

# REGION 5

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| J<br>U<br>L<br>Y                              | July 5<br>11am-1pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                      | Deb Huestis<br>Advanced<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Director's Lunch Bunch</b><br>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.  | <b>KB:</b> Professionalism<br><b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism   |
|   | July 6<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                   | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>Free</b>  | <b>Program Management Essentials for Providers</b><br>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.<br><b>Prerequisites: Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.</b>   | <b>KB:</b> Program Management<br><b>CDA:</b> Managing an effective program operation  |
|   | July 10 & 17<br>6-9pm<br>6 hrs <b>Lewistown</b>                                     | Rori Croft<br>Intermediate<br><b>Free</b><br>★  | <b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2</b><br>Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills and how you, as a provider, can help children with challenging behaviors. <b>You MUST have completed Intro and Module 1, and you must attend both sessions to receive credit. Small Wonder Child Care: 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>  | <b>KB:</b> Environmental Design, Child Guidance<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment                                    |
|   | July 11<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                  | Erin Helms<br>Beginning<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Messy Play</b><br>Excuse the mess, we are learning. Learn why messy play is important and how it encourages cognitive and physical development in all ages.  | <b>KB:</b> Curriculum<br><b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's physical and intellectual development   |
|   | July 13<br>6-9pm<br>4 hrs <b>Choteau</b>  | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>\$15</b>  | <b>Observation Toolkit</b><br>Quality observation is a key element in planning for meeting the needs of children. We will investigate a variety of observation tools and determine how to use them in the creation of individualized learning plans.<br><b>Choteau Public Library: 17 North Main Ave, Choteau</b>   | <b>KB:</b> Observation, Documentation and Assessment<br><b>CDA:</b> Observing and recording children's behavior   |
|   | July 17 & 31<br>6-8pm<br>4 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                   | Deb Huestis<br>Beginning<br><b>\$15</b>   | <b>Moving and Grooving for Order</b><br>Do you think about your transition times and your schedule as a way to maintain order in your class? They are and not only that they are an important part of early learning. Find out how you can move and groove for order.   | <b>KB:</b> Curriculum<br><b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's physical and intellectual development   |
| July 27<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>2 hrs <b>Conrad</b> | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Seasonal Series-Summer Time Fun</b><br>Blue skies and warm rays make for fun filled days- join us as we look at learning opportunities for summertime.<br><b>Stockman Bank Drive Thru: 710 S Main, Conrad</b>                      | <b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development<br><b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's social and intellectual development   |   |
| A<br>U<br>G<br>U<br>S<br>T                    | Aug 2<br>11am-1pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                       | Deb Huestis<br>Advanced<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Director's Lunch Bunch</b><br>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.  | <b>KB:</b> Professionalism<br><b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism   |
|   | Aug 3<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                    | Erin Helms<br>Beginning<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Infant Toddler Environments</b><br>Join us to gather new ideas for the spaces your infants and toddlers spend their day.   | <b>KB:</b> Environmental Design<br><b>CDA:</b> Planning a safe and healthy learning environment   |
|   | Aug 3<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>  | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>Free</b>  | <b>Early Childhood Essentials</b><br>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.   | <b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development<br><b>CDA:</b> Understanding principles of child development and learning   |
|   | Aug 7 & 14<br>6-9pm<br>6 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                     | Rori Croft<br>Intermediate<br><b>Free</b><br>★  | <b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2</b><br>Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills and how you, as a provider, can help children with challenging behaviors.<br><b>You MUST have completed Intro and Module 1, and you must attend both sessions to receive credit.</b>   | <b>KB:</b> Child Guidance<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment  |
|   | Aug 11<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>10 hrs <b>Lewistown</b>                                    | Tammy Phelps<br>Intermediate<br><b>Free</b>   | <b>Book Club: 'Their Name Is Today'</b><br>There's hope for childhood. Despite a perfect storm of hostile forces that are robbing children of a healthy childhood, courageous caregivers will meet to discuss how we can turn the tide. <b>Call for instruction on getting free copy of book. Additional Zoom meeting attendance required. Small Wonder: 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>   | <b>KB:</b> Family and Community Partnerships, Health and Well Being, Diversity<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development, Building productive relationships with families  |
|   | Aug 12<br>9am-3pm<br>6 hrs <b>Lewistown</b>   | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>\$30</b>  | <b>Building Bonds Conference</b><br>When working with young children and families, it's all about the relationships. Building supportive relationships with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families is essential to maintaining a high quality early care program. Join us for a day of investigation into methods for building and maintaining these bonds with each of these groups.<br><b>Small Wonder: 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>  | <b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development, Family and Community Partnerships<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development, Building productive relationships with families  |
|   | Aug 14 & 28<br>6-8pm<br>4 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                    | Deb Huestis<br>Intermediate<br><b>\$20</b>  | <b>What Do We Do with the Pickles?</b><br>The pickles we are talking about are the ethical dilemmas we come across every day as early childhood professionals. They are the issues that make us go "hmm". This training will take you step by step through the process of solving the everyday ethical dilemmas you may face in your programs and professional life   | <b>KB:</b> Professionalism, Dispositions<br><b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism   |
|   | Aug 29 & Sept 12<br>6-9pm<br>6 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                               | Laura Wren<br>Beginning<br><b>Free</b><br>★   | <b>Montana Blended Pyramid Model Module 1</b><br>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.<br><b>You MUST have completed Intro to the Pyramid Model, and you must attend both sessions to receive credit.</b>   | <b>KB:</b> Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family and Community Partnerships<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment |
|   | Aug 30<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>   | Tammy Phelps<br>Beginning<br><b>\$15</b>  | <b>Baby Sign</b><br>Come join us as we explore baby sign! Learn the importance of early communication and how to get started  | <b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development<br><b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's physical and intellectual development   |
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|   | Sept 11<br>6-8pm<br>2 hrs <b>Lewistown</b>  | Rori Croft<br>Intermediate<br><b>Free</b>   | <b>Overview of Pyramid Model Module 3</b><br>For staff that are NOT part of the Behavior Support Team. This is an overview of the process of creating behavior plans for children with challenging behavior. <b>Small Wonder: 512 West Broadway, Lewistown</b>  | <b>KB:</b> Child Guidance<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development  |
|   | Sept 14<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>                                  | Erin Helms<br>Beginning<br><b>\$10</b>  | <b>Observation and Portfolios</b><br>Want to know what to do with all the information you have collected about the children in your care and how to use them? This is the training for you.   | <b>KB:</b> Observation, Documentation and Assessment<br><b>CDA:</b> Program management  |
|   | Sept 16<br>8:30am-3:30pm<br>6 hrs<br><b>Great Falls</b><br><b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> | Stuart Stotts<br>Beginning<br><b>\$20</b>   | <b>It's Provider Appreciation Celebration!</b><br>Stuart Stotts is a Kennedy Center teaching artist, award winning singer, author, and storyteller for kids, families and adults. He presents at conferences for teachers, parents and librarians. He is the author of six books: The Bookcase Ghost: A collection of Wisconsin ghost stories, Books in a Box: Lutie Stearns and the Traveling Libraries of Wisconsin, We Shall Overcome: A Song That Changed the World, and Curly Lambeau: Building the Green Bay Packers.<br><b>Hilton Garden Inn: 2520 14th St SW, Great Falls</b> | <b>KB:</b> Curriculum, Professionalism<br><b>CDA:</b> Advancing social and intellectual development, Maintaining a commitment to professionalism  |
|   | Sept 21<br>6-8pm<br>2 hrs <b>Great Falls</b>  | Laura Wren<br>Beginning<br><b>Free</b><br>★   | <b>Introduction to the Pyramid Model</b><br>Find out what the Pyramid Model is and how the strategies can help providers create an environment that fosters social emotional growth in children and helps prevent challenging behavior.   | <b>KB:</b> Child Guidance<br><b>CDA:</b> Supporting social and emotional development  |
| Sept 28<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs <b>Choteau</b>      | Tammy Phelps<br>Intermediate<br><b>\$15</b>   | <b>CDA 101</b><br>Are you interested in achieving your CDA but don't know where to start? Join us as we learn the benefits of this credential and the process to attain it. <b>Choteau Public Library: 17 North Main Ave, Choteau</b> | <b>KB:</b> Professionalism<br><b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism   |   |



## Provider Appreciation Celebration in Great Falls

**Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2017**  
**8:30am-3:30pm, 6 hours of training for \$20**  
**Hilton Garden Inn: 2520 14th ST SW, Great Falls**

Join us for a fun-filled day with Stuart Stotts is an award winning singer, author, storyteller, and performer for kids, families and adults. He's a Kennedy Center teaching artist presenting at conferences and workshops for teachers, parents and librarians. He has released several award-winning recordings, and is the author of six books: The Bookcase Ghost: A collection of Wisconsin ghost stories, Books in a Box: Lutie Stearns and the Traveling Libraries of Wisconsin, We Shall Overcome: A Song That Changed the World, and Curly Lambeau: Building the Green Bay Packers.

### **Registration Information**

- \* **Pre-registration is required to secure your spot and ensures you are contacted if there are any course changes or cancellations.**
- \* Pay, register for courses and view professional development training policies 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.
- \* 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)



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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

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| July 6       | 9am-2pm  | Great Falls |
| July 15      | 9am-2pm  | Great Falls |
| August 5     | 9am-2pm  | Great Falls |
| August 15    | 9am-2pm  | Great Falls |
| September 5  | 6pm-10pm | Great Falls |
| September 12 | 9am-2pm  | Great Falls |
| September 21 | 6pm-10pm | Great Falls |



**American Heart Association®**  
**life is why™**

- \* Sign up on line at [FamilyConnectionsMT.org](http://FamilyConnectionsMT.org) or call 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503
- \* The course is \$10 per person and is open to those 18 years or older
- \* There is a maximum of six participants, **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND**
- \* All other Family Connections training policy apply.
- \* The Heart Saver courses have no written test and do not count for health care providers, nursing students or others in the medical field
- \* Certification cards come as an e-card through your email and will be issued at the end of the month training is attended.



## Attention all child care providers

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.

Just a few of the great opportunities the STARS program has to offer are:

- \* 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.

**Child Care Providers in Regions 5 & 6 will receive a Gift Card just for applying!**

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

**For more information about STARS or help with the application process: call 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503**



## Montana Infant / Toddler Caregiver Courses



- \* Family Connections is offering the 60 hour Infant / Toddler Course!
- \* There is no cost for this course, but space is limited.
- \* There will be two courses:
  - \* an in-person class starting in August located in Great Falls, and a hybrid class which is mainly online with three in person sessions in Great Falls.
- \* Applications will be available in July online at [FamilyConnectionsMT.org](http://FamilyConnectionsMT.org) or by calling 406-761-6010 or 800-696-4503.