

Pyramid Model - 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 classroom environment. All Pyramid Model trainings are online. Questions? Call your STARS coach today!

Introduction to the Pyramid Model: [Childcaretraining.org](http://Childcaretraining.org)

Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Modules: <https://www.mtecpregistry.mtecp.org/v7/trainings>

Continue learning strategies from the Pyramid Model to help children develop social emotional skills, and how you can help children with challenging behaviors.

- \* Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 1: Pre-requisite: Intro to the Pyramid Model
- \* Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 2: Pre-req: Intro to the Pyramid Model & Module 1
- \* Montana Blended Pyramid Model: Module 3: Pre-req: Intro to the Pyramid Model, Module 1 & 2

CPR / First Aid - The Child Care Licensing required Pediatric CPR/FA hands-on skills tests are held in Great Falls, Lewistown, and Conrad. Please email Deb at [debh@familyconnectionsmt.org](mailto:debh@familyconnectionsmt.org) to get more information and to register for a course.

To mitigate the amount of time spent in the classroom, all CPR/FA classes 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.

Online course is \$20.00 and due at the time of enrollment through the American Heart Association website. In-person skills classes are \$25.00 payable to Family Connections and due the day before class to reserve the spot.

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# OCTOBER

<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum <b>CDA:</b> Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><b><u>The Growing Brain: The Basics, Growth &amp; Development and Understanding Behavior</u></b> Research shows the first three years of life is a key time of brain growth! The experiences and relationships you provide in your classrooms lay a solid foundation for later learning! Learn how the brain develops &amp; how to optimize brain growth through the little things you do every day! <b>MUST ATTEND ALL THREE SESSIONS FOR CREDIT</b></p>	<p>Oct 5, 12 &amp; 26 6:30-9:30pm 9 hours Great Falls</p>	<p>Deb Huestis Intermediate \$28</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum <b>CDA:</b> Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><b><u>Ready 2 Read</u></b> Join us for this special partnership between Family Connections and the Great Falls Public Library to learn principles that enhances learning through reading and books. This training will help educators to intentionally apply practices to boost early literacy in the young children participating in story time. <b>MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS FOR CREDIT</b></p>	<p>Oct 12,19,26, Nov 2 &amp; 9 6:30-9pm 15 hours Great Falls Public Library</p>	<p>Susie McIntyre &amp; Rae McFadden Beginning \$25</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Program Management <b>CDA:</b> Managing an effective program</p>	<p><b><u>Social Media Strategies for Child Care Business</u></b> Uplevel your social media skills! Learn how to develop an impactful social media presence.</p>	<p>Oct 13 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development <b>CDA:</b> Understanding principles of child growth and development</p>	<p><b><u>Play Attention</u></b> The skill of paying attention takes focus, working memory, and cognitive flexibility. It is an important life skill for all children to develop. Join us as we look at how to use play-based activities that promote the development of paying attention, focus, and self-control for children of all ages.</p>	<p>Oct 15 9-11am 2 hours Belt</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Child Growth and Development <b>CDA:</b> Understanding principles of child growth and development</p>	<p><b><u>Game Night - Brain Architecture Game</u></b> The Brain Architecture Game is a tabletop game experience that builds understanding of the powerful role of experiences on young children's early brain development - what promotes it, what derails it, with what consequences for society. Come learn and play!</p>	<p>Oct 17 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Cut Bank</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Diversity <b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p><b><u>Princesses and Superheroes Exploring Gender in Early Childhood</u></b> Learn and explore the research regarding healthy gender development and important terms.</p>	<p>Oct 18 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Judith Ehret Intermediate \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Personal Dispositions <b>CDA:</b> Managing an effective program operation</p>	<p><b><u>Learn Your Color: Color Code Personality Theory</u></b> Join us as we explore the world of Color Code personality theory &amp; how it can support relationships!</p>	<p>Oct 26 6-8pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Tiffany Krushinski Intermediate \$14</p>

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# NOVEMBER

<p><b>KB:</b> Program Management <b>CDA:</b> Managing an effective program</p>	<p><b><u>Unleashing the Artists in the Classroom</u></b>          “Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up.” Pablo Picasso. Join us as we learn how to free ourselves and help provide open-ended art experiences to the children in our care – whatever their age! Release your inner artist!</p>	<p>Nov 1 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Great Falls</p>	<p>Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Child growth and development <b>CDA:</b> Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p><b><u>Don't Grab the Tissue. Solve the Issue</u></b>          Conflict Resolution Skills for Early Childhood Professionals.  <b>MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS FOR CREDIT</b></p>	<p>Nov 1 &amp; 8 6-8pm 4 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Irene Tiefenthaler Beginning \$28</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Health &amp; Well Being, Family &amp; Community Partnerships <b>CDA:</b> Planning a healthy &amp; safe learning environment, Building productive relationships with families</p>	<p><b><u>MT Emergency Guardian Program Training</u></b>          Disasters and emergencies can strike at any moment. When emergencies occur, those most vulnerable are our youngest citizens, the children.          This session is for child care programs who are interested in learning about being a MT Guardian provider. We will discuss the role and responsibility of joining the Guardian program and how to ensure the safety of children in the event of an emergency.</p>	<p>Nov 5 9-11am 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Michele Young &amp; Esther Wilson Intermediate Free</p>
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<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum <b>CDA:</b> Advancing children’s physical and intellectual development</p>	<p><b><u>Nurturing Wonder Through STEAM Projects</u></b>          Teachers have a unique opportunity to nurture a child's sense of wonder through discovery and exploration. Including STEAM Projects in your classroom will enhance the joy, play, learning, and development of children. Join us as we dive into STEAM Project case examples that demonstrate the joy of 'wondering together'.</p>	<p>Nov 14 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Observation, Documentation, and Assessment <b>CDA:</b> Observing and recording children's behavior</p>	<p><b><u>Making Learning Visible Through Documentation</u></b>          Harness the power of documentation! Join us to discuss how teachers can make documentation on all the planning, learning, and growing children do daily, visible, understandable, and engaging.</p>	<p>Nov 21 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>

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# DECEMBER

<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum <b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's physical and intellectual development</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Exploring Math Through Play</u></b></p> <p>When children are immersed in play, they tend to tackle challenges, stick with problem solving, approaching puzzling topics in various ways - this can lead to deep learning. In this session we'll harness the power of play to enhance children's learning in mathematics.</p>	<p align="center">Dec 6 6-9pm 3 hours Great Falls</p>	<p align="center">Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$21</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Child Guidance <b>CDA:</b> Supporting children's social and emotional development</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Diving into SEL: Discussing the Pyramid Model</u></b></p> <p>We will identify and provide evidence-based strategies for implementing the Pyramid Model Framework. We will dive into the importance of building positive adult-child relationships and providing an effective and supportive classroom community. We will also do some self-reflection to focus on you, and your role as the educator.</p>	<p align="center">Dec 6 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p align="center">HRDC 7 Beginning \$14</p>
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<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum <b>CDA:</b> Advancing children's physical and intellectual development</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Building Classroom Cultures</u></b></p> <p>Children and families bring their own individual unique personalities and traditions to the classroom culture. Explore ways to incorporate everyone's contributions and weave a meaningful &amp; beautiful quilt of classroom culture!</p>	<p align="center">Dec 12 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Great Falls</p>	<p align="center">Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Health and Well Being, Family and Community Partnerships, Program Management <b>CDA:</b> Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Recruiting and Retaining Quality Staff</u></b></p> <p>Explore where to find staff and how to retain staff.</p>	<p align="center">Dec 13 6-8pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p align="center">Butte 4 C's Beginning \$14</p>

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