us to learn about loose parts and inexpensive ideas to add to your environment and curriculum. You MUST attend both sessions to receive credit.	KB: Child Growth and Development, Curriculum CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, advancing physical and intellectual development
	May 15 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	Foundations of Play: Let's Discuss and Observe Part 5 of our on going series on the power of play. Join us to take a look at how discussion shapes play. We will discover new ways of having discussions with children and you will learn how to ask and build on open-ended questions to enhance learning.	KB: Observation, Documentation, Assessment CDA: Observing and recording children's behavior
	May 16 6-9pm 3hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning Free	Program Management Essentials for Providers 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.	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation
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	May 29 & Jun 19 6:30-8:30pm 4hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Beginning \$28	Foundations of Leadership: What is Your Why? Why do you do what you do? What drives you to working with children and families? Join us in finding your why, create a mission and vision statement and learn how to articulate the why behind your how. You MUST attend both sessions to receive credit.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	May 30 6-8pm 2hrs Great Falls	Rori Croft Beginning \$14	Little Kids, Big Feelings In this part of our social emotional series, we will explore the importance of emotional literacy. Learn strategies to teach emotional vocabulary, recognizing emotions in self and others, and how to help develop empathy.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
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May 9 6-8pm 2hrs Cut Bank	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	Messy Play Excuse the mess, we are learning. Learn why messy play is important and how it encourages cognitive and physical development in all ages. Sugar and Spice Child Care 130 3rd Ave NW, Cut Bank	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing physical and intellectual development	
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	Jun 12 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	The Foundations of Play: Let's Read Part 6 in our ongoing series on the power of play. In this session we will look at the importance of reading to and with young children. We will discuss early literacy tips and tricks and how to help children and families find a love for books.	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Jun 13 6:30-8:30pm 2hrs Great Falls	Erin Helms Beginning \$14	CDA Workgroup Bring your CDA portfolio and any questions to this workgroup. We will help you find missing pieces, talk about portfolio development and what the CDA observation look like	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
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	Jun 4 6-8pm 2 hrs Lewistown	Rori Croft Intermediate \$14	Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Overview of Module 3 For staff NOT on the behavior support team. Learn how challenging behaviors are addressed and what your role is. You MUST have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model, Module 1, & Module 2. Small Wonder Child Care 512 West Broadway	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, Proving positive child guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment.



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 is \$30 per person and is open to those 16 years or older
- * For all daytime CPR/FA classes please bring a lunch as there will be no break.
- * The Heart Saver courses have no written test and do not qualify for health care providers, nursing students, or others in the medical field

April 14	9am-2pm	Great Falls
April 17	6-10pm	Great Falls
April 26	6-10pm	Great Falls
May 3	6-10pm	Great Falls
May 8	6-10pm	Great Falls
May 26	9am-2pm	Great Falls
June 4	6-10pm	Great Falls
June 23	9am-2pm	Great Falls
May 15	9am-2pm	Great Falls
May 19	8am-1pm	Lewistown
June 9	8am-1pm	Lewistown



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TLC Center 1009 18th Ave SW

Small Wonder Child Care
512 West Broadway, Lewistown

American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Course

- * The course is \$45 per person and is open to those 16 years or older
- * This course is for those in the health care field and is only the CPR component.
- * This course will not satisfy child care licensing requirements.

April 30	9am-1pm	Great Falls
June 18	9am-1pm	Great Falls

- * Sign up on line at FamilyConnectionsMT.org or call 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503
- * There is a maximum of six participants, **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND**
- * All other Family Connections training policies apply.
- * Certification cards come as an e-card through your email and will be distributed within 20 days of the course.

We strive to keep the cost of our courses low, however we do need to maintain the equipment and pay for supplies. In October, the American Heart Association significantly raised the price they charge instructors for the required e-cards. Our CPR/FA course fees have increased to cover the additional charges.

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
- * 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.
- * Please read the NAEYC's Code of Ethics at naeyc.org/ethics
- * **Please do not bring your children to trainings without prior approval.**



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