

Early Childhood Connections

Professional Development Catalog

January - June 2024

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



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From the Staff

First, thank you for considering Early Childhood Connections as you seek professional development opportunities. We strive to offer a variety of opportunities, each appropriate to childcare providers of varying experience in the field. Our goal is to provide high quality, affordable classes that challenge and reward participants. Our staff are always willing to answer questions about classes you may be interested in, so feel free to call us. Here is some useful information for using this professional development catalog:

Registration:

You may enroll in classes by emailing or calling Brandy Bedford at bbedford@earlychildhoodconnections.com or 605-342-6464. If you have not already taken classes with us, **you must fill out a Trainee Information form prior to registering for classes.** Forms are available by request as well as on the inside back cover of this publication. Payment for all classes is required at the time of registration. **Participants will be able to register 3 months of classes at a time.** For example, in January you will be able to register for classes being held in January, February, and March; in July you will be able to register for classes being held in July, August, and September. Updates, additions and corrections to the professional development catalog will be sent out via email and posted on Facebook. The ECC office is closed on national and local holidays, but any classes that are scheduled on holidays will be held.

Cancellation Policy:

Students who are registered for a class will be billed regardless of their attendance. In order to avoid being billed for a class you cannot attend, you must call and cancel your registration. Cancellations are taken up to the time of the class. Cancellations by voicemail are acceptable if you are not able to reach the administrative staff after 5 PM on the night of the class. Classes will be cancelled during inclement weather if school is cancelled or dismissed early in the region of the class. Classes will also be cancelled if there is a power outage at the classroom facility or at the discretion of the instructor. If you are unsure whether classes are cancelled, you can call our office and listen for a message, watch the local TV stations for closure information or check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/earlychildhoodconnections).

E - Learning Guidelines:

Students may register for online classes any time before class start. Participants are not allowed to “double-up” on a computer; each participant must log in using their own computer. E - learning classrooms will close 5 minutes after the start of the class; students not already signed in will not be allowed to enter after that time. Due to technical difficulties, it is not recommended that you use smart phones or iPads to access E - learning classes. Participants must demonstrate attendance by participating in class polls and chats, as well as submitting three learning statements to receive credit for the class. A couple of other items to note about E - Learning classes: the Council for Professional Recognition does not accept online First Aid classes and they will not count them toward CDA renewal, providers licensed through the state of South Dakota must take their CPR courses in-person.

We realize at times it is difficult to find childcare in the evenings. However, it is not appropriate to bring children to classes at Early Childhood Connections. Our learning environment is not designed to ensure the safety of children. It is also important that we are respectful of fellow students and the instructor. Please make other arrangements for your children while attending classes at Early Childhood Connections.

Thank you again for considering Early Childhood Connections for your educational experiences. We look forward to working with you.



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The Early Childhood Connections Team

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Private Trainings at Your Childcare Program

Is there a training topic that your entire staff might benefit from? Let us come to you.

Early Childhood Connections has been working to put together a “Menu” of trainings that you can select from for private training for your childcare program. These trainings are available at relatively short notice (pending instructor calendar) and can be done on-site at your program or in the ECC Classrooms.

Training topics that aren't on this list are also available. If you need a training on a topic that you don't see here, we can still provide it for you, but will need 30-45 days to fully develop the new training - so plan ahead!

Topics Already Available

- 3D Art for Young Children
- A Closer Look at Classroom Organization
- Anti-Bias Education
- ASL in Early Childhood (Parts 1 & 2)
- Beyond These Four Walls
- Book Nooks (IT, PreK, OST)
- Breathe for Change: Power of Communication
- Breathe for Change: Presence & Mindfulness
- Building Relationships with School-Agers
- Busy Little Fingers
- Child Development & Behaviors of Young Children
- Cultivating the Calm in Child Care
- DAP Workshop Series
- Discovering Resources at the Dollar Tree
- Displaying Students' Work
- Diving into Math
- Early Learner Behavior Support
- Environmental Rating Scales: A Foundation for Quality Childcare
- Family Style Dining - Who Needs the Mess?
- Fuel your Flame (OST)
- Generous Listening
- Getting Explicit About Implicit Bias
- Getting Into the Nitty-Gritty
- Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
- How Fit Works with NAA & HEPA Standards
- Immersive Art
- Infant and Toddler Art
- Interactive Songs for Infants and Toddlers
- Introduction to Social Stories
- Leading an Early Childhood Classroom
- Learning Activities for Energetic Kids
- Lunchtime Learning: Sharing Concerns with Parents
- Mindful Movement in the Garden
- Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect by Strengthening Families
- Puppets!
- Quiet Box - Classroom Management Tool
- Rethinking Sharing
- Routines & Structures for OST
- Social Emotional Learning
- Social Skills & Outdoor Play
- Summer Fun, Health & Safety
- Supervision in OST
- Supporting Children with Social Skill Deficits
- Teaching with Respect
- The Importance of Team Appreciation
- The Power of Play
- Toddler Behavior Support
- Understanding ASD
- Using Visuals to Support Challenging Behavior
- What Parents Think, Know & Need
- Yoga in the Garden

Things to consider about having a training at your location:

What equipment is already available to an instructor at your facility? ECC staff can bring their own laptop, projector, speakers, etc., but it is helpful to know what is needed ahead of time.

Is your location suitable for adult learning? Many childcare centers don't have adult-sized tables and chairs available for staff to sit in for a training. Staff will have a hard time focusing if seated in a child-sized chair.

Call for more info: 605-342-6464.

January 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 OST Book Nooks Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	9	10 Early Learner Behavior Support	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 Navigating Difficult Conversations in Early Childhood	17 Lunchtime Learning: Meaningful Parent Meetings Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	18	19	20
21	22 Building Relationships with School-Agers Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	23 Interactive Songs for Infants & Toddlers	24 Puppets!	25 Small Spaces, Big Learning	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Date
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**Location &
Instructor**

**Child's Age
& Provider
Level**

**Class Description
Pathways Category**

OST Book Nook (FREE)

January 8, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #2
Krista Caldwell

6 - 12 Years
All Levels

Social emotional literacy is vital for successful friendships and school success. In this class, you will receive high-quality books and book nooks which have hands-on activities to support school-age children.
Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 - Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

January 8, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Janet Smith

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

Early Learner Behavior Support (FREE)

January 10, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Online
Kayla
Herbener

0 - 5 Years
All Levels

We will briefly review developmental domains and stages of children ages birth-age five. Participants will learn about their own temperament styles, and how the temperaments of children contribute to challenging behaviors in the classroom. We will touch on the importance of relationship-based care and environment in relation to behavior. We will share curriculum ideas to empower children and put together some great management tools to take with you. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 - Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Navigating Difficult Conversations in Early Childhood (FREE)

January 16, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
& Online
(Hybrid)
Jessi Beedle

All Ages
Intermediate

Explore different types of confrontation and ways to mitigate conflict using many of the techniques discussed in this training. Through healthy learning communities, positive team dynamic and congruent policies and expectations, participants will be prepared to manage those difficult conversations head-on. Pathways: 13. Professionalism
CDA Category: CDA06 - Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism

Lunchtime Learning: Meaningful Parent Meetings (FREE)

January 17, 2024
Wednesday
12:00 to 1:00 PM

Online
Sunni Toczek

All Ages
All Levels

This Lunchtime Learning class explores how to adjust teacher mindset of what a successful parent meeting looks like and focus on the quality of impact a meeting makes on parents' outlook on their involvement in their child's early learning and success. Pathways: 14. Partnerships with Parents
CDA Category: CDA04 Building Productive Relationships with Families

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Date Day Time	Location & Instructor	Child's Age & Provider Level	Class Description Pathways Category
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
January 17, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Building Relationships with School-Agers (FREE) 			
January 22, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	6 - 12 Years Intermediate	Positive relationships form the foundation for children and staff in afterschool programming! Learn 10 tips for building relationships with youth that will support their social emotional development and help decrease challenging behaviors. Pathways: 9. Interpersonal Communication & Relationships CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
January 22, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Janet Smith	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Interactive Songs for Infants and Toddlers (FREE)			
January 23, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Dennise Ottenbacher	0 - 3 Years Beginner	Singing encourages children to express their emotions and improve their ability to develop language. For infants and toddlers, the development of these skills goes a long way to limit social emotional struggles in the classroom. This class will teach you several songs that are developmentally appropriate for infants and toddlers that use interactive methods to actively engage children. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Puppets! (FREE)			
January 24, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Kayla Herbener	0 - 5 Years All Levels	Puppets can provide a wide range of benefits to both children and caregivers within a classroom setting. In this class we will talk about different learning opportunities that puppets provide to children. These include teaching social skills, emotional development, confidence, music appreciation, motor skills, creativity, and much more. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Small Space, Big Learning (FREE) 			
January 25, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 & Online (Hybrid) Jessi Beedle	All Ages Beginner	Setting up a classroom that suits learning, movement and overall wellbeing for all is the focus of this class. We will review the elements of a quality childcare environment, discuss a variety of multifunction spaces and discover many great organizing techniques for DAP in early childhood. Pathways: 11. Learning Environments CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment

ECC CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Be Prepared

Be on time and come prepared to engage.

Side Conversations

Resist side conversations. It is rude to talk to your neighbor while an instructor or participant is speaking.

Participate

Ask questions; speak so everyone in the room can hear you.

Cell Phones

Leave your cell phone on vibrate or off and put away. In the event of an emergency and you must take a call – please step outside and return promptly when finished.

Feedback

We want to know how you feel. Please provide feedback on your evaluation form about how the training experience was for you.

American Red Cross CPR Training

The American Red Cross CPR program helps participants recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac and breathing emergencies. Early Childhood Connections offers two or three instructor-led, face-to-face CPR training opportunities each month. Classes are usually on Mondays or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. CPR class sizes are limited, so it is important to call ahead to get you or your staff registered.

Additionally, private sessions for your staff can be arranged if you have numerous employees that need training at the same time.

Blended Learning opportunities are also available through ECC and offer greater flexibility for class times and dates. More information on Blended Learning below.

American Red Cross CPR Certification is valid for two years.

Call Early Childhood Connections at 605-342-6464 for more information or to get registered.



Blended Learning Opportunity

Early Childhood Connections has been working with the American Red Cross to bring you a new learning opportunity for Red Cross CPR, AED and Certified First Aid Classes.

Students able to take CPR or Certified First Aid Classes online on the Red Cross website, then come to ECC and do the paper test and skills demonstration in-person. These hybrid learning opportunities will count for licensing and for CDA renewal.

For more information, call us at 605-342-6464 or email jdoyle@earlychildhoodconnections.com.

ECC Promoting Social Competence & Emotional Competence Project

The purpose of the Early Childhood Connections Promoting Social Competence & Emotional Competence Project is to support early childhood programs and families in an effort to prevent and/or limit expulsion and suspension practices in early childhood settings due to challenging behaviors. Currently, the project provides services in the Rapid City, Spearfish, Deadwood/Lead, Hot Springs, Custer and Hill City areas. Our goal is to assist programs in accessing technical assistance, coaching and training to increase the early childhood provider's ability to manage difficult behaviors, and provide families with access to mental health services.

Program Services Include:

- Technical Assistance/Coaching and Training
- Assistance with Writing Policies
- Parent Services
- Environmental Observation
- Developmental Assessment
- Kindergarten Readiness



For more information, contact Early Childhood Connections at (605) 342-6464.

Resiliency Workshops

Learn simple skills to strengthen your mental wellness, regulate your nervous system, and apply to your daily life in this fun, interactive 2 hour workshop! Free to providers, and certificates will be provided to participants.

Virtual 2 Hour workshops will be held on

-Jan 18th 6:30-8:30 CST,

-March 21st 6:30-8:30pm CST and

-May 16th 6:30-8:30pm CST



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To register, contact
your ECE Regional Coordinator at
<https://sdece.org>
or email Worthy WE at
welcome@worthywe.com
www.worthywe.com



February 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 fitCare: MOVE Developing an Outstanding Team	7 Lunchtime Learning: Feeling Faces Teaching with Respect Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	8 The Gift of Failure	9	10
11	12 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	13	14	15 The Power of Mindset	16	17
18	19 OST Supervision ECC Roundtable: Challenging Behavior President's Day	20	21 PBL: Letter Recognition	22	23	24
25	26	27 Using Books for Preschool Social Literacy & Emotional Literacy	28 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	29		

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**Class Description
Pathways Category**

fitCare: MOVE (FREE)

February 6, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #2
Krista Caldwell

All Ages
Beginner

Physical activity is essential for a healthy body. This training will help promote more activities and ideas to move many times, many ways and in many places throughout the day. Pathways: 1. Child Growth & Development
CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning

Developing an Outstanding Team (FREE)

February 6, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
& Online
(Hybrid)
Jessi Beedle

All Ages
Intermediate

This class will focus on the process of observational assessment and using this as a foundation for an engaging learning community in your center. In addition, participants will explore the connection between expectations, observations, evaluations and professional development to the retention rate and overall quality of a program. Pathways: 13. Professionalism
CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program



Pyramid Model: Lunchtime Learning: Feeling Faces (FREE)

February 7, 2024
Wednesday
12:00 to 1:00 PM

Online
Sunni Toczek

All Ages
All Levels

Participants in this class will explore visual and interactive ways to foster young children's emotional literacy and reduce challenging behaviors. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Teaching with Respect (FREE)

February 7, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Online
Kayla
Herbener

All Ages
All Levels

This class is designed to help teachers understand why respect is important in the interactions we have with all human beings, including young children who spend much of the day in our classrooms. Additionally, this class will help teachers recognize what it means to teach with respect and why an environment designed around respect is important in the classroom. Pathways: 9. Interpersonal Communication & Relationships
CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

February 7, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Greg Hilt

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

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The Gift of Failure (FREE) 			
February 8, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Online Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years Intermediate to Advanced	NEW! Come and explore the upside of failure - and there IS an upside, especially for children! Some of the gifts of failure include intrinsic motivation, autonomy, and competence. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
February 12, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Janet Smith	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Breathe for Change: The Power of Mindset (FREE) 			
February 15, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Jessi Beedle	All Ages Beginner	Have you ever considered how a teacher's mindset can support or hinder the learning process? In this training teachers will consider their own mindset, reflect on the effects of mindset on the learning in the classroom and practice strategies used in resetting a mindset. This series has been designed using the Breathe for Change Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. This includes practices for a teacher to experience for themselves and instruction on how to bring these practice to life for the children in the classroom. Pathways: 13. Professionalism CDA Category: CDA06 – Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism
Supervision of Children in OST (FREE) 			
February 19, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	6 - 12 Years Intermediate	This class will discuss specific supervision skills and provide resources for educators to promote children's safety within after-school programs. Pathways: 6. Program Safety CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
ECC Round Table: Challenging Behavior (FREE)			
February 19, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Carole Foster	All Ages Advanced	NEW! This 2-hour discussion will address the challenging behaviors that have you stumped. Come to class ready to discuss the issues you've been having with children and to help others come up with new strategies to try. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Play-Based Learning: Letter Recognition (FREE)			
February 21, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Kayla Herbener	3 - 5 Years All Levels	In today's education system, it is an unspoken expectation that children will be able to identify certain letters and letter sounds before even stepping foot into kindergarten. But this shouldn't mean that worksheets need to replace play in early childhood education. Play-based learning is identified as being developmentally appropriate for young children. We will learn how to teach letter recognition with a play-based learning approach. Come enjoy hands-on activities and projects that you can use to introduce and practice this important early literacy skill. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Using Books for Preschool Social Literacy & Emotional Literacy (FREE)			
February 27, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Dennise Ottenbacher	3 - 5 Years Intermediate	Social emotional literacy is vital for successful friendships and school readiness. In this class, you will receive high-quality books and book nooks which have hands-on activities to support preschool social and emotional skill building. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavioral Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
February 28, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

Program Staff 2024 Training Hour Tracker



		Staff Name									
Training Name	Hours Completed:										
Total Hours											

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
COMING JUNE 2023

Series includes:

- OST Entry Level
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Are you a childcare director or administrator?

ON-DEMAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SERIES INCLUDED:

- ✓ MANAGEMENT FUNDAMENTALS
- ✓ LEADERSHIP QUALITY PRACTICES
- ✓ PRESCHOOL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL WELLNESS AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS
- ✓ EARLY LEARNING GUIDELINES
- ✓ LESSON PLANNING

TRAINING AT YOUR OWN PACE!
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION ISSUED AFTER EACH SERIES.

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Do you support preschoolers?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Series certificates issued after completion with a Preschool Training Certificate issued after completing all 5 series.

Series included:

- Preschool Entry Level
- Preschool Quality Practice
- Preschool Foundations of Social Wellness and Emotional Wellness
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Ins & Outs of Lesson Planning

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Professional Development

Infant and Toddler Training Certificate

Series included:

- Infant/Toddler Entry Level
- Infant/Toddler Quality Practice
- Infant and Toddler Foundations of Social Wellness and Emotional Wellness
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Ins & Outs of Lesson Planning

ON-DEMAND! AT YOUR OWN PACE!
Series certificates issued after completion with an Infant and Toddler Training Certificate issued after completing all 5 series.

For more information contact your local ECE office or visit <https://sdece.org/>

Coming June 2023




ARE YOU A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER?

ON-DEMAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ECE OFFICE OR VISIT [HTTPS://SDECE.ORG/](https://sdece.org/)

ON-DEMAND! AT YOUR OWN PACE!
SERIES CERTIFICATES ISSUED AFTER COMPLETION WITH A FAMILY CHILDCARE CERTIFICATE ISSUED AFTER COMPLETING ALL 5 SERIES.

Series includes:

- Family Child Care Entry Level
- Family Child Care Quality Practice
- Infant and Toddler Foundations of Social Wellness and Emotional Wellness
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Ins & Outs of Lesson Planning

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March 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 ECC Roundtable: Challenging Behavior Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	5	6 Pyramid Model: You've Gotta Have Friends	7	8	9
10	11 Using Books for Infant & Toddler Social Literacy & Emotional Literacy	12 Leading Active Games with School-Agers	13 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	14 Rethinking Sharing	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	19	20 Lunchtime Learning: Sharing Concerns with Parents PBL: Rhyme Time	21	22	23
24	25 Getting Explicit About Implicit Bias	26 fitCare: MOOD	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						

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Pathways Category**

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

March 4, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Janet Smith

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

ECC Round Table: Challenging Behavior (FREE)

March 4, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Online
Carole Foster

All Ages
Advanced

NEW! This 2-hour discussion will address the challenging behaviors that have you stumped. Come to class ready to discuss the issues you've been having with children and to help others come up with new strategies to try. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development



Pyramid Model: Teaching Social Skills & Emotional Skills: You've Gotta Have Friends! (FREE)

March 6, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Online
Kayla
Herbener

3 - 5 Years
Beginner

You've got to have friends! In this class we will talk about the importance of friendship skills and problem solving. Children need to be taught how to make and keep friends, calm themselves down when problems arise, and use problem solving strategies to work out differences. You will have a chance to collect ideas to plan lessons and activities to help children in their care learn these valuable skills. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Using Books for Infant & Toddler Social Literacy & Emotional Literacy (FREE)

March 11, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Dennise
Ottenbacher

0 - 3 Years
Intermediate

Infants and toddlers have lots of big feelings! In this class, you will receive high-quality books and book nooks which have hands-on activities to support infant and toddler social skill and emotional skill building. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Leading Active Games with School-Agers (FREE)

March 12, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Krista Caldwell

6 - 12 Years
Intermediate

Training for educators of school-age children on how to lead active games effectively, what all goes into planning age-appropriate activities and the added benefits of active games. This class follows NAA Hepa Standards and the developmental needs of school-age children. Pathways: 1. Child Growth & Development
CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning

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Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
March 13, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Rethinking Sharing (FREE) 			
March 14, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years All Levels	This class will consider the complexities of sharing and explore how to help children navigate the tension that is a natural part of learning to share. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
March 18, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Janet Smith	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Lunchtime Learning: Sharing Concerns with Parents (FREE) 			
March 20, 2024 Wednesday 12:00 to 1:00 PM	Online Sunni Toczek	All Ages All Levels	As early childhood professionals, we have a responsibility to effectively express any concerns to parents and guide them in seeking outside help for their child, should they choose to. Join this Lunchtime Learning class to discuss effective ways to approach this subject with parents that are non-threatening and non-invasive. Pathways: 14. Partnerships with Parents CDA Category: CDA06 – Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism
Play-Based Learning: Rhyme Time (FREE)			
March 20, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Kayla Herbener	0 - 5 Years All Levels	Did you know that children who can identify and recite rhyming words before entering kindergarten often have an easier time learning how to read and write? In this class, we will learn the importance of teaching this early literacy skill. Participants will learn how to teach children about rhyming words using a play-based approach. Come enjoy hands-on activities, games and lessons that you can use to introduce and practice this important early literacy skill. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
 Pyramid Model: Getting Explicit About Implicit Bias (FREE)			
March 25, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Sunni Toczek	All Ages Advanced	Implicit biases are unconscious beliefs that come out and cause you to act in a particular way. We all have implicit biases, yet we don't often know what to do with them, including how to acknowledge, examine, respond, and change them. This class will look into implicit bias in early childhood education settings and how it contributes to the suspension and expulsion of young children, lack of access to high-quality early childhood education, and the continuation of the "opportunity gap." Pathways: 15. Inclusion of All Children CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program
fitCare: MOOD (FREE) 			
March 26, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	All Ages Beginner	Feelings and emotions put you in a mood. Your mood influences your choices and it changes throughout the day. This class will introduce strategies to navigate the mood changes children and adults experience throughout the day and concepts that can be applied to help everyone become more resilient. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

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What is this symbol next to some of the classes???

Early Childhood Connections staff are big believers in the success of the Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Competence & Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children (Pyramid Model). We will be offering classes with content directly from, related to, or integrable to the Pyramid Model. We are strongly encouraging childcare providers to adopt the Pyramid Model into their programs.

Before taking classes about the Pyramid Model, it is helpful to have a basic understanding of the Pyramid Model framework. Information about the Pyramid Model can be found on our website, linked directly from our home page at www.earlychildhoodconnections.com.

What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a conceptual framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children’s healthy social development and emotional development developed by the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL).

The Pyramid Model provides guidance for early childhood educators, special education personnel, and families.



Tiers of the Pyramid Model

The Pyramid Model builds upon a tiered public health approach to providing universal supports to all children to promote wellness, targeted services to those who need more support, and intensive services to those who need them.

- **Tier 3: Tertiary Intervention**
Individualized and intense
- **Tier 2: Secondary Prevention**
Targeted to children at risk
- **Tier 1: Universal Promotion**
Building relationships with all children
- **Foundation: Effective Workforce**
Systems & policies to adopt these practices

Research on the Pyramid Model shows...

...children have better social skills and less problem behavior in Pyramid Model classrooms.

...Teachers are able to implement Pyramid Model practices better if they receive training and practice-based coaching.

**ECC staff would love to talk to you about integrating the Pyramid Model into your program!
Call us at 605-342-6464 to get started.**



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- Play-Based Spaces (2 Hours)
- Reflective Play Practices (2 Hours)
- Routines and Transitions (2 Hours)
- Self-Care for Stress Management (1 Hour)
- Temperament (1 Hour)
- The Biting Solution (2 Hours)
- Understanding Children's Behaviors (2 Hours)

If there are other topics that you may be interested in studying, please reach out to the ECC Staff!



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April 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Pyramid Model: Teaching Emotional Literacy Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	4 Creating Connections with Families	5	6
7	8	9 Encouraging a Sense of Self in OST	10 Lunchtime Learning: Self Care for Care Givers PBL: Mathematical Concepts	11 Goal Setting: Strengthening Engagement & Potential	12	13
14	15 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 fitCare: FOOD Infant & Toddler Art	24 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	25 Pyramid Model: Responding to Challenging Behavior	26	27
28	29	30				

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Pyramid Model: Teaching Emotional Literacy (FREE)

April 3, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Online
Kayla
Herbener

All Ages
All Levels

Emotional literacy is the foundation to teaching self-regulation, empathy, and many other social and emotional skills. Children must learn to identify, understand and respond to the emotions in oneself and others. In class, we will define emotional literacy, gain a deeper understanding of why these skills are important, as well as strategies to use when implementing emotional literacy into the classrooms, homes, and day to day lives of the children in our care. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

April 3, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Greg Hilt

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

Pyramid Model: Creating Connections with Families (FREE)

April 4, 2024
Thursday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Sunni Toczek

3 - 5 Years
All Levels

Approaching families with a strength-based mindset is key to building strong partnerships. Adopting a strength-based approach means that we recognize that families are their child's first and most important teachers. Remaining open to learning about family preferences and respecting differences helps families feel appreciated and welcome. We will be sharing ways to include families as partners and share in decision making, all of which can build upon the strength that families bring into early childhood environments and the development of caring classroom communities.
Pathways: 14. Partnerships with Parents
CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program

Encouraging a Sense of Self in OST (FREE)

April 9, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Krista Caldwell

6 - 12 Years
Beginner to
Intermediate

This class explores the different social skills that school-agers need to develop and provides educators with activities and strategies to aid in the development of each skill set. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

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April 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Date Day Time	Location & Instructor	Child's Age & Provider Level	Class Description Pathways Category
Lunchtime Learning: Self-Care for Care Givers (FREE) 			
April 10, 2024 Wednesday 12:00 to 1:00 PM	Online Sunni Toczek	All Ages All Levels	Being an early childhood educator is a very rewarding, yet stressful job. Sometimes caregivers forget to look after their own wellbeing. This class will explore different self-care activities for early childhood caregivers that will help maintain a healthy, happy classroom environment for everyone. Pathways: 13. Professionalism CDA Category: CDA06 – Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism
Play-Based Learning: Mathematical Concepts (FREE)			
April 10, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Kayla Herbener	3 - 12 Years All Levels	Kindergarten readiness is main focus for all early childhood educators. But that doesn't mean we need to replace engaging play activities with worksheets! In this class, we will learn how to teach mathematical concepts such as number recognition, counting, identifying shapes, comparing objects, sorting quantities, and more using a play-based learning approach. Come enjoy hands-on activities, projects, games and lessons that you can use to introduce and practice these important early mathematical concepts. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Goal Setting: Strengthening Engagement & Potential (FREE) 			
April 11, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years All Levels	The simple act of setting a daily goal can have a powerful, residual effect for both children and adults. Learn how goal setting can build children's self-esteem and resilience. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
April 15, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Janet Smith	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
fitCare FOOD (FREE) 			
April 23, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	All Ages Beginner	Food is fuel and being aware of nutritious choices and how to try new foods empowers kids to fuel their bodies and brains. This class will explore different strategies to try with children to prevent picky eating and help introduce children to why eating healthy will benefit them long term. Pathways: 1. Child Growth & Development CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning
Infant & Toddler Art (FREE)			
April 23, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Dennise Ottenbacher	0 - 3 Years All Levels	So much can be learned through the process of art. In this class, we will be focusing on how to create that learning experience for infants and toddlers. Full of tips and tricks to limited frustrations for the teachers and create beautiful child directed project results. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
April 24, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Responding to Challenging Behavior (FREE)			
April 25, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years Intermediate to Advanced	NEW! This class examines essential practices when responding to challenging behavior. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

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May 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pyramid Model: Teaching Self-Regulation Skills	2 Providers as Community Resource & Referral Agents	3	4
5	6 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	7 Pyramid Model: De-escalating Behavior	8 OST Summer Fun, Health & Safety	9	10	11
12	13	14 Creating Connections with Colleagues Early Learner Behavior Support	15 PBL: Dramatic Play Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	16 ASL for Early Childhood 1.1 Pyramid Model: Building Bonds Between Buddies	17	18
19	20 fitCare: RECHARGE Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	21	22 Quiet Box Classroom Management Tool	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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Pyramid Model: Teaching Self-Regulation Skills (FREE)

May 1, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Online
Kayla
Herbener

3 - 5 Years
All Levels

We will be focusing on how to teach children how to manage their emotions. Identifying, understanding, and calming strong emotions are all skills that children need to have in order to self-regulate and manage their own behaviors. We will be taking a look at ways to explicitly teach these skills, and activities to promote self regulation. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development



Pyramid Model: Providers as Community Resource & Referral Agents (FREE)

May 2, 2024
Thursday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Sunni Toczek

All Ages
Advanced

If a parent approached you and asked where to go for financial assistance, shelter, food, medical attention, etc. would you be able to point them in the right direction? We will talk about what is available in the Rapid City, Black Hills, and West River South Dakota areas to help families who have needs that the child care center cannot meet. Strategies for providers in implementing new policies or procedures surrounding families at-risk or in need will be discussed. Pathways: 9. Interpersonal Communication & Relationships
CDA Category: CDA06 – Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

May 6, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Janet Smith

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR



Pyramid Model: De-Escalating Behavior (FREE)

May 7, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Carole Foster

3 - 5 Years
Advanced

NEW! This class will examine the stages of the “Escalation Cycle.” Then participants will analyze adult behaviors that can either escalate or de-escalate dangerous behavior. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management
CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

OST Summer Fun, Health & Safety (FREE)

May 8, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Krista Caldwell

6 - 12 Years
Beginner to
Intermediate

This class demonstrates safety precautions to be aware of during the summer months, strategies and information to have on hand and ideas for active games for school-age children. Pathways: 6. Program Safety
CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment

Early Learner Behavior Support (FREE)




May 14, 2024
Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Dennise
Ottenbacher

0 - 5 Years
Beginner

Calm in childcare seems like a contradiction. In this class, you will explore ways to cultivate a space of calm in your working with children. Being intentional about the use of time, environment and attitude to cultivate a space for enjoyable learning and engagement with children. Pathways: 11. Learning Environments
CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment

May 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Date Day Time	Location & Instructor	Child's Age & Provider Level	Class Description Pathways Category
Pyramid Model: Creating Connections with Colleagues (FREE) 			
May 14, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Sunni Toczek	All Ages All Levels	The adults in the classroom set the tone for the classroom community. Teams should strive to build personal and positive relationships amongst members and model nurturing and responsive relationships for children. We will discuss ways to build relationships with colleagues and recognize the importance of collaborative planning for enhancing team communication. Pathways: 9. Interpersonal Communication & Relationships CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program
Play-Based Learning: Dramatic Play (FREE)			
May 15, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #2 Kayla Herbener	0 - 3 Years All Levels	Come learn what dramatic play is, and why it is so important for development of the young children in their care. We will discuss how dramatic play can be used to develop different skills that are included in the Early Learning Guidelines, brainstorm ideas to incorporate into the classroom and how to write these ideas into their lesson plans. Pathways: 1. Child Growth & Development CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
May 15, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
ASL for Early Childhood 1.1 (FREE)			
May 16, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Jessi Beedle	All Ages Beginner	American Sign Language use in an early learning environment can support cognitive, motor and, of course, language development. In this class we will establish some easy ways to include ASL into your everyday with children, even if you have never taken a signing class. When exposing children to a new language it is also important to understand a bit of the language nuances and culture. This class will also touch on some experience that can teach kids about deafness. Pathways: 10. Cultural Diversity CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning
Pyramid Model: Building Bonds Between Buddies (FREE) 			
May 16, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Online Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years All Levels	NEW! Children with challenging behavior are 4.4x more likely to respond to a friend's request to act differently - as opposed to the teacher's request! This class will give you ideas and strategies to build and use the buddy system as a way to decrease challenging behavior. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
fitCare: RECHARGE (FREE) 			
May 20, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	All Ages Beginner	Your energy level influences your choices. This class introduces ways for you to help children RECHARGE by finding healthy screen-free ways to relax and by getting the sleep our bodies need. Pathways: 11. Learning Environments CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
May 20, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Janet Smith	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR
Quiet Box Classroom Management Tool (FREE)			
May 22, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Jessi Beedle	All Ages Beginner	If you work with toddlers to school age, there is a time in every day that there is a lot of shushing and redirecting. In this training we will cover a variety of ways to use a Quiet Box system to support quiet independent exploration and ways to customize your own quiet box. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

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June 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 The Power of Mindset	4	5 Good Grief: Teaching Young Children About Loss Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	6 Pyramid Model: The Return of Tucker Turtle Make & Take	7	8
9	10 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	11 Building Relationships with School-Agers	12 The Art of Interactive Reading	13 Maintaining Strong Family Ties Throughout the Year	14	15
16	17 ASL for Early Childhood 1.2	18 Supporting Children on the Autism Spectrum	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24	25 Teaching Problem Solving Skills On the Spot Activities	26 Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED	27	28	29
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Pathways Category**

Breathe for Change: The Power of Mindset (FREE)

June 3, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Online
Jessi Beedle

All Ages
Beginner

Have you ever considered how a teacher's mindset can support or hinder the learning process? In this training teachers will consider their own mindset, reflect on the effects of mindset on the learning in the classroom and practice strategies used in resetting a mindset. This series has been designed using the Breathe for Change Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. This includes practices for a teacher to experience for themselves and instruction on how to bring these practice to life for the children in the classroom.

Pathways: 13. Professionalism

CDA Category: CDA06 – Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism

Good Grief: Teaching Young Children About Loss (FREE)

June 5, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Online
Sunni Toczek

All Ages
All Levels

Grief and loss are unfortunate realities that everyone deals with at some time during their lives. Young children do not fully understand the finality of losing a loved one. This class will provide strategies to discuss grief and loss with children in ways that are culturally and developmentally appropriate and responsive to both the child and the family.

Pathways: 14. Partnerships with Parents

CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

June 5, 2024
Wednesday
6:30 to 9:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Greg Hilt

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification.

Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR



Pyramid Model: The Return of Tucker Turtle Make-and-Take (FREE)

June 6, 2024
Thursday
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Carole Foster

3 - 5 Years
All Levels

NEW! Tucker Turtle is a classic strategy that works! For teachers who have used Tucker Turtle in their classrooms AND for those who haven't, come and see the updated resources - videos, social stories, songs, and more!

Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management

CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)

June 10, 2024
Monday
6:30 to 9:30 PM




Rapid City ECC
Classroom #1
Janet Smith

All Ages
All Levels

This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification.

Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

June 2024 Professional Development Opportunities

Date Day Time	Location & Instructor	Child's Age & Provider Level	Class Description Pathways Category
Building Relationships with School-Agers (FREE)			
June 11, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Krista Caldwell	6 - 12 Years Intermediate	Positive relationships form the foundation for children and staff in afterschool programming! Learn 10 tips for building relationships with youth that will support their social emotional development and help decrease challenging behaviors. Pathways: 9. Interpersonal Communication & Relationships CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
The Art of Interactive Reading (FREE) 			
June 12, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Online Kayla Herbener	All Ages All Levels	It's no secret that young children LOVE to listen to stories read aloud. But did you know that by engaging children in books read aloud, you are developing language skills, literacy skills, social & emotional intelligence while also stimulating imagination, creativity and an overall better understanding of the world around them? Come learn the importance of consistently reading aloud to children, and be given tools and resources to help them practice the art of interactive reading. Pathways: 12. Age Appropriate Planning CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Maintaining Strong Family Ties Throughout the Year (FREE)			
June 13, 2024 Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Sunni Toczek	All Ages Advanced	Effective family engagement does not happen overnight. It is the result of continued relationship-building and collaboration over the course of a family's time with you and your program. In this advanced class, content and discussion will include growing & sustaining these parent/provider relationships over time as well as strategies providers can use to engage parents in deeper, more meaningful and collaborative ways. Pathways: 14. Partnerships with Parents CDA Category: CDA05 – Managing an Effective Program
ASL for Early Childhood 1.2 (FREE)			
June 17, 2024 Monday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Jessi Beedle	All Ages Beginner	Learning American Sign language and implementing it into your early childhood classroom takes practice. In this training participants will practice the language they gained in the first ASL for EC. Participants should have completed ASL for EC in the past 2 years through ECC. Pathways: 10. Cultural Diversity CDA Category: CDA08 – Principles of Child Development & Learning
Supporting Children on the Autism Spectrum (FREE) 			
June 18, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Online Carole Foster	3 - 5 Years All Levels	Come & learn basic information about ASD, including the signs, symptoms and diagnostic criteria. We will also examine strategies that have been proven to be effective with supporting children on the Autism Spectrum. Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
On the Spot Activities (FREE) 			
June 25, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM	Online Krista Caldwell	6 - 12 Years Beginner	Learn activity ideas to do with youth during unexpected or “trying” transition times. Class will also include group dividers and attention getter ideas. Little to no supplies needed! Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA01 – Planning a Safe & Healthy Learning Environment
Teaching Problem Solving Skills Make-and-Take (FREE)			
June 25, 2024 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #2 Kayla Herbener	3 - 12 Years All Levels	In this class, we will be learning about the Pyramid Model's Problem Solving Toolkit. This is a great way to introduce problem solving to young children, and encouraging them to start finding solutions as issues arise. Participants will have the opportunity to print, laminate, and assemble their own “Problem Solving Solutions Toolkit.” Pathways: 3. Guidance & Behavior Management CDA Category: CDA03 – Supporting Social & Emotional Development
Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED (\$35)			
June 26, 2024 Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Rapid City ECC Classroom #1 Greg Hilt	All Ages All Levels	This introductory course includes First Responders information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. Certificates are good for two years. Pathways: CPR

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- You need someone to bounce ideas off of
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- You first start taking rapid, shallow breaths!

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- Childcare Center
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 - Seasonal

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- Less than 10 Hours
 - 10-20 Hours
 - 20-30 Hours
 - 30-40 Hours
 - 40 Hours

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 - Lead Teacher
 - Teacher/Director
 - Director
 - Administration
 - Support Staff (Cook, Driver, etc)
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 - Home Visitor
 - Other: _____

- Age of Children You Work with:** (Choose All That Apply)
- 0-1 Years
 - 1-2 Years
 - 2-3 Years
 - 3-4 Years
 - 4-5 Years
 - 5-6 Years
 - 6-13 Years

I, _____, give permission to Early Childhood Connections to release information regarding my student records upon request to employees of the SD Department of Social Services, Division of Child Care operating in their official capacity and to my program director of record (if any).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this form to Brandy at bbedford@earlychildhoodconnections.com or fax to 605-394-0153.



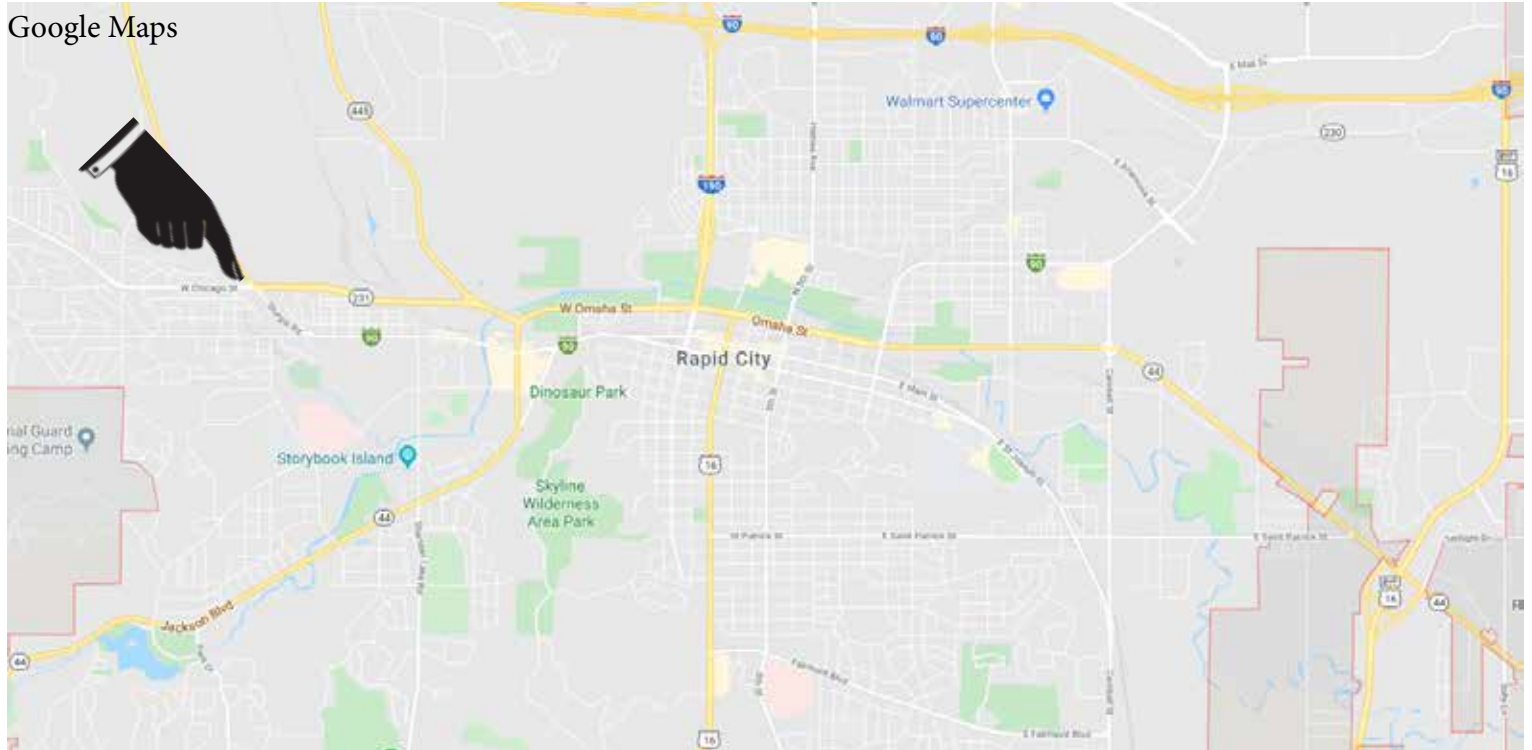
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