



A Spring Event:
Laugh and Play at Family Day
Saturday, April 12th
11 am until 2pm
Baxter Meadows (Co-Sponsor)

Join us for a fun family day full of outdoor activities: Climbing Wall, Face Painting, Bouncers, Sidewalk Chalk, Kite Flying, Music and a Family Barbeque Lunch.

Kites will be given away to the first 100 kids attending the event.

The event is free – Donations only.

We are seeking business sponsors for the event. If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact Jane or Stacy at Child Care Connections.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Amanda Ferrat to Child Care Connections. She is our new Provider Services Specialist. Amanda got her bachelor's degree in Family Science from Montana State University and worked in various child care settings in Bozeman before moving out east to New Jersey, then Philadelphia. While out east, Amanda worked as a nanny for several years and then began working with special needs children in the behavioral health field. Amanda recently moved back home to Montana and we are delighted to have her joining us at Child Care Connections. She will be conducting CACFP monitoring visits, facilitating training and working with the referral database.



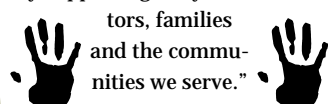
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Office Hours 8 am to 5 pm
 Monday–Thursday,
 8 am to 4 pm Friday.

Child Care Connections Mission Statement

"Promoting quality child care by supporting early care educators, families and the communities we serve."



Notary Service

Joanie Slaybaugh is now approved for certification as a Notary Public.

Please schedule an appointment at CCC whenever you need something notarized.

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Upcoming Trainings

Please see the training calendar for descriptions of these trainings. Call the office if you would like to have one sent to you. Registration and Pre-Payment is required for all trainings.

DATE	TIME	TITLE	FEE	HOURS
3-04-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Steps to Respect - Anti Bullying	\$10.00	2
3-06-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Get it Together Grant Writing Session	\$10.00	2
3-15-08	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	New Provider Orientation	Free	
3-18-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Taking a Bite Out of Crime LOCATION: Livingston Courthouse, Community Room	\$10.00	2
3-19-08	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Adult, Infant, & Child CPR - PAY AT THE DOOR	\$55.00	Required
3-20-08	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	First Aid - PAY AT THE DOOR	\$55.00	Required
3-25-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Being Part of the Team: Bob Ballard, Family Outreach	\$10.00	2
3-27-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Regulation Re-Check: Kirsten Anderson-Geiger	\$10.00	2
3-29-08 ADDED!	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Taking a Look at Montessori Concepts, Nancy McNabb & Others Location: Middle Creek Montessori	\$20.00	5
4-01-08 - 5-13-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Conscious discipline Series: Davey Haglund CEU's and possible college credits to be attached.	\$60.00 \$22.95	15
4-3-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Circle Time Fun	\$10.00	2
4-05-08	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Gardening With Children	\$20.00	5
4-10-08	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	The Color Code LOCATION: MacKenzie River Pizza C. Conference Room, BELGRADE	\$10.00	2
4-18-08 - 4-20-08	Varied	Montana Child Care Association Annual Conference, BOZEMAN	TBA	TBA
4-26-08	11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Successfully Accommodating Children With Food Allergies LOCATION: MacKenzie River Pizza C. Conference room, BELGRADE	\$10.00	2



ALL trainings listed above will be held at the Child Care Connections office (unless otherwise noted). Child Care Connections is located at 317 E. Mendenhall, Suite C. We are on the corner of Rouse and Mendenhall near the old library and behind the Bozeman Hotel. Please call CCC to REGISTER for trainings.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To Denay Flansaas – Williams and her staff at Heartstrings Child Care in Bozeman for recently earning national accreditation through the National Association of Family Child Care. Accreditation is in recognition of attaining the highest standards of quality for the child care profession. The accreditation process rated the facility in the following areas: Relationships, Environment, Development, Learning Activities, Safety and Health, Professionalism, and Business Practices.

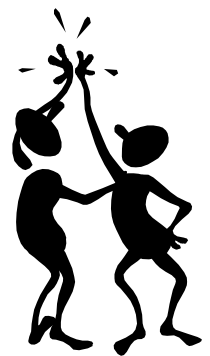
Congratulations to the 2007 Fourth Quarter MINI and MINT grant recipients:

Shauna Gaona / Shining Stars: MINI & MINT

Little Partners: MINI

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Child Care Connection's Provider Development Committee continues to make progress toward effectively supporting and promoting Early Childhood Professionals in our community. If you have any ideas, thoughts, suggestions, or just want to hear what the group has to say... please join us. The next Provider Development Committee meeting is **Wednesday February 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Child Care Connections.** ALL PROVIDERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. No registration required.

MISSED THE MONTESSORI TRAINING BUT STILL WANT TO ATTEND? Because of the high demand for this training, Nancy McNabb and her team and Middle Creek Montessori are offering the training again. If you are interested in attending, please call or mail in your registration to Child Care Connections today! The training date is Saturday March 29th, 2008 at Middle Creek Montessori School. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00.



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Family Services

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Lisa Curry:

Family Services

Coordinator

Cases L-Z

Kami Doney:

Cases A-K

Joanie Slaybaugh:

Provider/LUP

Referral Updates

Please be diligent about informing CCC about your current status - both for child care openings and when you have filled those openings. Call or leave a message for Amanda .



From the Assistance Office



We would like to offer a farewell to **Megan McIntyre**, Family Services Coordinator/LUP Specialist. Megan has accepted a new position as the Group Reservations Coordinator for *Off the Beaten Path* here in Bozeman, MT. We would like to sincerely thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to our agency. Megan has been a tremendous support for all of us at Child Care Connections. We wish her the best of luck with her new career.

Joanie Slaybaugh, Provider Services Coordinator, will now be managing the LUP cases. She is looking forward to her new role and will be a great addition to the family services team. Joanie will also continue with her role as the Provider Services Coordinator.



From the Safety Office



Speeding Drivers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) considers a crash to be speeding-related if the driver was charged with a speeding-related offense or if an officer indicated that racing, driving too fast for conditions, or exceeding the posted speed limit was a contributing factor in the crash.

Speeding is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated by NHTSA to be \$40.4 billion per year. In 2005, speeding was a contributing factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes, and 13,113 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.

For drivers involved in fatal crashes,

young males are the most likely to be speeding. With increase in driver age, the proportion of all crashes that are speeding-related decreases. In 2005, 38 percent of the 15- to 20-year old male drivers who were involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash.

In 2005, 86 percent of speeding-related fatalities occurred on roads that were not Interstate highways.

Alcohol and speeding are clearly a deadly combination. Speeding involvement is prevalent *85178* for drivers involved in alcohol-related crashes. In 2005, 40 percent of the drivers with BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher who were involved in fatal crashes were speeding, compared



with only 14 percent of the drivers with BAC levels of .00 (i.e., no alcohol) involved in fatal crashes.

(Source: NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts, 2005 Data)

For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov

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Please visit the Early Childhood Project website at www.montana.edu/ecp

Look for the hidden provider number and call CCC to claim your prize!

Beverages For Children

Children can learn to drink healthy beverages such as milk, 100% juice and water in child care. Children should drink milk at meals (breakfast, lunch and supper). Juice may be offered occasionally at breakfast or snack. Offering water on a regular basis can help young children learn to enjoy drinking water. Here is some general information on how much milk, water and juice children should be drinking.

Milk

- For toddlers and pre-schoolers milk intake should not exceed 24 ounces per day. Three 6-8 ounce servings of milk per day is appropriate. Children who drink more than 24 ounces of milk per day have less room for other foods which supply important nutri-

- ents to their growing bodies.
- Milk provides calcium, vitamin D, and protein.
- Drinking too much milk can cause anemia.

Water

- Offering water rather than juice or other beverages between meals when children are thirsty may improve appetite for meals.
- Offer water as the beverage at snack when serving two components (fruit and yogurt, cheese and crackers, veggies and cottage cheese dip).

Juice

- For children 1-6 years of age, juice should be limited to 4-6 ounces per day.
- Juice provides vitamin C.

- Only 100% juice rather than "fruit drinks" or "ades" should be offered to toddlers and children.
- Because juice tastes good and it's easily packaged, toddlers



Other Beverages

Sugared beverages such as Kool-Aid, Hi-C, soda and fruit drinks contain few nutrients as well as large amounts of sugar. Children do not need these beverages.

- and young children often drink too much juice. This leaves less room for other nutrient-rich foods.
- Offer whole fruits instead of fruit juice most of the time.

From Providers Voice, Feb/Mar 08