

Your support makes a difference for families with young children!

We appreciate your donation to help families have a successful future!



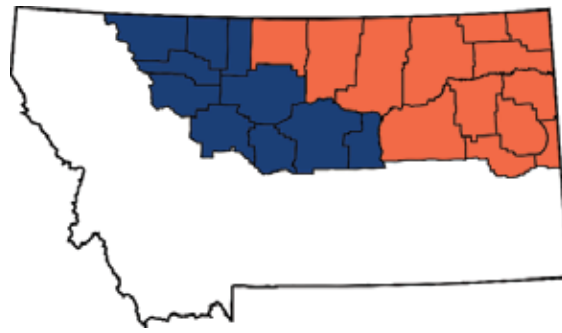
"I received the Ready Resources grant in the mail and I just cried!!"

"I am humbled to learn that it's okay to ask for help when struggling."

"I just want to send a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone at Family Connections and anyone who made this possible."

"It's been such a hard year, especially with my employment in question right before Christmas. I am so thankful for the support and help!!"

"I want you all to know how truly grateful and appreciative I am!!!"



OUR MISSION

Family Connections utilizes the strength of community to support exceptional early childhood experiences.

OUR VISION

We believe every child deserves a successful future!

OUR VALUES

Care | Family | Integrity | Responsibility
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WELCOME

Family Connections impacts the future by helping children, families, child care providers, and communities thrive!

We proudly serve 23 counties in north central and north eastern Montana including seven Native American tribes: Aaniiii, Assiniboine, Blackfeet, Little Shell Chippewa, Chippewa Cree, Nakoda, and Sioux.

2021 offered opportunities to serve our communities through challenging times. We provided financial assistance and resources to families and providers challenged by the ongoing pandemic.

Our Child Care Resource and Referral services include child care referrals and scholarships, resources and support, and education for families. Our staff works with communities to develop new child care opportunities and support existing child care businesses.

Professional development, training, coaching, and consulting are services we offer child care providers to meet their quality and business goals.

Let us know how Family Connections can help with your child care needs!

Most Sincerely,
Family Connections Team

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FAMILY SERVICES

CHILD CARE REFERRALS

Family Connections provides opportunities for families and children to be successful and pursue their dreams. Our free child care referrals helped 267 families find quality, licensed child care to meet their needs.



CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Child care scholarships give parents the opportunity to work and support their family while their children are safe in a licensed child care program with trained staff. Family Connections provides child care scholarships to over 1,000 children each month.

READY RESOURCES

Family Connections provides diapers, wipes, food, formula, blankets, books, clothing, personal care items, masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, and air purifiers.

We supported over 4,500 children, families, child care providers, and tribal members with our Ready Resources program.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COVID-19 RELIEF

\$4,960,000 in CARES Act grants were awarded to 1,240 families with special circumstances or health risks to keep their kids safe at home and provide educational materials to support their learning.

\$891,599 in Summer Out of School Care grants were awarded to support 495 families so parents could return to work.

\$153,000 in Ready Resources grants were awarded to 153 Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship families with financial needs.

\$6,495 in Emergency Preparedness grants were awarded to 67 child care providers to increase safety protocols and supplies.

SCHOOL READY COMMUNITY

Over 100 families and 170 kids received our Get Ready for School kits at the free annual Brain Building Preschool Expo. We provide resources and opportunities for children to build and practice the skills and knowledge needed to enter school ready to succeed.



PROVIDER SERVICES

MONTANA STARS TO QUALITY

Family Connections supports 58 enrolled STARS child care providers by providing training, coaching, mentoring, financial incentives, and other resources to increase the quality of early care and education.



PROVIDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Over \$49,000 in Provider Financial Assistance grants helped 16 child care facilities with start up funding or emergency response funding to provide continuity of care to serve families and children in their communities.

PROVIDER EDUCATION

Provider education increases the quality of child care programs which prepares children for success in school and life.

Family Connections provided 195 training hours and 11,061 coaching hours to early care and education professionals.