



Early Childhood Connections

OST Newsletter

January/February 2008

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

* * * Region 1 OST Training Calendar * * *

\$5/Certificate Module class (Series may be taken for Teacher Renewal Credit - \$15/Series)

OST Certificate Series III:

Developing and Implementing Quality OST Environments - Part One

Jan 3	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 13 - Creating and Maintaining Safe OST Environments	Rapid City
Jan 9	Wednesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 14 - Creating and Maintaining Healthy OST Environments	Rapid City
Jan 17	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 15 - Designing Effective Indoor OST Play and Learning Environments	Rapid City
Jan 24	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 16 - Developing and Implementing Effective OST Indoor Interest Areas	Rapid City
Jan 31	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 17 - Developing and Implementing Effective Outdoor OST Environments and Interest Areas	Rapid City
Feb 7	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 18 - Exploring Diverse Activity Formats, Planning Tools, and Staff Roles	Rapid City

OST Certificate Series IV:

Developing and Implementing Quality OST Environments - Part Two

Feb 14	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 19 - Involving School-Age Children in Activity Planning and Implementation	Rapid City
Feb 21	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 20 - Developing Activities That Encourage Creativity and Cognitive Development	Rapid City
Feb 28	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 21 - Creating Successful Clubs in OST Programs	Rapid City
Mar 6	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 22 - Developing Activities that Support Character Development and Promote Social Interaction	Rapid City
Mar 13	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 23 - Providing Homework Support	Rapid City
Mar 20	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 24 - Helping Children with ADD Succeed in OST Programs	Rapid City

*** Region 2 - OST Training Calendar ***

OST Certificate Series I:

School-Age Growth and Development - Linking Development Needs To Programming

Jan 22	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Certificate Module 1 - Exploring the Continuum of Developmental Tasks of School-Age children from 5 to 12 - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Feb 5	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Certificate Module 2 - Exploring Four Areas of Development - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Feb 19	Tuesday	6:00-8:30 pm	Certificate Module 3 - Exploring Developmental Needs and Characteristics of Different Age Groups - Implications for Programming	Pierre

Other ECC classes - see website training calendar for schedules, descriptions & costs



OST Theme Tubs

Great States	Music of Many Cultures	Marvelous Math I & II
Weather Wonder	Simple Machine Discoveries	Microscopic Wonders
Bug Detectives (missing)	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.

IN-STATE CONFERENCES

OST Director's Retreat: Sponsored by Dept. of Social Services, the 2008 event is currently scheduled for April 10-12, 2008 in the Black Hills. Registration information will be available in early January. Contact Rosemary Hayward with questions: Rosemary.Hayward@state.sd.us

State Character Education Conference: This annual conference will be held June 17-18. Location is yet to be determined. Questions about this conference can be addressed to Karelyn Farrand, State Coordinator: karelyn.farrand@ces.sdstate.edu. Check their website for updates: <http://4h.sdstate.edu/character>

21st CCLC Conference: This third annual conference sponsored by Dept. of Education will be held at the Ramkota in Pierre on July 7-8, 2008. This event is open to all afterschool programs statewide and features great breakout sessions and keynotes. Contact Sue Burgard with questions: Sue.Burgard@state.sd.us

The National AfterSchool Association

(NAA) recently announced that the Board of Directors and staff are exploring a potential partnership with the Council on Accreditation (COA) in the context of NAA's comprehensive strategic plan as NAA moves into the "next phase in the development, growth and sustainability of the national accreditation system." The COA is an accrediting body solely dedicated to quality assurance for organizations serving children, youth and families.

The NAA Board of Directors has convened a special committee to explore a partnership with the COA. Committee members will meet with COA representatives over the next several months to determine the potential and process for an NAA/COA partnership. If a partnership does emerge, the NAA Board of Directors and Committee will work to insure that there is no interruption on the delivery of accreditation services to programs. Additionally, NAA will remain a promoter of quality standards and an advocate and entry point to accreditation through its publications, technical assistance and endorsement of the system.



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:



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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