

Family Connections 2023 October – December 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 \$21.00 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 deb@fc406.org

(Region 6) Contact Khristi Drabbs at 406.654.4228 or khristi@fc406.org

Program Management Essentials – For more information and to register:

(Region 5) Contact Deb Huestis at 406.761.6010 or deb@fc406.org

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

OCTOBER 2023

<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Understanding the principles of child development and learning</p>	<p align="center"><u>Strategies in Planning & Curriculum</u></p> <p>Join The Nurturing Center and discover 3 big ideas in planning, the importance of the curriculum and how to apply it to your classroom.</p>	<p align="center">Oct 5 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p align="center">The Nurturing Center Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Development, Professionalism, Personal Dispositions 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 presents 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">Oct 14 9am-3:30pm 6 hours Best Western Havre Inn and Suites, Havre MT</p>	<p align="center">Denita Dinger Intermediate \$45 Lunch included</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Managing an effective program operation</p>	<p align="center"><u>Enhancing the Customer Experience</u></p> <p>Developing your customer service skills will positively impact your company and the clientele you serve. Learn tools to work through challenges and create positive service experiences for families and children.</p>	<p align="center">Oct 16 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p align="center">Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development</p>	<p align="center"><u>Social Emotional Series: Nurturing and Responsive Relationships</u></p> <p>Join us for updated information on social emotional topics. This month we will look at the importance of building relationships with young children.</p>	<p align="center">Oct 18 6-8pm 6 hours Web-Based</p>	<p align="center">Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Development CDA: Planning a safe, healthy learning environment</p>	<p align="center"><u>Building Children Play Spaces</u></p> <p>"A child who climbs may fall, but a child who never climbs is at 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 will 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 environment.</p>	<p align="center">Oct 23 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p align="center">Deb Huestis Intermediate \$14</p>

<p>KB: Child Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moving the Body-Building the Mind</u></p> <p>Those little busy bodies are constantly on the move. Movement helps build young brains as well as strengthen older brains. Let's look at some easy specific movements that help build those brain connections.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 24 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Khristi Drabbs Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Alphabet of Human Super Power-A-D</u></p> <p>Do you know what makes us human? Do you know what makes us thrive? It is little things like zest and love, that make us come alive. We all have superpowers, ones we often hide, it is time to grow and nurture them, and share them far and wide.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 26 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps Beginning \$14</p>

NOVEMBER 2023

<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning Environment CDA: Advancing children's physical & intellectual development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Intentionally Safe and Secure</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Nov 6 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Child Care Resources Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Alphabet of Human Super Powers- E-L</u></p> <p>Do you know what makes us human? Do you know what makes us thrive? It is the little things like zest and love, that make us come alive. We all have superpowers, ones we often hide, it's time to grow and nurture them, and share them far and wide.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 9 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Development CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proprioception- What Is It, and Why does It Matter?</u></p> <p>Proprioception, or kinesthesia, is your body's ability to sense movement, action, and location. Join us to learn more about this sense, and why it is so important to provide activities to support it's development.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 14 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Khristi Drabb Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Social Emotional Series: Environments</u></p> <p>Join us for updated information on social emotional topics. This month we will look at creating effective environments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 15 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Becoming A Valuable Team Member</u></p> <p>This professional development opportunity focuses on how working well with small and large groups, thinking creatively, encouraging others and productivity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 16 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DAP: What Does it Really Mean?</u></p> <p>The newest edition to NAEYC's Developmentally Appropriate Practice was released in January 2022. Join us at this training and explore the changes, what's new, and how to use it in your programs to support children's learning and development. We will also look at the new MT Knowledge Base.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 27 6-9pm 3 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Beginning \$21</p>

DECEMBER 2023

<p>KB: Family and Community Partnership & Curriculum and learning environment CDA: Planning a safe and healthy environment & managing an effective program operation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meals Made Easy</u></p> <p>Join us as we plan and prep meals to store in the freezer until you are ready to quickly cook and serve them. I will provide the recipes, you do the shopping, and we will prep them together.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 4 6-8 2 hours Malta</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Khristi Drabbs Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Social Emotional Series: Teaching Social Skills</u></p> <p>Join us for updated information on social emotional topics. This month we will discuss strategies to teach social skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 6 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Health and Wellbeing, Family & Community Partnerships CDA: Planning a healthy and safe leaning environment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MT Emergency Guardian Program Training</u></p> <p>Disaster and Emergencies can strike at any moment. When emergencies occur, those most vulnerable are our youngest citizens, the children. This session is for those child care programs who are interested in learning more about being a MT Guardian provider. We will discuss the role and responsibility of joining the Guardian program and how we can work to ensure the safety of children in the event of an emergency.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 12 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charrisse Jennings Intermediate Free</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Alphabet of Human Super Powers-M-Z</u></p> <p>Do you know what makes us human? Do you know what makes us thrive? It's little things like zest and love, that make us come alive. We all have superpowers, ones we often hide, it's time to grow and nurture them, and share them far and wide.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 14 6-8pm 2 hours Web-based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps Beginning \$14</p>

<p>KB: Child Development & Curriculum & Learning CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning and Advancing children's physical and intellectual development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Focusing on Preschooler's Physical Development and Health</u></p> <p>Preschoolers are always on the move, join us as we identify and promote preschool physical development within your classroom environment and curriculum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 18 6-8pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HRDC-7 Beginning \$15</p>
<p>KB: Child Development CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Building Classroom Cultures</u></p> <p>Children and families bring their own individual unique personalities and traditions to the classroom culture. Let's explore ways to incorporate everyone's contributions and weave a meaningful and beautiful quilt of classroom culture!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 18 6:30-8:30pm 2 hours Great Falls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Intermediate \$14</p>