



**Please be on the lookout for tax documents sent out by the Department of Administration for round 2 of ARPA payments.**



***Our office will be closed:  
Monday, February 19, 2023  
for President's Day***



From Training Office:

Friendly reminder: Please do not submit your Child Care Training courses through the individual training request process. CCT classes will come over automatically from CCT's system. It takes 3-6 days from final grading for trainings to appear in your account.

All individual training requests **MUST** be submitted within 3 months of the training completion date. If the request is submitted after the 3 months, it will be denied.



In order to be accepted and meet Child Care Licensing Requirements:

- **CPR must be completed in a hands on setting and include Adult, Child, and Infant modules.**
- **First Aid must be Pediatric First Aid.**
- **CPR/First Aid cards submitted must list ALL information (including Adult CPR) in order to be accepted.**



# HRDC

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

HRDC Early Childhood Education (Head Start) is seeking requests for proposal for a Social Emotional Consultant. Please email [headstart@thehrdc.org](mailto:headstart@thehrdc.org) if you are interested in applying for this contract position.



Are you interested in receiving updates about early childhood topics from Raise Montana? Sign up today to receive information on topics that matter to you from parenting tips to emergency preparedness. If you have previously signed up to receive text or email alerts from us, please re-submit this form. <https://sanow.cc/JKXVK>



# MECAP CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The Montana Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program (MECAP) is a MT Registered Apprenticeship Program designed for individuals in the early child care and education fields. Apprentices participate in a structured training program and learn both the theoretical and practical aspects of the job while working. Upon completion, participants earn a Certificate of Completion from the Childhood Development Specialist MT Registered Apprenticeship Program, as well as achieve Level 4 on the Montana Practitioner Registry.

## BENEFITS

### Apprentice

- Earn 24 core early childhood college credits Advance to Level 4 on the Practitioner Registry Career Path
- Earn a nationally recognized occupational credential: Certificate of Completion from the Childhood Development Specialist MT Registered Apprenticeship Program
- 2 years of documented work experience aligned with state and national early childhood standards
- Qualify for financial incentives
- Support of a skilled early childhood mentor
- Increase marketability and job security

### Employer/Sponsor

- Qualify for financial incentives to support the apprentice
- An opportunity to build a strong and open relationship with the apprentice
- Apprenticeships foster loyalty and may provide a significant return on investment
- Will have a competent, committed and well-trained employee

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Apprentice

- Basic occupational aptitudes and language skills to be a child care specialist
- Willing to commit to the program
- Has not achieved Level 4 on Career Path
- Working a minimum of 30 hours
- Minimum of 16 years of age
- Physically capable

### Benefits/Sponsoring Program

- Licensed with MT DPHHS or Tribal Agency, Head Start, public or state funded PreK program
- Qualified on-site mentor
- Possible qualification for MT Registered Apprenticeship Tax Credit

## CONTACT

To learn more about the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program visit: [mtecp.org/incentive-program](http://mtecp.org/incentive-program)



Have you thought about becoming an apprentice in Early Childhood? Here is some great information about it!



# Registration is open!

## 2024 FAMILY, GROUP, & FFN CONFERENCE

**APRIL 6TH & 7TH, 2024**  
FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS

This year's theme is "Elevating Our Voices Together."

### **Register here**

If you become a member of MFCN, you will have a reduced conference fee and will have one complimentary night's stay. You can pay for your MFCN membership when you register for the conference.

Montana Family Childcare Network Member: Early Bird Registration Fee (Available until 02/14/24): \$90.00

Non Member: Early Bird Registration (Available until 02/14/24): \$165.00

Montana Family Childcare Network Member: Regular Registration Fee: \$100.00

Non Member: Regular Registration: \$190.00



Hotel rooms are available at Fairmont Hot Springs and The Forge under Raise Montana. You can book a room at the Forge here.





*The Early Childhood Project is located in Bozeman and we have eight dedicated individuals committed to our ECP mission and annual goals.*

*We support professionals who make a difference in the lives of Montana children and families.*

