



Early Childhood Connections OST Newsletter

January/February 2007

Check out our website for more information and more detailed descriptions of these and other training opportunities. www.earlychildhoodconnections.com

***** OST Training Calendar *****					
		\$2.50/Core Module class	\$5/Certificate & Credential Module class		
Jan 9	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 13 - Creating and Maintaining Safe OST Environments	Rapid City	
Jan 16	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	OST Certificate Module 14 - Creating and Maintaining Healthy OST Environments	Rapid City	
Jan 23	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Credential Module 1 - Observing Children in OST Programs	Rapid City	
Jan 30	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Credential Module 2 - Sharing Information with Parents and Other Professionals	Rapid City	
Feb 6	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 15 - Designing Effective Indoor OST Play and Learning Environments	Rapid City	
Feb 13	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	OST Certificate Module 16 - Developing and Implementing Effective Indoor Interest Areas	Rapid City	
Feb 20	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Credential Module 3 - Commitment to Quality in OST	Rapid City	
Feb 27	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Credential Module 4 - Making Plans and Developing Policies	Rapid City	
Mar 6	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 17 - Developing and Implementing Effective OST Outdoor Environments and Interest Areas	Rapid City	
Mar 13	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 18 - Exploring Diverse Activity Formats, Planning Tools and Staff Roles	Rapid City	
Mar 24	Saturday	8 am - 4 pm	OST Certificate Module 13 - see title above OST Certificate Module 14 - see title above OST Certificate Module 15 - see title above	Kadoka	
Apr 2	Saturday	8 am - 4 pm	OST Certificate Module 16 - see title above OST Certificate Module 17 - see title above OST Certificate Module 18 - see title above	Kadoka	
Other ECC classes - see website training calendar for schedules, descriptions & costs					

These classes and other topics are available upon request in other locations throughout Western and Central South Dakota.

OST Theme Tubs

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Great States	Music of Many Cultures	Marvelous Math I & II
Weather Wonder	Simple Machine Discoveries	Microscopic Wonders
Bug Detectives	Movement Extravaganza	Measurement Mysteries
Be Money Wise	Electricity and Magnets	Sign Language
*ReCharge!	* KidzMath (K-2 or 3-6)	*KidzLit (K-3 or 3-5)
HeartPower K-2	HeartPower - Level 3-5	HeartPower - Level 6-8
Fractions: Fantastic, Fun & Friendly	Where in the World are we? (Solar System)	

OST Theme Tubs are available for School-Age Programs to check out for 2-4 weeks.
Delivery and/or pickup is available for most sites. Call Candy for more details.

*Save the
Date!*

OST Director's Retreat

March 12-14, 2007
Pierre

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Date!*

Links to Learning from NIOST

Websites To Check Out



My Wonderful World

www.mywonderfulworld.org

Geography is more than places on a map. It's global connections and incredible creatures. It's people and cultures, economics and politics. And it's essential to understanding our interconnected world.



MapMachine

<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine>

Satellite, street maps and more in our online atlas.



Xpeditions Atlas

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/>

Maps made for printing and copying.



International Education and Resource Network

<http://www.earn.org/>

iEARN is the world's largest non-profit global network that enables teachers and young people to use the Internet and other new technologies to collaborate on projects that both enhance learning and make a difference in the world.

Peace Corps

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/www/>

Teachers, home-schoolers, service-learning providers—find rich educational opportunities and cross-cultural lessons, stories, activities, videos, and much more.



Ask Asia

<http://askasia.org/>

AskAsia.org is an educational website for students and teachers covering some thirty countries that comprise Asia today, and featuring materials that stem from early civilizations to current events.



Please send websites that you utilize in your program to Candy during the next month and she'll share them in the March/April newsletter.



**“National AfterSchool Association Conference”
Phoenix, AZ * March 21-23, 2007**

Books available through our Lending Library

Title	Description
The Outrageously Big Activity, Play and Project Book	
The Self-Esteem Activities for The Elementary Grades	Enjoyable, easy-to-use experiences that help children: understand express feelings
The Snack Sneak	Logic Games, Mysteries and Quests
There's Gotta Be a Better Way: Discipline that Works!	
Time To Enrich K-6 Activity Kit	For Before & After School Programs Instruction Manual
Tools for Schools	Resource package for school-based school-age child care operated by a local provider under contract to the school or school district.
Training New After-School Staff	Welcome to the World of School-age Care!
Treasure Hunts!	Treasure and scavenger hunts to play with friends and family
Using the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in School Age Care Programs	A brief overview of the Theory of Multiple Intelligence and many activities that will help in planning and provide direction in creating new activities.
Valuing Diversity: The Primary Years	Addresses diversity and human uniqueness in teaching materials and environments.
What Do You Stand For?	A Kids' Guide to Building Character
Who Says You Can't	How to Create Quality in School-Age Care
Working For Children and Families	Safe and Smart After-School Programs
You Mean I'm Not Lazy, Stupid or Crazy?!	A book related to ADD for OST Program staff.

Program assistance, training, consultation, observations and on-going support is available for OST programs in Regions 1 & 2 (western and central counties in South Dakota) from Early Childhood Connections in Rapid City. For more information contact:



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Our Mission:

To enrich the lives of children by working with the adults who affect their lives - parents, caregivers, and educators.

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