

## 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))

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| <b>O<br/>C<br/>T<br/>O<br/>B<br/>E<br/>R</b> | KB: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism<br>CDA: Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment | <u>Emergency Preparations for Childcare</u><br>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<br>6:30-8:30pm<br>6 hrs<br>Web Based | Charrisse Jennings<br>Advanced<br>Free               |
|  | KB: Program Management<br>CDA: Managing an effective program operation                                 | <u>Program Management Essentials for Directors</u><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. Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.  | Oct 4<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based                    | Charrisse Jennings<br>Beginning<br>Free              |
|  | KB: Curriculum<br>CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development                      | <u>Blocks, Beakers and Bubbles – Oh My!</u><br>Math and science learning can be found through daily routines and activities. This class takes a deep dive into everyday activities that children participate in and pull out the specific skills and knowledge being explored. Using this information providers will practice articulating the learning taking place in their classrooms to others, specifically in the areas of math and science. Must attend both sessions to receive credit. | Oct 13 & 26<br>6:30-9:30pm<br>6 hrs<br>Great Falls      | Deb Huestis<br>Intermediate<br>\$35                  |
|  | KB: Program Management<br>CDA: Managing an effective program   | <u>Health and Safety Review - Zoom</u><br>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.   | Oct 20<br>6-9 pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based                  | Deb Huestis<br>Intermediate<br>Free                  |
|  | KB: Child Growth and Development<br>CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning    | <u>Early Childhood Essentials</u><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.   | Oct 25<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based                   | Charrisse Jennings<br>Beginning<br>Free              |
|  |  | <u>MT- Association for the Education of Young Children<br/>Bridging Early Childhood Systems Across MT Conference</u>  | Oct 21- 23<br>Butte, MT                                 | Keynote:<br>Kristie Kauerz<br>National P-3<br>Center |

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|  | KB: Health and Well Being<br>CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment.                 | <u>Keeping Children Safe in MT with Active Supervision</u><br>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<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based          | Charrisse Jennings<br>Beginning<br>Free |
|  | KB: Program Management<br>CDA: Managing an effective program  | <u>Program Management Essentials- ZOOM</u><br>Learning 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 4<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based          | Deb Huestis<br>Beginning<br>Free        |
|  | KB: Professionalism<br>CDA: Professionalism   | <u>DAP: What Does it REALLY Mean?</u><br>A key responsibility of early care and education professionals is to plan and implement intentional, developmentally appropriate learning experiences that promote children's competence in all areas of development. But what does that REALLY mean? Join us as we dig deep into what DAP means and how you can intentionally apply it to your classroom practice.           | Nov 16<br>6:30-9:30pm<br>3 hrs<br>Great Falls | Deb Huestis<br>Intermediate<br>\$21     |

All classes are subject to change. Please check our website often for changes at [FamilyConnectionsMT.org/news-classes/class-schedule/](https://FamilyConnectionsMT.org/news-classes/class-schedule/)

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| <b>DECEMBER</b> | KB: Health and Well Being, Family and Community Partnerships<br>CDA: Planning a healthy and safe learning environment, Building productive relationships with families | <u>MT Emergency Guardian Program Training - Protecting Children in Emergencies</u><br>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. | Dec 4<br>9am-1pm<br>4 hrs<br>Lewistown        | Charrisse Jennings<br>Intermediate<br>Free |
|                 | KB: Child Growth and Development<br>CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning  | <u>Early Childhood Essentials</u><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.  | Dec 6<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based          | Charrisse Jennings<br>Beginning<br>Free    |
|                 | KB: Program Management<br>CDA: Managing an effective program operation   | <u>Program Management Essentials for Directors</u><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. Prerequisites: Participants must have previously applied to become a licensed provider.  | Dec 7<br>6-9pm<br>3 hrs<br>Web Based          | Charrisse Jennings<br>Beginning<br>Free    |
|                 | KB: Curriculum<br>CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development  | <u>Let's Get Ready to Create!</u><br>True creative endeavors come from a person – they aren't a replication of anyone else's work. So, how do we do that in an early childhood classroom without chaos reigning? Bring your inner creative self to this class and find out!  | Dec 14<br>6:30-9:30pm<br>3 hrs<br>Great Falls | Deb Huestis<br>Advanced<br>\$21            |

### Heart Saver CPR/FA at Family Connections

Saturday, October 16, 9am-noon  
 Friday, October 22, 6:30-9 pm  
 Thursday, October 28, 6-9pm  
 Thursday, November 4, 9am-Noon  
 Saturday, November 6, 9am-Noon  
 Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-9 pm  
 Tuesday, December 7, 9am - Noon  
 Saturday, December 18, 9am-Noon

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

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6-9pm  
 Wednesday, November 18, 2021 6-9 pm  
 Saturday, December 4, 2021 8-11 am

To mitigate the amount of time spent in the classroom, all CPR/FA classes held in the Great Falls office and Lewistown will be conducted in the American Heart Associations blended course model.

Students will need to complete the Pediatric First Aid CPR online portion before attending in-person skills sessions, completing the additional Adult CPR/AED modules. Please be advised that this takes between 4-6 hours.

A printed copy of the 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.

Students will be required to register for a skills class through Family Connections. Online course is \$20.00 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](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 your children to trainings without prior approval.