



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 OST Training Calendar *** | | | | | |
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| OST Core Modules | | \$2.50/Core Module class | \$5.00/evening | | |
| Nov 11 | Tuesday | 6:30-9:30 pm | Core Module 1: Child Growth & Development Core Module 2: Activity Planning | Rapid City | |
| Nov 18 | Tuesday | 6:30-9:30 pm | Core Module 3: Learning Environments Core Module 4: Communication & Relationships | Rapid City | |
| Nov 25 | Tuesday | 6:30-9:30 pm | Core Module 5: Behavior Management & Guidance Core Module 6: Social and Cultural Awareness | Rapid City | |
| Dec 2 | Tuesday | 6:30-9:30 pm | Core Module 7: Health & Safety Core Module 8: Children with Special Needs | Rapid City | |
| Dec 9 | Tuesday | 6:30-9:30 pm | Core Module 9: Program Mgmt & Professionalism Core Module 10: Families, Communities and Schools | Rapid City | |
| OST Certificate Series II: Building the Foundations for Human Relationships | | | | | |
| \$5/Module class (Series may be taken for Teacher Renewal Credit - \$15/Series) | | | | | |
| Oct 30 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 9- OST As a Family Service: Emphasis on Relationship Building | Rapid City | |
| Nov 6 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 10- OST As a Family Service: Emphasis on Planning Opportunities for Family Involvement | Rapid City | |
| Nov 13 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 11 - Building Relationships with School Personnel | Rapid City | |
| Nov 20 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 12 - Growing as a Professional in OST Programs | Rapid City | |

OST Certificate Series III:

Developing and Implementing Quality OST Environments - Part I

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

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| Dec 4 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 13- Creating and Maintaining Safe OST Environments | Rapid City |
| Dec 11 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 14- Creating and Maintaining Healthy OST Environments | Rapid City |
| Dec 18 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 15 - Designing Effective Indoor OST Play and Learning Environments | Rapid City |
| Jan 8 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 16 - Developing and Implementing Effective Indoor Interest Areas | Rapid City |
| Jan 15 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 17 - Developing and Implementing Effective OST Outdoor Environments and Interest Areas | Rapid City |
| Jan 22 | Thursday | 6:30-9:00 pm | Certificate Module 18 - Exploring Diverse Activity Formats, Planning Tools, and Staff Roles | Rapid City |

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

Other ECC classes - see website training calendar for schedules, descriptions & costs.
School-age training is available, upon request, at other sites in western 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 (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!

Binary Girl

This web site, "where girls and technology click," aims to "share knowledge with those interested in learning more about technology through an interactive community of women." Among the site's sections are Techie Toys, Cyber Jargon, Tech Resources, Project Pages, Binary Gear, Gadget Deals, News, and Message Boards, as well as a Job Section that offers advice about resumes and interviews and information about women in IT jobs. <http://www.binarygirl.com/>

Braincake

Whether you're looking for advice, ideas about a career, games to play or somewhere to connect with others, it can be found at the Braincake site. Members of the Braincake sisterhood have special privileges, like the chance to win scholarships, the opportunity to meet mentors, and the option to give your opinion on current topics. <http://www.braincake.org/>

Girls for Planet Earth

If you're one of those girls who can't get enough of all things nature-related, this is the site for you! Many young women have turned their ideas into amazing environmental projects, making a real difference in their communities. Now you can too. http://teensforplanetearth.org/girls_ome

Girls Go Tech

Games, career information, and resources directed toward girls. The site emphasizes the importance of math, science, and technology in every day life. <http://www.girlsgotech.org/>

New Moon Magazine

New Moon is an international, multicultural magazine which connects girls and celebrates diversity by providing a place for girls to express themselves and communicate with other girls around the world. <http://www.newmoon.org/>

Tech Team: Getting Girls into Science and Technology

Girls tend to lose interest in science and technology during middle school. Explore TECH TEAM to see what you can do to help girls realize their potential. And while you're on the site read the girls' journals, have fun with science-based games and join a discussion group! <http://www.knowitall.org/techteam/>

The Adventures of Josie True

Funded by the National Science Foundation, is a web-based adventure game for girls ages 9-11. Both technical and multicultural, the game provides true and fictional heroes and role models while teaching about science and women's history. <http://josietrue.com/>

Women of NASA

The Women of NASA resource was developed to encourage more young women to pursue careers in math, science, and technology. The Women of NASA interactive project includes a bilingual (Spanish) component and showcases outstanding women who are enjoying successful careers and demonstrates how these women balance personal and professional responsibilities. The main components of the project are the interactive events which include live chats, forums, and webcasts and offer participants the opportunity to dialogue with the featured mentor. <http://www.quest.arc.nasa.gov/women/intro.html>

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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