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Didn't see what you were looking for? Watch for our annual provider services survey (mailed late spring and distributed at the Soup Conference, April 17th) and respond with feedback, suggestions, and ideas that you would like to see in the next calendar. There will also be a feedback session at the Soup Conference (April 17th) where you can offer your feedback in person. Don't want to wait? Call CCC today and offer us your feedback. We would love to include your ideas in the next calendar or put together a training to meet your needs. Maybe you might even want to consider teaming up as a guest speaker in an upcoming training. Call our Provider Services office today if interested!

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Don't forget to visit our blog to see what's going on in Provider Services, updated training information, or just stop by to say hello!

• PROVIDER SERVICES BLOG •



APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR



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• TRAINING DESCRIPTIONS •

Little Hands Get Ready for School (April 6, 2010) - Presented by Mary Cater MS, OTR/L, a Pediatric Occupational Therapist and certified “Handwriting Without Tears” pre-k specialist. Preschoolers need to develop strong fine motor skills to be ready for school. Learn about fun age appropriate fine motor activities for your children that will be “right on” their developmental level and will help them be ready for preschool and kindergarten. *Make and take home* one or two activities that help develop fine motor skills, spatial/body awareness, letter, number awareness and drawing skills. Registration fee includes supplies.

Children’s Soup for the Provider’s Soul Annual Conference. “Singing Your Way Through the Day” (April 17, 2010) - with national Early Childhood Presenter Julie Austin. Children’s performer Julie Austin delights audiences across the states with her popular songs and early childhood workshops. In her presentations, she encourages her audience to sing, move, and dance throughout the day. Julie also uses sign mime (a combination of sign language and gestures) which gets everyone involved. Julie holds a Bachelor of Science in Musical Performance and a Master’s Degree in Teaching Early Childhood. She is certified as a Professional Children’s Musician and Early Childhood Trainer of Teachers in Michigan. She has presented across the United States and Canada and is excited to come to Montana! *LOCATION: Bozeman Fire Station 3, 1705 Vaquero Pkwy, just off of Davis Lane.* Registration form included in the calendar for your convenience. Simply return the enclosed form with payment to Child Care Connections today!

Making Play Time Fun and Productive (April 22, 2010) – Presented by Sandy Osborne, PhD, Health and Human Development Professor at Montana State University. Children need structure in their daily routine, however every child needs a chance for free play. Come learn about the importance of structured activities versus free play in a child care setting, including how you can provide both opportunities for the children in your care.

Everyone Can Have a Green Thumb, (April 27th, 2010) – Presented by Wendy Houghton, owner of Manhattan Tiger Cubs Childcare and Manhattan PTO President. From the garden to your table. Come play in the dirt and make a “garden” to take home. This training will teach how gardening builds on children’s prior learning and experiences with their environment and keeps them active and engaged. The garden provides opportunities for children to develop a relationship with nature, learn about the foods groups and how they work with our bodies. Students need to bring in an 18 or 20 inch diameter round plastic flower bowl (we will be making a “salad bowl”) and 6 eggs that the shells have been broken in half and washed cleaned with the carton. ***Growing Up Wild (May 15, 2010)*** – Presented by Kurt Cunningham, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. *Growing Up Wild* is an early childhood education program that builds on children’s sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. This “hand on” workshop will engage participants into learning through activities from *Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children* teacher’s guide developed especially for educators of children ages 3-7. These award winning activities emphasize science, math, and reading literacy and are correlated to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards and the Head Start Domains. *LOCATION: Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Office, 1400 South 19th Ave, Bozeman.* Registration fee includes supplies and *Grow up Wild* Activity Manual.

Abbreviated CPR/First Aid (May 19, 2010) – Have you been CPR/First Aid trained through Child Care Connections with Terry Quatraro in the last year? If so, you are eligible to take her abbreviated course to renew your certification. Simply bring your book from last year and attend the abbreviated class. Didn’t keep your book? You can buy one at the door for \$15. CPR is offered from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and First Aid will immediately follow from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Please call to register, however you will *pay at the door* for this these trainings. Each class is \$40.00. Please call CCC if you have any questions.

Lean Office: Eliminating Waste and Creating Efficient Administration (May 25, 2010)– Presented by Stacey Scott, the Assistant Director for Administration of the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC), an organization dedicated to helping small and medium sized manufacturers in Montana succeed through business & engineering technical assistant. Learn the 5 “Lean” principals for continuous business improvement. Identify and eliminate wasteful activities in an office or administrative setting. Learn the value and how to implement a systematic and structured organizational system.

Nurturing Diversity (June 1, 2010)– Presented by Dede Baker, Instructor of Early Childhood Education at Montana State University, teaching on campus and on-line courses. Diversity is not a problem, but rather an opportunity to experience differences and similarities in others. Teachers should respect diversity in ways that bring this opportunity into their classrooms. By teaching children acceptance and positive behaviors towards others, the classroom can become a bias free community. Gain awareness about how biases affect children. Determine appropriate strategies to help children accept others. Learn how to respond appropriately to bias in the classroom.

Keeping Track of Kiddos: All About Assessment in Early Childhood Education (June 8, 2010) – Presented by Christine Lux, Instructor in the Department of Health and Human Development at Montana State University. Participants will modify or create an observation form to be used in their early care environment to assess children’s development, an individual self-assessment form to reflect upon and monitor their professional development and a personal philosophy of early care education using the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

Getting to Know Each Other: Exploring Personal Dispositions TWO PART TRAINING (June 22 & June 24, 2010) – Presented by Sharon Hanton, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, counseling children and their families. This training will present easy to understand and non threatening ideas about temperament theory and how it can apply to staff, children and parents in child care settings. It will also focus on the impact of living in a different culture, learning a new language and struggling with economic issues as they may impact staff, children and families in child care. This training will also teach participants how include humor, imagination and creativity in the everyday atmosphere of their child care center.

Feeding Your Childcare Family: Family Style Dining (July 13, 2010) – Presented by Lisa Curry and Joanie Slaybaugh, CCC Child and Adult Care Food Program Coordinator and Monitor with fellow child care providers on hand to offer suggestions and ideas. Family style meal service is a highly recommended best practice and this training will offer guidance for successfully implementing family style dining into your program. *LOCATION: MacKenzie River Pizza Company Conference Room, 409 W. Main St., Belgrade*

Learn About Literacy: Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) Training TWO PART TRAINING (July 20 & July 22, 2010) – Presented by Brenna Randall, owner of Little Buckaroo’s Childcare. The CELL model is an evidence-based practice that promotes the literacy development of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The training focuses on 5 components: literacy-rich environments, child interests, every day literacy activities, responsive teaching, and early literacy outcome indicators. After completing this training participants will be able to describe the domains of early literacy learning, describe the early literacy experiences that children need from infancy through preschool, implement the key elements of the CELL Model and implement and use CELL tools and practices.

Presenting the Professional You: Professionalism in Your Business (July 29, 2010)– Presented by Lynn McHann, CCC Case Manager and MSU graduate with training in personal finance. Present yourself professionally to your clients, staff and business world. Find out how to evaluate your program, staff and potential new hires. Learn time management skills for your program, employees and parents. Familiarize yourself on the most up to date information on available community services. You will learn where to look for this information, who to call for information and what services could be of value to your families.

Routine: Making a Day of It (September 2, 2010) – Presented by Ann Klaas, Early Childhood Project Career Development Coordinator. Come explore the importance of a daily routine for children. Learn how to create an effective schedule as you learn the importance of transition for children, incorporate an understanding of “wait time” and how to effectively update your daily routine to best fit the needs of the children in your care.

Ready to Respond: Emergency Response Training for Child Care (September 11, 2010) – The purpose of this training is to reduce the risks of emergencies in the child care settings and help child care providers respond during emergencies that can occur. Each participant will receive a Y.I.K.E.S. Planning Guide (Your Inventory for Keeping Everyone Safe). This guide is designed with brief explanations of emergency planning steps and a list of resources. Participants will complete activities for developing Emergency Preparedness Plans for their facilities.

Accommodating Breast Feeding Families (September 16, 2010)– Presented by Jennifer Nerison, MSU Nutrition Graduate Student. Learn about breastfeeding benefits for baby, mom and society. Current research and tips will be provided on how to create the healthiest feeding practices for children in today’s modern and busy world. This training will help you safely and efficiently accommodate breastfeeding mothers in your child care program, including information on pumping, proper storage, freezing, heating and serving. Jennifer will also incorporate the role of the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in accommodating breast feeding practices.

Safe and Alive (September 23, 2010) – Presented by Stacy Wesen, CCC Assistant Director and Buckle Up/Safe Kids Coordinator. Get the facts on Montana’s biggest killer: Motor Vehicle Crash Injury. This presentation empowers everyone to make the personal, parental and policy choices. Learn how to practice motor vehicle safety for infants, toddlers and children. *LOCATION: MacKenzie River Pizza Company Conference Room, 409 W. Main St., Belgrade*

MULTIPLE DATE PROVIDER TRAININGS: (*see calendar for date and location specifics*)

New Provider Orientation: Family, Group and Center (May 12, 2010: July 14, 2010: September 8, 2010) – Required for all new child care providers. Presentations will cover licensing expectations as presented by Kirsten Geiger (DPHHS Bozeman Area Child Care Licensor), immunizations and health guidelines as presented by Kathy Carey (Gallatin City-County Health Nurse) and child development and guidance presented by CCC Provider Services Coordinator. Legally Unregistered Provider (LUP/LUI) applicants only need to attend from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registered Group/Family Child Care Provider applicants are required to attend the entire 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

New Provider Orientation: Legally Unregistered Providers (LUP/LUI) ONLY (June 16, 2010: August 18, 2010) – Required for all new Legally Unregistered Child Care Providers. This orientation is offered to meet the initial orientation requirement for all LUP / LUI applicants. Presentations will cover monthly invoicing expectations, ongoing requirements for LUP/LUI’s as well as presentations by Kathy Carey (Gallatin City-County Health Nurse) and CCC Provider Services Coordinator.

Annual CACFP Training, (April 20, 2010 Manhattan: April 29, 2010 Belgrade: May 6, 2010 Bozeman) – Presented by Lisa Curry, CCC Child and Adult Care Food Program Coordinator. This training is an annual requirement for all program participants and is designed to remind providers of the most important requirements, share information regarding state changes, and complete menu evaluations. New this year, attendants will receive two hours of approved training credits for their annual license requirements. *LOCATION: Varied. See calendar for clarification of dates and locations.* Contact Lisa for more information.