



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

***** OST Training Calendar ***** \$2.50/Core Module class \$5/Certificate Module class				
Nov 14	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 8 - Human Relations Skill Development	Rapid City
Nov 21	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 9 - OST as a Family Service - Emphasis on Relationship Building	Rapid City
Nov 28	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	OST Core Module 7 - Health & Safety OST Core Module 8 - Children with Special Needs	Rapid City
Dec 5	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 10 - OST as a Family Service - Emphasis on Family Involvement	Rapid City
Dec 12	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 11 - Building Relationships with School Personnel	Rapid City
Dec 19	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	OST Certificate Module 12 - Growing as a Professionals in OST	Rapid City
Jan 2	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	OST Core Module 9 - Program Management & Professionalism OST Core Module 10 - Families, Communities & Schools	Rapid City
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.

Information about the South Dakota OST Credential is available on our website:
www.earlychildhoodconnections.com

Save the Date!	<h2 style="margin: 0;">OST Director's Retreat</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">March 12-14, 2007 Pierre</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Links to Learning from NIOST</p>	Save the Date!
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OST Theme Tubs

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.

*** NEW**

Websites To Check Out



The Amazing Picture Machine

www.ncrtec.org/picture.htm

While there are many search engines designed to make surfing safe for children, very few are able to filter out all inappropriate images. That's why NCREL (the North Central Region Education Library) created this massive collection of kid-safe images on topics from aircraft to architecture to animals.



Bridge

www.vins.edu/bridge

This truly amazing Web site has collected the best online resources for marine science. Materials are organized into the following categories: ocean science topics, resources, data port, elementary grades, and communications. Each section has tons of information.



FREE

www.ed.gov/free

FREE (Federal Resources for Educational Excellence) provides links to all educational resources from the federal government. Materials come from more than 50 agencies, including NASA, Departments of Energy, Agriculture, Treasury, Defense, and Labor, and the National Institute of Health.



Crayola

www.crayola.com

This jam-packed art site has something for everyone. The Kids' section has many fun and creative interactive activities. For teachers there are excellent lesson plans, techniques, product information, newsgroups, grants, and more.



Neuroscience for Kids

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/introb.html>

Education World

www.educationworld.com

NYTimes Learning Network

www.nytimes.com/learning/

Art Safari

<http://artsafari.moma.org>



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

Books available through our Lending Library

Title	Description
Sounds and Letters	Comprehensive picture guide to sounds to help develop pre-reading skills.
Summer Fun	60 summer time theme-based activities for kids ages 7-12
Summer Program Tips, Strategies & Activities	For School-Agers 5-14 Years-Old
Summer Sizzlers & Magic Mondays	School-Age Theme Activities
Take Part Art	Collaborative Art Projects: Costumes, Collages, Murals, Sculpture, Environments, and more.
The Complete Learning Center Book	32 Different Early childhood Learning Centers
The Complete School-Age Child Care Resource Kit	Practical Guidelines, Materials and Activities for implementing a quality SACC Program
The Human Side of Quality	Making the Most of Out-of -School Time
The Incredible Indoor Games Book	160 Group Projects, Games, and Activities
The Kid's Guide to Service Projects	Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make A Difference
The Kids Guide to Social Action	How to solve the social problems you choose - and turn creative thinking into positive action.
The Kid's Multicultural Art Book	Art & Craft Experiences from Around the World
The Kids Nature Book	365 indoor/outdoor Activities & experiences
The Knowhow Book of Spycraft	A book about keeping secrets...shows how to set up secret meeting places and how to disguise messages with codes and signals.
The New Games Book	60 new games for groups of two to two hundred. Includes how to referee the games and how to create tournaments.
The Outrageous Outdoor Games Book	133 Group Projects, Games, and Activities, Sun Days, Snow Shows, Air Rites, Tight Spots, Wide Open Spaces

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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