

J A N U A R Y	Jan 4 6-9pm 3 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning Free	What's the Fuss - for Centers Join us to explore the assessments used in Montana's STARS to Quality program. You will learn the who, what, what, and how of the tools at your disposal to improve quality of care to families and young children. Participants should be directors of STARS to Quality programs.	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Jan 5 6-9pm 3 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning Free	What's the Fuss! for Family Group Providers Join us to explore the assessments used in Montana's STARS to Quality program. You will learn the who, what, what, and how of the tools at your disposal to improve quality of care to families and young children. Participants should be Family/Group owners of STARS to Quality programs.	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Jan 5 6-9pm 3 hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Beginning Free	Early Childhood Essentials Explore Montana's early childhood systems and practices that promote health, safety, professionalism and quality early care and education. Explore community resources that support early childhood professionals, families and children. This is the live course component for licensing orientation.	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Jan 8 12-4pm 4 hrs Web Based	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning Free	Emergency Preparations for Childcare This course is designed for owners/directors to have a complete emergency plan in place upon completion. Must have already completed YIKES.	KB: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism CDA: Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment
	Jan 9 9am-12pm 3 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning Free	Health and Safety Review Montana Child Care Licensing regulations require that individuals working in licensed or registered programs complete this health and safety review course every three years. This is a review course and will not count for licensing orientation.	KB: Health and Well-being CDA: Planning safe and healthy learning environments
	Jan 12 & 26 Feb 9 & 23 6:30-8:30pm 8 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$20	Book Club: Mind in the Making by Ellen Galinsky focuses on the seven essential life skills that children need in order to grow into successful adults. Each skill is backed up with examples and research, as well as various ways to foster these skills. Participants must attend all 4 sessions to receive credit hours.	KB: Child Growth and Development, Child Guidance, Curriculum, Observation and Assessment CDA: Observing and recording children's behaviors, Understanding principles of child development and learning, Supporting children's social and emotional development, Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Jan 12 & 20 6-9pm 6 hrs Web Based	Deb Huestis Intermediate \$30	Respecting All in the Classroom - ZOOM What does "Equal" "Fair" "Equity" "Diversity" "Inclusion" mean? All children have the right to equitable learning opportunities to help achieve their full potential. Learn how to help children become engaged learners and valued members of society. You must attend both sessions to receive credit.	KB: Diveristy CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development
	Jan 16 9am-12pm 3 hrs Web Based	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning Free	Keeping Children Safe in Montana with Active Supervision As an early care and education professional, adult supervision is the most effective way to keep children safe, prevent injury and lay the foundation for meaningful interactions and individualized learning. Learn planning, implementation and strategies for all indoor and outdoor environments.	KB: Health and Well Being CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment
	Jan 14 & 21 6-9pm 6 hrs Web Based	Laura Wren Intermediate Free	Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 1 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 attend both sessions to receive credit hours.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development, Providing positive child guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
Jan 18-23 Web Based	Instructors and times vary	Home Based Provider Virtual Conference Join a variety of instructors providing training on many topics relevant to Family/group programs.		
Jan 26 6-9pm 3 hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Beginning Free	Program Management Essentials for Directors Learn about Montana agencies and programs that support quality early care and education. Topics: licensing requirements, child development, curriculum, environments, guidance, family partnerships and professionalism. Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program	

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	Feb 5 10am-1pm 3 hrs Web Based	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning Free	Keeping Children Safe in Montana with Active Supervision As an early care and education professional, adult supervision is the most effective way to keep children safe, prevent injury and lay the foundation for meaningful interactions and individualized learning. Learn planning, implementation and strategies for all indoor and outdoor environments.	KB: Health and Well Being CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment
	Feb 6 9am-1pm 4 hrs Web Based	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning Free	Emergency Preparations for Childcare This course is designed for owners/directors to have a complete emergency plan in place upon completion. Must have already completed YIKES.	KB: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism CDA: Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment
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	Feb 9 & 23 6:30-8:30pm 8 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$20	Book Club: Mind in the Making by Ellen Galinsky focuses on the seven essential life skills that children need in order to grow into successful adults. Each skill is backed up with examples and research, as well as various ways to foster these skills. Participants must attend all 4 sessions (beginning in January 2021) to receive credit hours.	KB: Child Growth and Development, Child Guidance, Curriculum, Observation and Assessment CDA: Observing and recording children's behaviors, Understanding principles of child development and learning, Supporting children's social and emotional development, Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Feb 13 9am-12pm 3 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$15	Healthy Relationships Few things in life have the impact of relationships. Relationship skills are critical to cultivating healthy relationships, as our relationships flourish, so do our lives. Strong, healthy relationships require work and intentionality. So, let's improve our relationships by first improving ourselves.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Feb 17 6-9pm 3 hrs Great Falls	Deb Huestis Beginning \$15	Using the Environment as a Guide for Behavior Sometimes our classrooms themselves can be the root of our challenging behaviors. Learn how to design your classroom environment to encourage optimum learning and cut down on challenges.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	Feb 25 Mar 11 & 25 6:30-8:30pm 6 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$15	CDA Boot Camp Participants are invited to learn about the CDA process, build their professional development portfolios for review, and receive feedback, ask questions about the testing procedure, interview process and the verification visit from a CDA Professional Development Specialist. Participants must attend all three sessions to receive credit.	KB: Program Management, Observation Documentation and Assessment, Personal Dispositions CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, Observing and recording children's behaviors, Managing an effective program operation

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	Mar 4 6-8pm 2 hrs Web Based	Laura Wren Intermediate Free	Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Overview Module 3 For staff that are NOT part of the Behavior Support Team. Learn about interventions for children with challenging behaviors and your role in supporting the Behavior Support Team. You must have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model, Module 1, & Module 2.	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social emotional development, Proving positive child guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment
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R	Mar 12 10am-2pm 4 hrs Web Based	Heather McCartney-Duty Beginning Free	Emergency Preparations for Childcare This course is designed for owners/directors to have a complete emergency plan in place upon completion. Must have already completed YIKES.	KB: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism CDA: Planning a safe healthy learning environment
	Mar 9, 16 & 23 4.5 hrs Web Based	Lisa Murphy Beginning \$20	Save these dates for an amazing opportunity to participate in a statewide conference with Lisa Murphy- The Ooey Goey Lady!	
C	Mar 11 & 25 6:30-8:30pm 4 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$15	CDA Boot Camp Participants are invited to learn about the CDA process, build their professional development portfolios for review, and receive feedback, ask questions about the testing procedure, interview process and the verification visit from a CDA Professional Development Specialist. Participants must attend all sessions to receive credit, first session takes place in Feb. 2021.	KB: Program Management, Observation Documentation and Assessment, Personal Dispositions CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, Observing and recording children's behaviors, Managing an effective program operation
	Mar 16 & 18 6-8pm 4 hrs Web Based	Deb Huestis Intermediate \$20	Providing Skills to Support and Empower Young Children The world can be a confusing and frightening place for young children, particularly in our current times. Learn how to build a safe, inclusive, supportive environment for all children and tools to move children and families forward through trauma to flourishing. Participants must attend both sessions to receive credit.	KB: Health and Well Being CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development
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	Mar 30 6-9pm 3 hrs Web Based	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$15	Healthy Relationships Few things in life have the impact of relationships. Relationship skills are critical to cultivating healthy relationships, as our relationships flourish, so do our lives. Strong, healthy relationships require work and intentionality. So, let's improve our relationships by first improving ourselves.	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism

Heart Saver CPR/FA at Family Connections

January 14, 9am-12pm
January 16, 9am-12pm
January 21, 9am – 12pm
January 19, 6pm-9pm
February 4, 9am-12pm
February 20, 9am-12pm
February 16, 6pm – 9pm
February 18, 9am – 12pm
March 13, 9pm-12pm
March 18, 9am-12pm
March 23, 9am-12pm
March 30, 6pm – 9pm

Heart Saver CPR/FA in Lewistown – Held at Small Wonder Childcare

January 23, 8am – 1pm
February 13, 8am – 1pm
March 20, 8am-1pm

* For all daytime CPR/FA classes, please bring a lunch as there will be no break. Due to COVID-19 protocols, classes are limited to 4 students and face masks will be required for all participants 5 years and older. FMCT in-person training COVID-19 procedures will be adhered to, please review before coming to class.

Great Falls CPR/FA Students:

* To mitigate the amount of time spent in the classroom, all CPR/FA classes held in the Great Falls office will be conducted in the American Heart Associations blended course model. Students will need to complete the online portion before attending in-person skills sessions, completing the additional child/infant modules. Certificate of completion will need to be brought to the skills class. This certificate is not your official card, students need to pass the skills portion for licensing purposes:

* Heart Saver First Aid CPR AED Online – Product number 15-1403 <https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/heart-saver-first-aid-cpr-aed-course-options>

* Students will be required to register for a skills class through Family Connections. Online course is \$30.00 and due at the time of enrollment through the website. In-person skills classes are \$25.00 payable to Family Connections and due the day before class to reserve the spot.

* Please call the Great Office to schedule skills classes and make payment.

Registration Information

- * Pre-registration required to secure your spot and ensure you are contacted for any changes or cancellations.
- * Registration is 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.
- * If you have any questions, contact Family Connections at 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503.
- * Pyramid Model course prerequisites: 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.