

# FAMILY CONNECTIONS TRAINING CALENDAR AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2024

## **Pyramid Model**

These training courses are set up for STARS programs to be able to access them easily at any time. With the support of your STARS coach, these training courses can create a stable classroom environment. All Pyramid Model training courses 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.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 \$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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# AUGUST 2024

<p><b>KB:</b> Professionalism <b>CDA:</b> Managing an effective program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Growing Your Program's Enrollment</b></u></p> <p>In this session we will discuss action steps to build your program's enrollment, including activities to promote increased connection within your community to generate awareness of your program unique so you can stand out from the crowd.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 5</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charrisse Jennings <b>Intermediate</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Teaching and engagement <b>CDA:</b> Supporting children's social &amp; emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Summer Conference</b></u></p> <p>ADD, ADHD, ASD-An Alphabet Soup of Abilities Supporting children of differing abilities can be challenging. Join us to gain tips and tools for providing high quality early care and education for even the most challenging behaviors. Lunch will be provided.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 10</b> 10am-3 pm 5 hours <b>Cottonwood Inn Glasgow</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Louisa Libertelli-Dunn Autism Specialist, Positive Behaviorist <b>Intermediate</b> \$35</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Teaching and engagement <b>CDA:</b> Supporting children's social &amp; emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Start the Year Off Right with the Three R's</b></u></p> <p>They used to say reading, writing, and arithmetic were the most important parts of education. Join us to learn the new three Rs to start a school year off successfully!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 14</b> 6-8 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rori Croft <b>Beginning</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Professionalism <b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>The Alphabet of Human Super Power A-Z</b></u></p> <p>Do you know what makes us human? 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;"><b>Aug 15</b> 6-9 pm 3 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy Phelps <b>Intermediate</b> \$21</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Professionalism <b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Voting with Children in Mind</b></u></p> <p>It's an election year! Are you ready to vote with the ECE field in mind? Do you know the questions to ask? The research to do? Ready to dip your toe into the public policy pool? You can do it! And we need you to — it is the stories from those with boots on the ground that can make a difference. Join us and add your voice to the cry!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 20</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deb Huestis <b>Beginning</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Teaching and engagement <b>CDA:</b> Supporting children's social &amp; emotional development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Let's Talk About Conversations</b></u></p> <p>There are many conversation opportunities throughout the day. Let's talk about the Who's, What's, Why's and When's! Children are so fun to visit with, and you never know what you will learn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aug 21</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Khristi Drabbs <b>Beginning</b> \$14</p>

<p><b>KB:</b> Observation, documentation, and assessment; Professionalism; Curriculum &amp; learning environment</p> <p><b>CDA:</b> Maintaining a commitment to professionalism; Observing &amp; recording children's behavior; Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="#">Region 6 CDA Bootcamp</a></u></p> <p>Are you working on your CDA? Khristi can help you with organizing and preparing for your CDA verification visit. Register and she will contact you to schedule individual support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hybrid, to be scheduled individually with instructor</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Khristi Drabbs <b>Beginning</b> \$35</p>
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<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum and Learning environment <b>CDA:</b> Advancing children’s physical and intellectual development</p>	<p><u><a href="#">The Use of Higher-Order Questioning in the Classroom</a></u> Learn about children’s higher-order thinking development, and how to use different levels of questions throughout the day to engage children in critical thinking skills.</p>	<p><b>Sept 17</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Charrisse Jennings <b>Advanced</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Curriculum and Learning environment <b>CDA:</b> Planning a safe and healthy learning environment</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Story Stretchers: Activities to Enhance Learning</a></u> Think outside the box — it’s not just keeping the kids busy. We will walk you through the process of being intentional in choosing activities not just for the fun factor, but by including specific activities that will foster growth in the various developmental domains. By using book extension activities for favorite children’s books, the children can have fun while playing and you can be sure that learning is also taking place.</p>	<p><b>Sept 21</b> 10-4 pm 6 hours <b>Sidney</b> <b>Richland County Extension Office</b></p>	<p>Rori Croft &amp; Khristi Drabbs <b>Beginning</b> \$42</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Observation, documentation, and assessment <b>CDA:</b> Observing and Recording children’s behavior</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Stop, look, and Learn: The Value of Observation</a></u> We all know that using observation in our planning for children’s experiences is important. But just how important is it really — and how can you make it happen on a regular basis? This training will help you identify the reasons for observing and recording and what to do with all that information.</p>	<p><b>Sept 23</b> 6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Deb Huestis <b>Beginning</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Teaching and Engagement <b>CDA:</b> Understanding the principles of child development and learning</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Focusing on the Positive: Preventing and Healing from the Effect of Toxic Stress</a></u> Learn about the ACE study and trauma informed care through the lens of positivity. Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) and resiliency build HOPE. Learn how you can help and others as well as yourself by preventing burnout.</p>	<p><b>Sept 25</b> 6-9 pm 3 hour <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Child Care Connections <b>Intermediate</b> \$14</p>
<p><b>KB:</b> Family and community partnerships <b>CDA:</b> Building productive relationships with families</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Creating Partnerships with Families and Communities</a></u> The families you serve and the community you are a part of can be an asset. Join us to investigate ways to utilize these untapped resources for the betterment of your program.</p>	<p><b>Sept 26</b> 6-8 pm 2 hours <b>Web-Based</b></p>	<p>Tammy Phelps <b>Beginning</b> \$14</p>

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