

Family Connections 2024 March — June 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.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.

- 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 \$30.00 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:

Program management has moved online! You can access it at any time on childcaretraining.org.

Questions or information on becoming a Childcare Provider, Please contact:

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MARCH 2024

<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development</p>	<p><u>Social Emotional Series: Overview of Prevent-Teach- Reinforce</u></p> <p>Join us for updated information on social emotional topics. This month we will learn the steps to Prevent-Teach-Reinforce to create a behavior plan for children with challenging behaviors.</p>	<p>Mar 13 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Managing an effective program operation</p>	<p><u>Unleash the Artists in the Classroom</u></p> <p>"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 provide open-ended art experiences to the children in our care-whatever their age. And perhaps release your own inner artist!! You will be sent a list of suggestions materials to have on hand for class preparation.</p>	<p>Mar 20 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning environment CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development.</p>	<p><u>Put Some Spring in Your Step</u></p> <p>The calendar says spring has arrived, but we are still unable to spend as much time outdoors as we would like. Join us to discover indoor activities that will get children moving without knocking down the walls.</p>	<p>Mar 21 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Development, Teaching, and Engagement. CDA: Understanding principles of child development and learning.</p>	<p><u>The Whole Brain Child Book Club</u></p> <p>We will meet bi-weekly to discuss the book "The Whole Brain Child" by Daniel Siegel and Tina Bryson. We will learn their twelve key strategies that foster healthy brain development. There will be activities that you will use within your work with young children to practice applying strategies.</p> <p>*You must attend all sessions and complete the assignments to receive any ECP credit.</p> <p>*First 5 session are on Tuesday evening; final session is on a Thursday evening.</p> <p>*You must read the book, The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind by Daniel Siegel and Tina Bryson. You will need access to the book for all of our sessions in order to complete the required reading and activities.</p> <p>ISBN-10: 978-0553386691 ISBN-13: 978-0553386691</p>	<p>Mar 12, 19, 26 6:30-8:30 pm April 2, 9, 18 6:30-8:30 pm 12 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Khristi Drabbs Intermediate \$42</p>

APRIL 2024

<p>KB: Child Development & engagement CDA: Understanding the principles of child development and learning</p>	<p><u>The Art of Talking with Children Book Discussion</u> We all want the best for the children in our care and everyday conversation offer up of the most profound and underused opportunities to help build relationships and help them thrive. But how can we make the most of these opportunities? Through discussion we will explore the power of everyday conversation to strengthen bonds while helping children become kinder, more confident, and more creative. You will need access to the book <i>The Art of Talking with Children</i> by Rebecca Rolland, EDD for all our sessions in order to complete the required reading and activities. ISBN-10 : 0062938886 ISBN-13 : 978-0062938886</p>	<p>April 11 April 25 May 9 May 23 June 13 June 27 6:30-8:30 pm 12 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Beginning \$42</p>
	<p><u>Creating a Lasting Impact Through Early Childhood Education</u> Provider Mini-Conference Come enjoy a one-day professional getaway! There will be rich opportunities for professional growth, education, and interaction with fellow early childhood professionals.</p>	<p>April 13 9 am-3 pm 6 hours Yogo Inn Lewistown, MT</p>	<p>Partnership with: Family Connections Central MT Childcare Alliance Zero to Five Free</p>
<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning Environment CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><u>Thoughtfully Designed Classrooms</u> A well-arranged environment can help meet children’s needs during play and routines. This session will highlight the importance of the environment and cover what to consider when creating and maintaining developmentally appropriate learning environments.</p>	<p>April 18 6-9 pm 3 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$21</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p><u>The Burned-In Teacher</u> We talk about burn-out all the time these days, what if we flipped the script and talked about “burned-in” teachers? Come away from this training with a plan to support teachers in their work and celebrate all they do for the children and families you serve.</p>	<p>April 22 6-9 pm 3 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Deb Huestis Intermediate \$21</p>

<p>KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional</p>	<p align="center"><u>Little Kids, Big Feelings</u></p> <p>Children may be small, but the emotions they feel are BIG! Learn how you can support emotional literacy in your children.</p>	<p>April 24 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Family and Community Partnerships CDA: Building productive relationships with families</p>	<p align="center"><u>Central MT Farm-to-School Workshop</u></p> <p>Attending this workshop is a perfect way to launch or grow a farm-to-school program as it provides an easy framework to follow and ready-to-use materials for your program. This workshop will feature training on how to use Harvest of the Month to promote Montana grown and raised foods in your community, interactive agricultural education activities, local procurement and what resources are available to you. Attendees will hear from the ranchers and school staff members who created Winnett's super successful beef to school program. Along with trainings and presentations, there will be time for networking and taste testing local foods. Lunch will be provided.</p>	<p>April 27 10 am-8 pm 6 hours Petroleum County Community Center 207 W Main ST. Winnett, MT</p>	<p>Brought to you by MT Harvest of the Month Intermediate \$TBD</p>
<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning CDA: Planning a safe and healthy environment</p>	<p align="center"><u>Safe Outside</u></p> <p>As we look ahead to warmer weather, it is time to look at our outdoor play area and assess its safety for all children in your program. Join us in utilizing a playgroup safety checklist to ensure all children can enjoy the great outdoors.</p>	<p>April 30 6:30 to 7:30 pm 1 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Beginning \$7</p>



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MAY 2024

<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Safe in the Sun</u></p> <p>As we enjoy more time outdoors in the warmer weather, sun safety is always a concern. Join us to discuss ways to keep children from getting too much of a good thing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 2 6:30-7:30pm 1 hour Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps Beginning \$7</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Understanding the principles of child development and learning, Managing an effective program operation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Power of Moments- Making Each One Count</u></p> <p>Join us on a 2-hour virtual journey as we delve into the art of crafting meaningful and impactful moments that resonate with your young learners, fostering a positive and lasting impact on their relationships and learning experiences. Through sharing of information, interactive discussions and practical tools, participants will gain valuable insights into creating memorable moments that enhance learning, build connections, and cultivate a nurturing environment for young minds to thrive.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 4 9:30-11:30 am 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Child Care Resources Intermediate \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Understanding the principles of child development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cultivating Creativity</u></p> <p>In this session, we will discuss how creative experiences nurture children's curiosity and overall development. Participants will learn how to plan, creative experiences, and become familiar with process versus product-oriented activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 7 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$14</p>
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<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Embracing Change</u></p> <p>Change is inevitable, but it doesn't have to derail you or your plan. Join us as we explore the stages of change, embracing change and the unexpected, and make a plan for when the unexpected happens.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 13 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>

KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development	<p><u>Too Busy to Misbehave: The Power of Engagement!</u></p> <p>When young children are interested and engaged in learning and playing, they are too busy to misbehave. Learn how to make your classroom or program more engaging and how to prevent challenging behaviors.</p>	<p>May 15 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development	<p><u>Growing up Wild for Early Childhood</u></p> <p>Take advantage of this opportunity to increase your understanding of environmental experiences to engage children in Montana's environment.</p>	<p>May 18 10 am-2 pm 4 hours Lincoln Bldg. 215 7th Ave S Lewistown, MT</p>	<p>Laura Hajek Intermediate FREE</p>

DID YOU KNOW?



If you increase the number of children in your care, you will need to UPDATE YOUR RATES with your local CCR&R . (Rates do not automatically change when your license does).

JUNE 2024

<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning environment CDA: Planning a safe and healthy environment</p>	<p><u>Creating a Calming Environment for Early Learners</u> In this course, we will explore 5 factors to consider creating a calmer environment, identify the benefits of incorporating natural elements to enhance children’s learning, and brainstorm in groups to plan ways to enhance environments to create a calmer atmosphere.</p>	<p>June 4 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>HRDC-7 Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children’s social & emotional development</p>	<p><u>Supporting Social Emotional Skills Outside</u> Social emotional development does not just occur inside. Learn how you can support social emotional development outside too!</p>	<p>June 5 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning environment CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><u>Outdoor Safety for the Little Ones</u> The benefits of outdoor play are not exclusive to the preschoolers in your program; babies need to experience the warm sun and outdoor fun as well. Join us to consider ways to include our youngest children in our outdoor time.</p>	<p>June 6 6:30- 7:30 pm 1 hour Web-Based</p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Beginning \$7</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Advancing children’s physical and intellectual development</p>	<p><u>Summertime STEM</u> This session aims to inspire early childhood teachers to think creatively as they plan STEM integration activities with a sweet summertime spin! Discover real-world applications to spark children’s creativity and develop their skills. Learn new ideas for incorporating STEM exposure into summer and prevent the summer slide.</p>	<p>June 11 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>
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<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Connecting with Children and Building Relationships</u></p> <p>The relationships we build with the children in our care lays to the cornerstone of our curriculum. This training will add tools and strategies to your relationship building toolbox to ensure you are meeting children where they are and providing intentional experiences that build important relationships and make connections.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 17 6-8 pm 2 hours Web-Based</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>
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