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J a n u a r y	Jan 8 6-8pm 2 hrs Malta	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Nutrition at Your Fingertips</u> This course will cover basic nutrition principles and the most common behaviors of undernourishment in young children. Information on nutrition for young children and the availability of nutritious snacks will be specifically addressed. Malta Business Center 46 N 1st St East	KB: Health and well being CDA: Planning a safe, healthy learning environment
	Jan 9 6-8pm 2 hrs Sidney	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Literacy League: Oh Boy!</u> Literacy is a vital part of daily activities with young children. We will focus on literature that boys are interested in with every activity that we present. This class will stress how literacy can help children develop physically, socially and academically. Richland County Health Department 1201 West Holly Street	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Jan 16 6-8pm 2 hrs Glendive	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Looking Through Their Eyes</u> This course is designed to help participants understand how to encourage different cultures in their program. Includes ideas and tips on dealing with implementing cultural aspects. We will discuss issues and compare new ideas with others. Cottonwood Inn & Suites 54250 US Hwy 2	KB: Diversity CDA: Building productive relationships with families
	Jan 23 6-8pm 2 hrs Sidney	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Encouraging Spaces</u> Children can experience a rich learning environment when their space is intentionally arranged for optimal learning. Well designed spaces help child move through educational activities that are fun and inviting. Children will thrive when schedules of daily learning activities are presented. Richland County Health Department 1201 West Holly Street	KB: Environmental Design CDA: Planning a safe, healthy learning environment
	Jan 27 10am-1pm 4 hrs Plentywood	Mandy Hall Beginning \$30	<u>The Developing Child: Cognitive Development</u> 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 have the opportunity to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others. Constance Care Daycare Center 213 South Dodge Street	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Jan 30 6:30-8:30pm 2 hrs Havre	Erin Helms Beginning \$15	<u>CDA Workgroup</u> 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 looks like. HRDC/Family Connections 2229 5th Ave	KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
F e b r u a r y	Feb 5 6-8pm 2 hrs Malta	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Messy Play</u> This course is designed to help participants understand the importance of messy, sensory play in early childhood. Includes hands-on experiences with different messy materials to further our 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. Malta Business Center 46 N 1st St East	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Feb 10 10am-2pm 4 hrs Glasgow	Mandy Hall Beginning \$30	<u>Tom Copeland Series: Contracts & Policies</u> This course will give participants communication tools which will aid them in presenting their business in a positive, professional manner. Participants will create policies and contracts which are unique to their program. Risk management policies will be discussed and policies amended as needed to address risk in early childhood programs. The Cottonwood Inn and Suites 54250 US Hwy 2	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Feb 15 6-8pm 2 hrs Glendive	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Literacy League: Go Girl!</u> Literacy is a vital part of daily activities with young children. We will focus on literature that girls are interested in with every activity that we present. This class will stress how literacy can help children develop physically, socially and academically. Mid-Rivers Communications, Glendive Service Center 213 W Benham St	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Feb 20 6-8pm 2 hrs Plentywood	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Encouraging Spaces</u> Children can experience a rich learning environment when their space is intentionally arranged for optimal learning. Well designed spaces help child move through educational activities that are fun and inviting. Children will thrive when schedules of daily learning activities are presented. Constance Care Daycare Center 213 South Dodge Street	KB: Environmental Design CDA: Planning a safe, healthy learning environment
	Feb 24 9am-12pm 3 hrs Sidney	Mandy Hall Beginning \$22	<u>Tom Copeland Series: Money Management & Retirement</u> This class covers general rules of money management and retirement planning. It shares ideas for reducing spending and increasing savings. This class also presents investment and IRA options for providers. Richland County Health Department 1201 West Holly Street	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Feb 27 6-9pm 3 hrs Glendive	Mandy Hall Beginning \$22	<u>The Developing Child: Emotional and Social Development</u> This course is designed to help participants understand how to help children with emotional and social delays learn with others. Ideas and tips on making classrooms and programs inclusive to all. We will discuss issues and compare new ideas with others. Mid-Rivers Communications, Glendive Service Center 213 West Benham Street	KB: Child growth and development CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development
M a r c h	Mar 5 6-8pm 2 hrs Malta	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Looking Through Their Eyes</u> This course is designed to help participants understand how to encourage different cultures in their program. Includes ideas and tips on dealing with implementing cultural aspects. We will discuss issues and compare new ideas with others. Malta Business Center 46 N 1st St East	KB: Diversity CDA: Building productive relationships with families
	Mar 6 6-8pm 2 hrs Sidney	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Literacy League: Go Girl!</u> Literacy is a vital part of daily activities with young children. We will focus on literature that girls are interested in with every activity that we present. This class will stress how literacy can help children develop physically, socially and academically. Richland County Health Department 1201 West Holly Street	KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
	Mar 10 10am-2pm 4 hrs Plentywood	Mandy Hall Beginning \$30	<u>Tom Copeland Series: Record Keeping</u> After completing this class, participants will be able to run their business more smoothly by keeping appropriate business records. This class focuses on: identifying which business records to keep to help save time and money, reporting business income accurately, identifying common business deductions to reduce taxes, and more. Constance Care Daycare Center 213 South Dodge Street	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Mar 12 6-8pm 2 hrs TBD	Mandy Hall Beginning Free	<u>Program Management Essentials for Providers</u> Learn about Montana agencies and programs that support quality early care education. Topics include licensing requirements, child development, curriculum, environments, guidance, family partnerships and professionalism. Prerequisites: Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program
	Mar 13 6-8pm 2 hrs Glendive	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Encouraging Spaces</u> Children are provided a rich learning environment when their space is intentionally arranged for optimal learning. Space should help child move through educational activities that are fun and inviting. Children will thrive when schedules of daily learning activities are presented. Mid-Rivers Communications, Glendive Service Center 213 W Benham St	KB: Environmental Design CDA: Planning a safe, healthy learning environment
	Mar 20 6-9pm 3 hrs Sidney	Mandy Hall Beginning \$22	<u>The Developing Child: Communication and Physical Development</u> 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. Richland County Health Department 1201 West Holly Street	KB: Child Growth & Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning
	Mar 24 10am-12pm 2 hrs Glasgow	Mandy Hall Beginning \$15	<u>Looking Through Their Eyes</u> This course is designed to help participants understand how to encourage different cultures in their program. The course will give ideas, and tips on dealing with implementing cultural aspects. Participants will be able to discuss issues and compare new ideas with others. Cottonwood Inn & Suites 54250 US Hwy 2	KB: Diversity CDA: Building productive relationships with families
	Mar 29 6-8pm 2 hrs Havre	Erin Helms Beginning \$15	<u>Loose Parts: Imagination Creativity</u> Ever wonder what you could do with all the loose parts you have? Wonder what loose parts are? Join us to learn what loose parts, and how to incorporate them into your program. HRDC/Family Connections 2229 5th Ave	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning



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 Hi-Line Homes Program: 605 3rd Ave S, Glasgow
 Call to make an appointment 406.228.9431

Registration Information

- * Pre-registration required to secure your spot & ensure you are contacted for any course changes or cancellations.
- * Registration required at least one week prior to class date.
- * 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
- * **Please do not bring your children to trainings without prior approval.**



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CPR / First Aid

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

- * January 6 Havre 8:30am-12:30pm Jeri Erickson: 406.390.2210 Jeri_1420@yahoo.com
- * February 3 Havre 8:30am-12:30pm \$50, Cost increased due to American Heart Association increasing their fees for each e-card per student.
- * March 3 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.



Provider Survey

- Family Connections wants your feedback to improve our services!
- Take the survey 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)



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