

**STARS Programs: Did you know you can earn professional development training hours through coaching?**  
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O C T O B E R	KB: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism CDA: Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment	<b>Emergency Preparations for Childcare</b> This course is designed for owners/directors to have a complete emergency plan in place upon completion. Must have already completed YIKES. Participants must attend all 3 sessions to receive credit.	Sep 30, Oct 7 & 14 6:30-8:30pm 6 hrs Web-based	Charrisse Jennings Advanced Free
	KB: Health and Well Being, Family and Community Partnerships CDA: Planning a healthy and safe learning environment, Building productive relationships with families	<b>MT Emergency Guardian Program Training - Protecting Children in Emergencies</b> Disasters and emergencies can strike at any moment. When emergencies occur, those most vulnerable are our youngest citizens, the children. In this training we will learn about the purpose and contractual functions of a child care guardian program in the context of their community emergency preparedness plan. We will learn how family, school or child care, and community plans each have an individual function in ensuring the safety and proper response during any type of emergency situation.	Oct 9 9am-1pm 4 hrs Glasgow	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate Free
	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development	<b>Building Trust in the Early Childhood Classroom- From Infant to Adult</b> Trust is essential in creating an environment where children and adults can thrive. This is true of children in your care, their parents, and your staff. Join us to discover tools that help build trust and create a supportive atmosphere for all.	Oct 5 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$15
	KB: Program Management CDA: Manage an effective program operation	<b>Program Management Essentials for Directors</b> 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. Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.	Oct 11 1-4pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free
	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understand principles of child development and learning	<b>Early Childhood Essentials</b> 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.	Oct 11 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free
	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting social and emotional development, providing positive guidance	<b>Calm Down! Strategies for Supporting Development of Self-Regulation</b> Learn strategies to help children develop the important skill of self-regulation, which helps with impulse control, anger management, and helps prevent challenging behaviors.	Oct 20 6-8pm 2 hrs Malta Location TBD	Khristi Drabbs Intermediate \$14
	KB: Child Growth and Development, Diversity, Child Guidance CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, Supporting children's social emotional development, Understanding principles of child development and learning	<b>The Importance of Being Little- A Guided Book Discussion</b> Young children learn primarily from their relationships. This truth is often lost in current debates on what's best for preschool age children. Join us as we discover what children really need from the adults in their lives. Must attend all 4 sessions to receive credit. Must have access to book to participate The Importance of Being Little By Erika Christakis	Oct 21-Dec 2 4 sessions 6-8pm 8 hrs Web-based	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$40
		<b>MT- Association for the Education of Young Children Bridging Early Childhood Systems Across MT Conference</b>	Oct 21- 23 Butte, MT	Keynote: Kristie Kauerz National P-3 Center
N O V E M B E R	KB: Health and Well Being CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment	<b>Keeping Children Safe in MT with Active Supervision</b> As an early care and education professional you will find adult supervision is the most effective way to keep children safe, prevent injury and lay the foundation for meaningful interactions and individualized learning. This training opportunity walks through the planning, implementation and strategies for all indoor and outdoor environments.	Nov 4 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-Based	Charrisse Jennings Beginning Free
	KB: Health and Well Being, Family and Community Partnerships CDA: Planning a healthy and safe learning environment, Building productive relationships with families	<b>MT Emergency Guardian Program Training - Protecting Children in Emergencies</b> Disasters and emergencies can strike at any moment. When emergencies occur, those most vulnerable are our youngest citizens, the children. In this training we will learn about the purpose and contractual functions of a child care guardian program in the context of their community emergency preparedness plan. We will learn how family, school or child care, and community plans each have an individual function in ensuring the safety and proper response during any type of emergency situation.	Nov 6 9am-1pm 4 hrs Plentywood	Charrisse Jennings Intermediate Free
	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning	<b>Early Childhood Essentials</b> 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.	Nov 8 1-4pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free
	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation	<b>Program Management Essentials for Directors</b> 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. Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.	Nov 8 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free
	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social emotional development	<b>Creating Opportunities for Independent Learning Series: Social/Emotional Growth</b> Join us to create activities for use in your program with children of all learning levels. HRDC 2229 5th Ave	Nov 11 6-8pm 2 hrs Havre	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14
	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social emotional development	<b>Creating Opportunities for Independent Learning Series: Social/Emotional Growth</b> Join us to create activities for use in your program with children of all learning levels. Scottie Daycare 16 Lasar St	Nov 15 6-8pm 2 hrs Glasgow	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14
	KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social emotional development	<b>Creating Opportunities for Independent Learning Series: Social/Emotional Growth</b> Join us to create activities for use in your program with children of all learning levels. Location to be determined Malta	Nov 16 6:30-8:30pm 2 hrs Malta	Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14
	KB: Health and well being CDA: Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment	<b>Health &amp; Safety Review Course</b> Montana Child Care Licensing regulations require that individuals working in licensed or registered programs complete this health & safety review course every 3 years.	Nov 30 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Tammy Phelps Beginning Free

<b>CHILD CARE TRAINING</b>	KB: Child growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning	<u>Read to Me</u> When we begin reading aloud to a child, it essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. Join us as we consider the importance of reading to children in an early childhood classroom.	Dec 6 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Tammy Phelps Beginning \$21
	KB: Program Management CDA: Managing an effective program operation	<u>Program Management Essentials for Directors</u> 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. Prerequisites: Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.	Dec 9 1-4pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free
	KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning	<u>Early Childhood Essentials</u> 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.	Dec 9 6-9pm 3 hrs Web-based	Khristi Drabbs Beginning Free

## Pyramid Model

All pyramid model trainings have been moved online. These trainings are set up for STARS programs to be able to access them easily at any time. With the support of your STARS coach, these trainings can create a stable environment for your classroom. Please see links below. If you have questions please call and speak with your STARS coach today!

### Introduction to the Pyramid Model

Childcaretraining.org: <https://www.childcaretraining.org/mod/page/view.php?id=4024>

### 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 [https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/\(slider-new:513408/detail\)](https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/(slider-new:513408/detail))

### 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 Pyramid Module 1. [https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/\(slider-new:513412/detail\)](https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/(slider-new:513412/detail))

### Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 3

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, Module 1 & 2. [https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/\(slider-new:513417/detail\)](https://www.mtecregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings/search/(slider-new:513417/detail))

## 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](http://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.
- \* 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](http://childcaretraining.org).
- \* Please read the NAEYC's Code of Ethics at [naeyc.org/ethics](http://naeyc.org/ethics).
- \* Please do not bring children to trainings without prior approval.