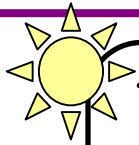




Early Childhood News

September – November 2008

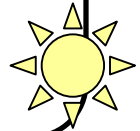
Early Childhood Connections



7th Annual Early Childhood Training Expo Children: Our Most Treasured Natural Resource

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Spearfish Holiday Inn ~ 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



Break-Out Sessions:

- Infants and Toddlers in the Natural World
 - Natural Musical Instruments
 - Project WILD
 - Gardening
 - Nature Nurtures Learning
- Environmental Value to Social/Emotional Wellness



**Space is limited; please register no later than
Friday, October 3, 2008**

Call 342-6464 or E-mail dhilt@rushmore.com

Break-out sessions are tentative—we will have a finalized schedule closer to the date of the expo.

Full break-out session descriptions will be on our website at:

www.earlychildhoodconnections.com

Our Mission:

To enrich the lives of children by working with the adults who affect their lives—parents, caregivers, and educators.

Early Childhood Connections is proud to be Western South Dakota's Early Childhood Enrichment Provider.

Diabetes and Child Care Providers

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases. It is estimated there are almost 1000 children in South Dakota who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes.¹ The cause of Type 1 diabetes is unknown. It is felt that something causes the body to incorrectly identify the beta cells of the pancreas to be foreign and then attacks the cells thus destroying the body's ability to produce insulin. The diabetic child doesn't produce any or enough insulin therefore extra steps will need to be taken to help the child to be healthy. Type 1 diabetes requires the use of multiple insulin injections and glucose testing daily as well as good record keeping and basic understanding about foods. Type 2 diabetes is controlled by diet and/or oral medications.

Diabetes is manageable but the tasks can seem quite overwhelming at first for parents and the childcare provider. In most cases, care of a child with diabetes is easier than one first thinks. These children do not require special foods, they do need the carbohydrates in the food counted and the correct amount of insulin to give based on the food eaten.

Caregivers don't need to know as much about diabetes as the parents but they do need to follow the parents' instructions carefully. A written diabetes management plan needs to be set up between the parent and the doctor. This plan needs to be provided to the caregiver. Details of this care plan will likely change frequently as the child's diabetes situation changes, but the basics will remain the same. The parent can keep you updated. These plans will involve timing of food, insulin shots, glucose testing and what to do if the blood glucose is too high or too low or if the child becomes sick.

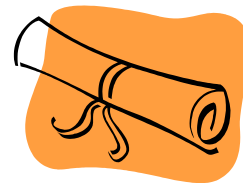
Caring for a diabetic child is very possible. People of all walks of life and education levels have successfully managed the care of these children. A good, close relationship with the parent is essential, as well as a basic understanding of how to manage the disease. If you are interested in learning more, you can find more information on the Internet at www.diabetes.org or call and ask to speak to the pediatric diabetes educator at Regional Medical Clinic at 605-719-4970 if you have a particular question.

For more information on caring for the child with diabetes, register for the class on September 16 to be presented by Bonny Petersen, Diabetes Educator for Rapid City Regional Hospital

References: ¹ <http://doh.sd.gov/Diabetes/Statistics.aspx>
(Special thanks to Bonny Petersen, RN, CDE, BA, RCRH Diabetes Education Coordinator for providing the above article.)

Congratulations!!

Terry Newkirk and Kazumi Tinant have recently earned their CDA credentials. Congratulations on this achievement and all of your hard work! If you are interested in receiving information of the Child Development Associate Credential, you can contact Kim Booth at kimbooth@rushmore.com or at 342-6464.



9th Annual SoDakSACA Conference: Building the Bridge Together

October 3 and 4, 2008
Watertown Convention Center
Watertown, SD

For more information: www.sodaksaca.org

Holiday Closings

The ECC office will be closed on the following days:

September 1, 2008	Labor Day
October 13, 2008	Native American Day
November 27 & 28, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday

Our normal business hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm. Friday 8 am to 4 pm.
We are also closed from 12 pm to 1 pm for the lunch hour.

Do you have an E-mail address?



The ECC newsletter is sent out 4 times per year, and normally, we send over 400 hard copies through the mail. If you would like to receive the ECC newsletter by E-mail, please call the office at 342-6464 or E-mail

Bill at bschuler@rushmore.com.

Don't forget to sign up for the Spearfish Training Expo!
You don't want to miss it!

Special Topics Series



Think new investments in children should be a priority in the 2008 elections?

Then, join Every Child Matters in a non-partisan, nationwide event, "**Step Up for Kids Day,**" on **September 16, 2008.** ECM is working to organize an event on the capitol steps of all 50 states to draw public attention to issues affecting America's children such as poverty, health care, juvenile incarceration, early care and education, child abuse, and afterschool programs.

With famed pediatrician, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, ECM will kick off this nationwide event at the National Press Club in Washington D.C on September 16th. On the same day, advocates, volunteers, and kids across the country will gather on the steps of state capitols to highlight the needs of children and families.

On September 16th from 4:00 – 6 PM, there will be a Step Up for Children Candidate Forum at the Central High School Theatre to provide an opportunity for the community to ask candidates questions about kids' issues.

Early Childhood Connections is excited about a collaborative effort with Behavior Management Systems that will bring experts on special issues in early childhood into our training realm. The topics listed below are part of a series ECC will be offering to help caregivers understand some of the challenges in children's social and emotional development. The classes may be taken individually or as a series for CEU credit. Cost is \$5/class.



CLASS TITLE	THURSDAY
Childhood Depression	Sept. 18
Anger Management	Sept. 25
Normal Childhood Sexual Behavior	October 16
Domestic Violence	October 23
Strategies to Manage ADHD	November 6
The Bi-Polar Child	January 29
Understanding Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	February 5
Managing Higher Functioning Autism	Feb. 19 & 26
Children in Foster Care	March 12
Children of Divorce	March 19

CEUs will be available to participants who attend multiple classes in the series. Each class is 2½ hours in length. CEUs will be offered to correspond to 5–10–15 or 20 contact hours. Assignments consisting of reviewing and reporting on an article provided by the instructor for each topic covered will be required for the CEU credit.

Early Childhood Connections Training Calendar

Date	Day	Location	Class Description	Time	Cost
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Please note: Classes will be canceled or rescheduled if enrollment does not meet 6 participants on the day before or of the class

Bright Start Responsive Parenting Classes					
Sept. 18 Sept. 25 Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Bright Start Responsive Parenting Class</u> Responsive Parenting classes can increase the enjoyment and satisfaction of parenting young children. Parents will learn about topics such as social-emotional growth, early brain development, temperament and guidance. Instructor: Kevin Murray	6:30 - 8:30 pm	No Charge Pre Registration Required
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29	Wed.	Spearfish	<u>Bright Start Responsive Parenting Class</u> Responsive Parenting classes can increase the enjoyment and satisfaction of parenting young children. Parents will learn about topics such as social-emotional growth, early brain development, temperament and guidance. Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	6:30 - 8:30 pm	No Charge Pre Registration Required
Oct. 29 Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 19 Nov. 26 Dec. 3	Wed.	ECC	<u>Bright Start Responsive Parenting Class</u> Responsive Parenting classes can increase the enjoyment and satisfaction of parenting young children. Parents will learn about topics such as social-emotional growth, early brain development, temperament and guidance. Instructor: Bridget Stone	6:30 - 8:30 pm	No Charge Pre Registration Required

To Register, Contact Early Childhood Connections (ECC)
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E-mail: dhilt@rushmore.com

Early Childhood Connections Training Calendar (continued)

Date	Day	Location	Class Description	Time	Cost
Infant and Child CPR Training Pathways: CPR This introductory course includes First Responder information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification. (Adult CPR training available by request.) **Payment for CPR classes must be made at the time of registration. If you register by e-mail or telephone, payment will need to be received in our office within 3 business days from the day your registration was received.					
Sept. 10	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Sept. 17	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Kevin Murray	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Sept. 17	Wed.	Spearfish	Infant & Child Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Sept. 24	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Oct. 8	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Oct. 15	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Oct. 20	Mon.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Kevin Murray	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Nov. 3	Mon.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Nov. 11	Tues.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Janet Smith	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Nov. 19	Wed.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Nov. 19	Wed.	Spearfish	Infant & Child Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20
Dec. 1	Mon.	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Greg Hilt	6:30 – 9:30 pm	\$20

First Aid in Early Childhood Settings Pathways: First Aid Participants will gain knowledge related to common childhood accidents and injuries in addition to receiving hands-on instruction that will enable caregivers to perform First Aid.					
Sept. 8	Mon.	ECC	Instructor: Deb Kuehn	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Sept. 10	Wed.	Spearfish	Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Oct. 6	Mon.	ECC	Instructor: Deb Kuehn	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Nov. 3	Mon.	ECC	Instructor: Deb Kuehn	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Dec. 8	Mon.	ECC	Instructor: Deb Kuehn	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Dec. 10	Wed.	Spearfish	Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5

Orientation Training This training is designed for persons or staff members who are new to the childcare field.					
Sept. 8	Mon.	ECC	<u>Intro to Child Care: How Children Learn</u> Child Growth and Development, Age-Appropriate Planning Instructor: Autumn Gregory <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Sept. 15	Mon.	ECC	<u>Intro to Child Care: Guidance</u> Guidance and Behavior Management Instructor: Autumn Gregory <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Sept. 29	Mon.	ECC	<u>Intro to Child Care: Health and Safety</u> Child Abuse and Neglect, Identification and Prevention of Communicable Disease, Program Health and Safety Instructor: Autumn Gregory <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Oct. 6	Mon.	ECC	<u>Intro to Child Care: Partnerships & Communication</u> Interpersonal Communication and Relationships, Partnerships with Parents Instructor: Autumn Gregory <i>Pathways: Interpersonal Communication and Relationships</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5

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Enrichment Training					
Sept. 10 Sept. 17 Sept. 24 Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22	Wed.	ECC	<u>Supporting Early Learning Guidelines (Series Only)</u> In this series, participants will explore the Early Learning Scale developed by the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) as a developmentally appropriate way to measure children's progress in reaching Early Learning Guidelines. Participants will investigate the steps in using the EL scale, including observing, collecting work samples, writing anecdotes and analyzing the evidence. Instructor: Kim Booth Sept. 10: Enriching the Learning Environment & Promoting Learning Through Assessment <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i> Sept. 17: Helping Children Learn Language and Literacy Using the Early Learning Scale <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i> Sept. 24: Helping Children Learn Mathematics and Science Using the Early Learning Scale <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i> Oct. 1: Promoting Social Emotional Development and Positive Approaches to Learning Using the Early Learning Scale <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i> Oct. 8: Using Assessment and the Early Learning Scale to Help Children Reach Standards <i>Pathways: Program Management</i> Oct. 15: Establishing Reliability in the Early Learning Scale <i>Pathways: Program Management</i> Oct. 22: Working with Families as Partners on the Early Learning Guidelines and Putting It All Together <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$40 for series \$20 for 2 CEUs
Sept. 15 Sept. 22 Sept. 29 Oct. 6 Oct. 13 Oct. 20 Oct. 27	Mon.	Spearfish	<u>Love and Logic (Series Only)</u> Instructor: Candy Kalil Sept. 15: Raising Responsible Kids Sept. 22: The Love and Logic Formula Sept. 29: "C" Stands for Control That's Shared Oct. 6: "O" is for Ownership of the Problem Oct. 13: "O" is Also for Opportunity for Thinking Oct. 20: "L" Let Empathy & Consequences do the Teaching Oct. 27: Let's Wrap It Up and Take It Home	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$50 single \$60 couple
Sept. 16	Tues.	ECC	<u>The Child With Diabetes in a Childcare Setting</u> Basics of caring for the child with diabetes, including insulin types and doses, glucose monitoring and carbohydrate counting Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Sept. 18	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Childhood Depression</u> What are the signs and symptoms of childhood depression? What are the causes? How can providers and parents partner towards healing? Instructor: Susan Lorenzen <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Sept. 23 Sept. 30 Oct. 7 Oct. 14 Oct. 21 Oct. 28	Tues.	ECC	<u>Family Child Care Series</u> Instructor: Candy Kalil Sept. 23: Quality Care <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i> Sept. 30: Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i> Oct. 7: Contracts/Policies & Communicating With Parents <i>Pathways: Partnerships With Parents</i> Oct. 14: Recordkeeping & Marketing Your Program <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i> Oct. 21: Learning Environments <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i> Oct. 28: Inclusive Care <i>Pathways: Inclusion of All Children</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$25 for series \$5 per class
Sept. 25	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Anger Management</u> Participants will learn how to recognize patterns of anger and what a child's anger looks like. There will be discussion about strategies for prevention and early intervention to avert explosive anger and how to open lines of communication with the child's parents about their child's anger. Instructor: Jeff Wahl, Behavior Management Systems <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29 Nov. 5 Nov. 12	Wed.	ECC	<u>Love and Logic (Series Only)</u> Instructor: Tammy Arens-Beauchamp Oct. 1: Raising Responsible Kids Oct. 8: The Love and Logic Formula Oct. 15: "C" Stands for Control That's Shared Oct. 22: "O" is for Ownership of the Problem Oct. 29: "O" is Also for Opportunity for Thinking Nov. 5: "L" Let Empathy & Consequences do the Teaching Nov. 12: Let's Wrap It Up and Take It Home	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$50 single \$60 couple

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Enrichment Training					
Oct. 16	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Normal Child Sexual Behavior</u> So what is normal? What behaviors are appropriate, what behaviors have sexual overtones? How to identify concerning behaviors and what to do about it. Instructor: Susan Lorenzen <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Oct. 20	Mon.	ECC	<u>Child Abuse and Neglect</u> This course will explain how to recognize child abuse and how to report it. Understand the role of the childcare provider. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Child Abuse and Neglect</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5
Oct. 23	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Children and Domestic Violence</u> What is domestic/familial violence? What are the effects on children? Learn the signs and when to report. Instructor: Sherri Thompson <i>Pathways: Child Abuse and Neglect</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Nov. 3 Nov. 10 Nov. 17 Nov. 24 Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 15 Dec. 22	Mon.	Spearfish	<u>Early Childhood Management Training (Series Only)</u> A series for Early Childhood Program Managers Content will cover managing early childhood programs, the cost of quality, staff considerations, policies and procedures and parent partnerships. This training is the beginning phase of the new SD Leadership Credential. 20 hours of content and assignments with 2.0 CEUs available with 100% attendance and successful completion of all assignments, including the CEU assignment. Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Program Management & Regulation</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$40 for series \$20 for 2 CEUs
Nov. 6	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Strategies to Manage ADHD</u> This class will outline the characteristics of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. We will brainstorm strategies to manage behaviors in the provider's setting. Instructor: Susan Lorenzen <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Nov. 13	Thurs.	ECC	<u>Itchy Red Bumps and Other Childhood Diseases</u> It is Chicken Pox or Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease? This class reviews safety standards for early childhood programs. Learn about common childhood illnesses, communicable illnesses, identification and prevention. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Identify and Prevent Communicable Diseases</i>	6:30 – 8:30 pm	\$5

Infant/Toddler Certificate Training Series I					
Sept. 15	Mon.	ECC	<u>Social Emotional Milestones/Temperaments</u> Child growth/development and guidance Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Sept. 22	Mon.	ECC	<u>Understanding Behavior/Guidance and Discipline</u> Guidance and behavior management Instructor: Kathryn Kettering <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Sept. 29	Mon.	ECC	<u>Respectful Care ~ Making It Happen/Primary Caregiving</u> Interpersonal communication, relationships and learning environments Instructor: Kathryn Kettering <i>Pathways: Interpersonal Communication and Relationships</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Oct. 6	Mon.	ECC	<u>Environments for Group Care/More Than Just a Routine</u> Child growth, development and guidance Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5

Infant/Toddler Certificate Training Series II					
Nov. 10	Mon.	ECC	<u>Discoveries of Infancy/Brain Development</u> Brain development and learning Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Nov. 17	Mon.	ECC	<u>Special Needs/Language Development</u> Inclusion of all children plus child growth and development Instructor: Kathryn Kettering <i>Pathways: Inclusion of All Children</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Nov. 24	Mon.	ECC	<u>Harmonizing Cultural Diversity/Acknowledge, Ask & Adapt</u> Cultural diversity and communication Instructor: Kathryn Kettering <i>Pathways: Cultural Diversity</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5
Dec. 1	Mon.	ECC	<u>Responding to Families/Protective Urges</u> Working with parents and communication Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	6:30 – 9:00 pm	\$5

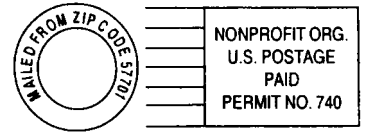
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Out of School Time (OST) – Certificate Training					
OST Certificate Series I – School-Age Growth and Development: Linking Developmental Needs to Programming					
Sept. 4	Thurs.	ECC	Module 1-Exploring the Continuum of Developmental Tasks of School-Age Children from 5 to 12 Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	\$5 per class \$15 for CEU Teacher Renewal Credit
Sept. 11	Thurs.	ECC	Module 2-Exploring Four Areas of Development-Implications for Programming Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Sept. 18	Thurs.	ECC	Module 3-Exploring Developmental Needs and Characteristics of Different Age Groups Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Sept. 25	Thurs.	ECC	Module 4-Exploring Individual Differences Among School-Age Children-Implications for Programming Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Oct. 2	Thurs.	ECC	Module 5-Mangaing School-Age Children in Groups Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Oct. 9	Thurs.	ECC	Module 6-Guiding the Behavior of Individual Children Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
OST Certificate Series II – Building the Foundations for Human Relationships					
Oct. 16	Thurs.	ECC	Module 7-Observation Skills-What’s Really Going on Here? Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	\$5 per class \$15 for CEU Teacher Renewal Credit
Oct. 23	Thurs.	ECC	Module 8-Human Relations Skills Development Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Oct. 30	Thurs.	ECC	Module 9-OST as a Family Service: Emphasis on Relationship Building Instructor: Sharon O’Keefe <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Nov. 6	Thurs.	ECC	Module 10-OST as a Family Service: Emphasis on Planning Opportunities for Family Involvement Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Nov. 13	Thurs.	ECC	Module 11-Building Relationships with School Personnel Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	
Nov. 20	Thurs.	ECC	Module 12-Growing as a Professional in OST Instructor: Candy Kalil <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	6:30-9:00 pm	

Out of School Time (OST) – Core Curriculum					
Instructors: Kathryn Kettering and Candy Kalil (Nov. 18)					
Nov. 11	Tues.	ECC	OST Module 1 – Child Growth & Development <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i> OST Module 2 – Activity Planning <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	6:30-9:30 pm	\$5
Nov. 18	Tues.	ECC	OST Module 3 – Learning Environments <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i> OST Module 4 – Communication & Relationships <i>Pathways: Interpersonal Communication and Relationships</i>	6:30-9:30 pm	\$5
Nov. 25	Tues.	ECC	OST Module 5 – Behavior Management & Guidance <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i> OST Module 6 – Social & Cultural Awareness <i>Pathways: Cultural Diversity</i>	6:30-9:30 pm	\$5
Dec. 2	Tues.	ECC	OST Module 7 - Health & Safety <i>Pathways: Nutrition for Children</i> OST Module 8 - Children with Special Needs <i>Pathways: Inclusion of All Children</i>	6:30-9:30 pm	\$5
Dec. 9	Tues.	ECC	OST Module 9 – Program Management and Professionalism <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i> OST Module 10 – Families, Communities and Schools <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	6:30-9:30 pm	\$5

Please Note: 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.

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The Back Seat is Safest

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that 30 of the 32 children who died were not properly buckled or were not wearing a safety belt. Air bags were never meant to replace belts -- they were always meant to supplement them. Seat belts prevent you from being thrown out of the car in a crash. They also keep you from hitting the interior of the car. You have to wear a seat belt even if there is an air bag.

Air bags have saved six people for every one who has died. But for small children in the front seat who are not buckled up, air bags are deadly.



The recommendations

- All children should sit in the back seat, buckled up. "NHTSA recommends all children 12 and under sit in the back seat, but the American Academy of Pediatrics doesn't have an age cut off. Actually, sitting in the back seat is the safest for every human being," says Dr. Murray Katcher, chair of the Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention for the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- An infant in a rear facing child seat must ride in the back seat if the vehicle has a passenger-side air bag. This is because the seat will be too close to the air bag and it may injure the child if it inflates.
- Buckle up correctly. All children under forty pounds are required by all fifty states to use a child safety seat. Those over forty pounds should use a booster seat until they can wear a safety belt comfortably. Don't let children slip the shoulder part of the lap belt behind them because that is like not wearing a seat belt at all. If the shoulder strap does not fit, use a booster seat.
- If a child must ride in the front, move the seat as far back as possible, to be away from the air bag. Make sure the child is buckled up properly.