

Family Connections 2023 July — September Training Calendar

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
- E-Pyramid Model Birth-5 Modules: <https://www.mtecregistry.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.

- E-Pyramid Model Birth-5 Module 1: Pre-requisite: Intro to the Pyramid Model
- E-Pyramid Model Birth-5 Module 2: Pre-req: Intro to the Pyramid Model & Module 1
- E-Pyramid Model Birth-5 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 scheduled as needed. 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.

To get more information and to register for CPR/First Aid:

(Region 5) Contact Deb Huestis at debh@familyconnectionsmt.org

(Region 6) Contact Khristi Drabbs at 406.654.4228 or khristid@familyconnectionsmt.org

STARS - The Best Beginnings STARS to Quality Program is a voluntary quality rating and improvement system that aligns quality indicators with support and incentives for early childhood programs and early childhood professionals. STARS is open to licensed/registered programs throughout Montana.

Visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/stars/index> for more details.

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STARS Programs - Earn professional development training hours through coaching! For more information:

(Region 5) Contact Erin Helms at 406.761.6010 or erinh@familyconnectionsmt.org

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Program Management Essentials – For more information and to register:

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All classes are subject to change. Visit FamilyConnectionsMT.org/news-classes/class-schedule

JULY 2023

KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development	<u>But Aren't They too Young for Anxiety</u> All children experience some anxiety at some point, but for some children, it can be overwhelming and debilitating. Come join us in exploring different types of childhood anxiety and some causes. We will also be discussing some practices and techniques to use in supporting children who are struggling with anxiety.	July 6 6-8pm 2 hours Malta Malta Lutheran Church	Khristi Drabbs Beginning \$14
KB: Child Guidance CDA: Supporting children's social and emotional development	<u>Engaging Children Play Spaces</u> "A child who climbs may fall. But a child who never climbs is at a much greater risk." Betty Jones. Join us as we explore ways to design children's play spaces that challenge and build on skills that children need to navigate the greater world. You will gain understanding of the need for risk and risky play as well as the need for children to drive their own play. You will build a plan to implement the 7 C's of children's play spaces and concepts of responsive learning environments.	July 10 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Great Falls	Deb Huestis Intermediate \$14
KB: Environmental Design CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment	<u>Flip it! Transforming Challenging Behavior</u> Play is an elusive concept, an essential part of life, and not just for childhood. Educators and psychologists describe play as a means for organizing information and learning. Through various types of play — pretend, dramatic, free, or guided — learning is constantly happening. Must attend both classes on July 11 & 18 to receive credit.	July 11 & July 18 6-9pm 6 hours Web Based	Child Care Connections Intermediate \$42
KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning	<u>Turning I Can't into I Can</u> Young children often struggle with gaining the confidence they need to be successful. Early educators can be catalyst to building this important skill and positive mindset. Join us to discover how you can be the change for a child lacking confidence.	July 18 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based	Tammy Phelps Beginning \$14

AUGUST 2023

<p>KB: Child growth and development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p><u>Putting the “Fun” in Executive FUNctioning</u> Have you heard of executive functioning, but aren’t sure how to support its development? Join us to learn fun ways to support this important skill.</p>	<p>Aug 5 9:30-11:30am 2 hours Havre Best Western</p>	<p>Rori Croft Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children’s social and emotional development</p>	<p><u>But Aren’t They too Young for Anxiety?</u> All children experience some anxiety at some point, but for some children, it can be overwhelming and debilitating. Come join us in exploring different types of childhood anxiety and some causes. We will also be discussing some practices and techniques to use in supporting children who are struggling with anxiety.</p>	<p>Aug 5 12:30-2:30pm 2 hours Havre Best Western</p>	<p>Khristi Drabbs Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p><u>Advocating for Play</u> How many of you have heard this statement from families, “But all you do all day is play- when do you teach and when do they learn?” If you have, this training will give you the knowledge to articulate the importance of play to families and those out in the community. Early childhood professionals know why play is so important in the lives of young children, now it is time to advocate for play in the larger community to ensure that children have access to quality experiences that build brains and skills necessary for success.</p>	<p>Aug 7 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Deb Huestis Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Diversity CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p><u>Signs, Symptoms and Support for Autism Spectrum Disorders</u> Would you like to learn more about the Autism Spectrum? Do you know what to do if you suspect a child is on the Spectrum? How can you support children who are suspected to be on the Spectrum? If you have asked yourself these questions, this is the course for you!</p>	<p>Aug 8 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Khristi Drabbs Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Personal Dispositions CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p><u>The Gift of Time</u> As a teacher/caregiver, your time and attention are valuable gifts to be shared. Giving the gift to be shared. Giving the gift of time says, “I value you; you are important.” How do you ensure children are receiving this precious gift without leaving yourself feeling completed drained at the end of the day? Join us as we learn to show how much we value the children in our care, as well as our own personal wellness.</p>	<p>Aug 15 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14</p>

SEPTEMBER 2023

<p>KB: Observation, Documentation and Assessment CDA: Observing and recording children's behavior</p>	<p align="center"><u>Observation and Assessment: What is the Importance?</u></p> <p align="center">Join us as we explore the importance and types of observation and assessment.</p>	<p>Date/Time: TBD 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p align="center">Butte 4C's Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p align="center"><u>360 Your Circle Time</u></p> <p>Do you know why so many early care and education schedules contain "circle time?" Do you know the "why" of your own circle time? Have you ever thought, "Could there be a better way to build the skills and knowledge we typically see circle time as the place to make it happen?" If you have, this is the training for you. Join us as we turn (get it) circle time on its head! Explore ways to build knowledge and skills outside of the traditional circle time slot.</p>	<p align="center">Sept 6 6-9pm 3 hours Web Based</p>	<p align="center">Deb Huestis Intermediate \$21</p>
<p>KB: Child Growth and Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p align="center"><u>Putting the "FUN" in Executive FUNctioning</u></p> <p>Have you heard of the executive functioning, but aren't sure how to support its development? Join us to learn fun ways to support this important skill.</p>	<p align="center">Sept 9 9:30-11:30am 2 hours Sidney Pella Lutheran Church</p>	<p align="center">Rori Croft Intermediate \$14</p>
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<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p align="center"><u>The Value of Work/Life Integration</u></p> <p>Work/life balance has become a thing of the past. Join us as we seek ways to make our work and our personal lives mold together to allow us the achieve the best of both worlds.</p>	<p align="center">Sept 19 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web Based</p>	<p align="center">Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Guidance, Professionalism, Personal Disposition CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, Supporting children's social and emotional development.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Hi-Line ChildCare Association and Family Connections are proud to present our: Listen to the Children Fall Conference</u></p> <p>Denita Dinger presents heartfelt, humorous, relatable, valuable and real tools to help caregivers learn to listen to the children and see the learning power of child-led play.</p>	<p align="center">Save the Date! Oct 14 9am-3:30pm 6 hours Have Best Western Have Inn and Suites</p>	<p align="center">Denita Dinger Intermediate \$45 Lunch Included</p>