



Early Childhood Connections OST Newsletter

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

*** Region 1 Training Calendar ***

Intro to Child Care Level I classes are designed for *entry-level* staff that are new to your childcare and have not taken classes before. Free of charge to NEW staff.

Mar 16 Apr 13	Spearfish Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	Health and Safety <i>A brief overview of SD's health and safety standards as well as a quick overview of best practices.</i>
Mar 23 Apr 20	Spearfish Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	How Children Learn <i>A blend of information and hands-on activities to help them understand how children develop and learn</i>
Mar 30 Apr 27	Spearfish Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	Guidance <i>Explore the various ways adults think about discipline and get an overview of best practices for caregivers to help children learn what the expectations are and control their own behavior.</i>
Apr 6 May 4	Spearfish Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	Learning Environments <i>Gain an awareness of how the physical environment affects how children and adults feel and act. In an attractive and well-designed environment; children are more purposefully engaged in activities.</i>

Intro to Child Care Level II classes are designed for new staff who have taken the Level I series and all other staff who are interested in the training topics. \$5/class

Apr 14	Rapid City	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Program Management/Regulations <i>A brief overview of SD's regulations and licensing standards as well as a quick overview of creating a lesson plan.</i>
Apr 21	Rapid City	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Professionalism/Communication <i>Explore ways to build relationships and communicate effectively with parents and co-workers.</i>
Apr 28	Rapid City	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Cultural Diversity <i>Gain an awareness of the value in providing an inclusive education that addresses not only cultural diversity but gender and differences in abilities</i>
May 5	Rapid City	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Inclusion <i>A brief overview of the federal legislation that addresses the needs of children with disabilities along with basic information about welcoming all children into early childhood programs.</i>

Apr 13 Apr 20 Apr 27 May 4 May 11 May 18	Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	<i>Love and Logic (Series Only)</i> Raising Responsible Kids The Love and Logic Formula "C" Stands for Control That's Shared "O" is for Ownership of the Problem "O is Also for Opportunity for Thinking "L" Stands for Let Empathy & Consequences Do the Teaching and Let's Wrap It Up and Take It Home
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Individual Topics - \$5/class				
Mar 5	Rapid City	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 24 - Helping Children with ADD Succeed in OST Programs
Mar 12	Rapid City	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Children in Foster Care What are the unique challenges facing children in foster care. Learn the roles of all of the people involved in a foster child's life. How to support a child through this challenge.
Mar 16	Rapid City	Monday	6:30-8:00 pm	Directors Network: Hiring Practices (free of charge - directors only session)
Mar 19	Rapid City	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Children of Divorce What are the effects of divorce on children? What are the behaviors one might expect and how to help a child cope with this life change. How to communicate with parents who are divorcing.
Apr 14 Apr 21	Rapid City Spearfish	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Newsletter Design
Apr 22	Rapid City	Wed	6:30-8:30 pm	Child Abuse and Neglect
Mar 2 Apr 6 May 4	Rapid City	Mondays	6:30-8:30 pm	First Aid
March 11-26-30 April 1-6-15-27 May 6-11-20	Rapid City	various	6:30-9:30 pm	CPR - Infant/Child (\$25/participant - adult CPR available upon request)
Other ECC classes - see website training calendar for schedules, descriptions & costs School-age training is available, upon request, at other sites in western and central South Dakota				

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression." - Dr. Haim Ginott

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.



CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES!

Enature www.enature.com

What's the difference between the Yellow Mud Turtle and its cousin the Common Mud Turtle? Find the answer at Enature, your online guide to more than 4,800 North American plants and animals.

How Stuff Works www.howstuffworks.com

How Stuff Works was justifiably honored with a People's Choice "Coolest Site of the Year Award" in 1998. In language we can all understand, with clear diagrams to supplement the text, this Web site explains both natural phenomena and human inventions.

Math.com www.math.com

This great site is easy to navigate, with a wealth of math-related materials and resources. Kids can access a range of mathematical tools; take advantage of the excellent test prep, study tips, or homework help; or hone their math skills with challenging puzzles, games, and one-minute interactive drills.



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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