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| OCTOBER | Oct 2 6-9pm 3 hrs Malta | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">Toddlers are not Preschoolers</p> <p>It might look like just child's play, but toddlers are hard at work learning important physical skills as they gain muscle control, balance, and coordination. Each new skill lets them progress to the next one, building on a foundation that leads to more complicated physical tasks, such as jumping rope, kicking a ball on the run, or turning a cartwheel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Malta Business Center 46 S 1st St Malta</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Oct 3 6-8pm 2 hrs Glasgow | Mandy Hall Beginning \$10 | <p style="text-align: center;">Messy Play</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand the importance of messy, sensory play in early childhood. You will have hands-on experiences with different messy materials to further your understanding of the importance of play. This course will also provide the language needed to explain the importance to families, directors, and others in the field.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ FCMT 121 3rd St S Suite A Glasgow</p> | KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development |
| | Oct 12 6-9pm 3 hrs Glendive | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communicating with Families</p> <p>This course is designed to teach providers what typical development is and markers for a developmental delay. It will guide providers in recording behavior and keeping data on suspected developmental delays. Providers will also be able to effectively discuss concerns with families with the instruction of this course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ DEAP 120 W Towne St Glendive</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Oct 14 10am-4pm 6 hrs Havre | Cyndi Baillargeon Beginning FREE ★ | <p style="text-align: center;">Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 1</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You MUST have taken Intro to the Pyramid Model to receive credit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ HRDC Family Connections 2229 5th Ave Havre</p> | KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family & Community Partnership CDA: Supporting social & emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment |
| | Oct 23 6-9pm 3 hrs TBA | Mandy Hall Beginning Free | <p style="text-align: center;">Early Childhood Essentials</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training location to be determined, please check website FamilyConnectionsMT.org</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Oct 25 & 26 6-9pm 6 hrs Sidney | Cyndi Baillargeon Beginning FREE ★ | <p style="text-align: center;">Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 1</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You MUST have taken Intro to the Pyramid Model to receive credit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Richland County Health Dept 1201 W Holly #1 Sidney</p> | KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design, Family & Community Partnership CDA: Supporting social & emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment |
| | Oct 30 6-9pm 3 hrs Plentywood | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communicating with Families</p> <p>This course is designed to teach providers what typical development is and markers for a developmental delay. It will guide providers in recording behavior and keeping data on suspected developmental delays. Providers will also be able to effectively discuss concerns with families with the instruction of this course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Constance Care 213 Dodge Street Plentywood</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |

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| NOVEMBER | Nov 14 6-8pm 2 hrs Havre | Erin Helms Beginning \$10 | <p style="text-align: center;">Creating A Classroom Community: Working With Families</p> <p>To build a strong classroom community, everyone needs to be on the same page. Join us to learn ways to encourage parent involvement, increase communication, and how to deal with the occasional tough family.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ HRDC Family Connections 2229 5th Ave Havre</p> | KB: Family & Community Partnerships CDA: Building productive relationships with families |
| | Nov 16 6-9pm 3 hrs Glasgow | Cyndi Baillargeon Beginning \$10 | <p style="text-align: center;">Moving Through the Day</p> <p>Young children struggle with moving from activity to activity throughout the day resulting in confusion, frustration, and challenging behaviors. Research suggests that transitions take up a majority of the day and planning for these times is beneficial to all children. This class will address the importance of visuals to help children move throughout their day to reduce challenging behaviors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ FCMT 121 3rd St S Suite A Glasgow</p> | KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development |
| | Nov 16 6-9pm 3 hrs Sidney | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communicating with Families:</p> <p>This course is designed to teach providers what typical development is and markers for a developmental delay. It will guide providers in recording behavior and keeping data on suspected developmental delays. Providers will also be able to effectively discuss concerns with families with the instruction of this course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Richland County Health Dept 1201 W Holly #1 Sidney</p> | KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development |
| | Nov 28 6-9pm 3 hrs Glendive | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communication and Physical Development</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with physical and communicative delays learn with others. The course will give ideas, and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ FCMT 121 3rd St S Suite A Glasgow</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |

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| DECEMBER | Dec 1 & 2 6-9pm & 9am-12pm 6 hrs Sidney | Cyndi Baillargeon Intermediate FREE ★ | <p style="text-align: center;">Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2</p> <p>Continue learning 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You MUST have taken Intro to the Pyramid AND Module 1 to receive credit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Richland County Health Dept 1201 W Holly #1 Sidney</p> | KB: Child Guidance, Environmental Design CDA: Supporting social & emotional development, Providing positive guidance, Establishing & maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment |
| | Dec 4 6-9pm 3 hrs Malta | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communication and Physical Development</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with physical and communicative delays learn with others. The course will give ideas and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Malta Business Center 46 S 1st St Malta</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Dec 5 6-9pm 3 hrs Glasgow | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communication and Physical Development</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with physical and communicative delays learn with others. The course will give ideas, and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ FCMT 121 3rd St S Suite A Glasgow</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Dec 12 6-8pm 2 hrs Havre | Erin Helms Beginning \$10 | <p style="text-align: center;">Creating a Classroom Community: Inclusion</p> <p>To build a strong community, everyone needs to be included and have a voice. Join us in exploring what inclusion looks like in our busy programs and how to adjust them to make them more inclusive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ HRDC Family Connections 2229 5th Ave Havre</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Supporting social & emotional development |
| | Dec 18 6-9pm 3 hrs Plentywood | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Communication and Physical Development</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with physical and communicative delays learn with others. The course will give ideas, and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ Constance Care 213 Dodge Street Plentywood</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |
| | Dec 19 6-9pm 3 hrs Glendive | Mandy Hall Beginning \$15 | <p style="text-align: center;">The Developing Child: Cognitive Development</p> <p>This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with cognitive delays learn with others. The course will give ideas and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training @ DEAP 120 W Towne Glendive</p> | KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning |



Family Connections has a new Professional Development Specialist / STARS Consultant in Sidney!

**Please help us welcome Mandy Hall!
You can contact her by phone: 406.973.4256
or email: mandyh@familyconnectionsmt.org**

Hi-Set testing available in our Glasgow office: 121 3rd St S Suite A

Register at www.ets.org

**There is a \$5 sitting fee for each sub-test due at time of testing
Testing Dates: October 11, November 22, and December 6
Please call Cyndi to make an appointment: 406.228.2664**

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 review all 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



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CPR / First Aid: Infant/child/adult CPR, First Aid and AED - 2 year certification

- * September 9 Havre 8:30am-12:30pm Contact Jeri Erickson: 406.390.2210 or Jeri_1420@yahoo.com
- * October 7 Havre 8:30am-12:30pm
- * November 4 Havre 8:30am-12:30p
- * December 2 Havre 8:30am-12:30pm

**For other dates and locations contact: Sharon Humphrey in Glendive: 406.377.1707 or
Connie Sturgis in Sidney: 406.488.7337**

You must be registered to attend the class.

- * Please pay for your course the day of the course or before.
- * Contact the instructor for payment amounts.
- * We are only offering this course to people 18 years of age or older.
- * There is a maximum of six participants.
- * All other Family Connections training policies apply.



Provider Survey

- Family Connections wants your feedback to improve our services!
- The survey will be open October 1 and will close October 15th
- The link will be available on our website: FamilyConnectionsMT.org
- If you would like a paper copy, please contact us: 406.761.6010
- We will have a drawing for a \$50 gift card (one in region 5 and one in region 6)



Attention all child care providers

It's an exciting time to be a part of the Early Childhood field and here comes another AMAZING opportunity for you!

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 VISA 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 us today at 406.761.6010 or 800.696.4503