

# Family Connections Training Calendar: May — June 2024

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)
- 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](mailto:deb@fc406.org)

(Region 6) Contact Khristi Drabbs at 406.654.4228 or [khristi@fc406.org](mailto:khristi@fc406.org)

## **Program Management:**

Program management has moved online! You can access it at any time on [childcaretraining.org](http://childcaretraining.org).

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

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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;"><b><u>Safe in the Sun</u></b></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;"><b>May 2</b> 6:30-7:30pm 1 hour <b>Web-Based</b></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;"><b><u>The Power of Moments — Making Each One Count</u></b></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;"><b>May 4</b> 9:30-11:30 am 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></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;"><b><u>Cultivating Creativity</u></b></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;"><b>May 7</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charrisse Jennings Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Child Development and engagement CDA: Understanding the principles of child development and learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Art of Talking with Children Book Discussion</u></b></p> <p>We all want the best for the children in our care and everyday conversation offers 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>April 11</b> <b>April 25</b> <b>May 9</b> <b>May 23</b> <b>June 13</b> <b>June 27</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 12 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps Intermediate \$42</p>
<p>KB: Professionalism CDA: Maintaining commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Embracing Change</u></b></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;"><b>May 13</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Beginning \$14</p>

KB: Teaching and engagement CDA: Supporting children's social & emotional development	<p><b><u>Too Busy to Misbehave: The Power of Engagement!</u></b></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><b>May 15</b>          6-8 pm          2 hours  <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Rori Croft          Beginning          \$14</p>
KB: Curriculum CDA: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development	<p><b><u>Growing Up Wild for Early Childhood</u></b></p> <p>Take advantage of this opportunity to increase your understanding of environmental experiences to engage children in Montana's environment.</p>	<p><b>May 18</b>          10 am-2 pm          4 hours  <b>Lincoln Bldg. 215</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> Ave S</b>  <b>Lewistown, MT</b></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><b><u>Creating a Calming Environment for Early Learners</u></b> 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><b>June 4</b> 6-8 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>HRDC-7 Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children’s social &amp; emotional development</p>	<p><b><u>Supporting Social Emotional Skills Outside</u></b> Social emotional development does not just occur inside. Learn how you can support social emotional development outside too!</p>	<p><b>June 5</b> 6-8 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Rori Croft Beginning \$14</p>
<p>KB: Curriculum and Learning environment CDA: Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><b><u>Outdoor Safety for the Little Ones</u></b> 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><b>June 6</b> 6:30- 7:30 pm 1 hour <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Tammy Phelps Beginning \$7</p>
<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Advancing children’s physical and intellectual development</p>	<p><b><u>Summertime STEM</u></b> 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><b>June 11</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings Intermediate \$14</p>
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<p>KB: Teaching and Engagement CDA: Supporting children's social &amp; emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Connecting with Children and Building Relationships</u></b></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;"><b>June 17</b> 6-8 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis Beginning <b>\$14</b></p>
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