

Infant and Child CPR Training

This introductory course includes First Responder information and hands-on experience with CPR mannequins required for Red Cross Certification.
(Adult training available by request for total charge of \$30.)



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
Jan. 23 Monday 6:30 – 9:30 pm	ECC	Infant & Child – Class Full Instructor: Kathy Deml	\$25
Feb. 27 Monday 6:30 – 9:30 pm	ECC	Infant & Child – Class Full Instructor: Kathy Deml	\$25
March 12 Monday 6:30 – 9:30 pm	ECC	Infant & Child Instructor: Kathy Deml	\$25
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American Academy of Pediatrics – First Aid in Early Childhood Settings

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.



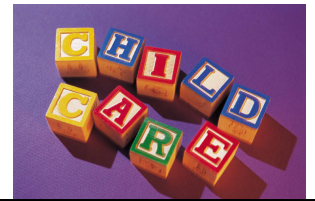
Jan. 30 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	Instructor: Kathy Deml	\$5
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Intro to Child Care Training – Level I – Rapid City

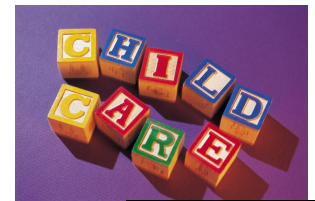
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Feb. 11 Saturday 8:00-10:00 am	ECC	Guidance Participants will explore the various ways adults think about discipline and get an overview of best practices for caregivers to help children learn what the expectations are and control their own behavior. Instructor: Kim Booth <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	No Charge For New Child Care Staff Pre registration required \$5 for repeat students
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Feb. 11 Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	ECC	How Children Learn Participants will receive a blend of information and hands-on activities to help them understand how children develop and learn. Instructor: Autumn Gregory <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development, Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	
Feb. 11 Saturday 3:15-5:15 pm	ECC	Health and Safety Participants will receive a brief overview of SD's health and safety standards as well as a quick overview of best practices. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Program Safety, ID Communicable Diseases</i>	

Intro to Child Care Training – Level II – Rapid City

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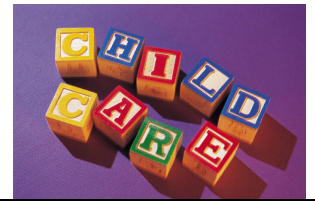
Feb. 25 Saturday 8:00-10:00 am	ECC	Cultural Diversity Participants will gain an awareness of the value in providing an inclusive education that addresses not only cultural diversity but also gender and differences in abilities. Instructor: Kevin Murray <i>Pathways: Cultural Diversity</i>	No Charge For New Child Care Staff Pre registration required \$5 for repeat students
Feb. 25 Saturday 10:15-12:15 pm	ECC	Program Management/Regulations Participants will receive a brief overview of SD's regulations and licensing standards as well as a quick overview of creating a lesson plan. Instructor: Kevin Murray <i>Pathways: Program Management and Regulation</i>	
Feb. 25 Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	ECC	Inclusion Participants will receive a brief overview of the federal legislation that addresses the needs of children with disabilities along with basic information about welcoming all children into early childhood programs. Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Inclusion of All Children</i>	
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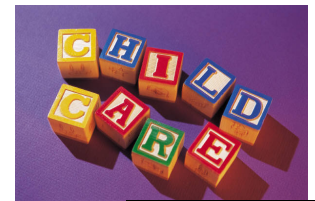
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Infant/Toddler Entry Level Training Series

Instructor: Jan Tysdal



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
February 15 Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Social Emotional Milestones/Temperaments</u> Child growth/development and guidance <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$5
February 22 Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Understanding Behavior/Guidance and Discipline</u> Guidance and behavior management <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$5
February 29 Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Respectful Care ~ Making It Happen/Primary Caregiving – Class Full</u> Interpersonal communication, relationships and learning environments <i>Pathways: Interpersonal Communication and Relationships</i>	\$5
March 7 Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Environments for Group Care/More Than Just a Routine</u> Child growth, development and guidance <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development</i>	\$5

Center on the Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning: Infants and Toddlers

Instructor: Jan Tysdal



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
May 24 June 28 July 26 Aug. 30 Sept. 27 Oct. 25 Thursdays 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	May 24 Social Emotional Development within the Context of Relationships #1 June 28 Social Emotional Development within the Context of Relationships #2 July 26 Responsive Routines, Environments, and Strategies to Support Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers #1 Aug. 30 Responsive Routines, Environments, and Strategies to Support Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers #2 Sept. 27 Determining the Meaning of Behavior and Developing Appropriate Responses #1 Oct. 25 Determining the Meaning of Behavior and Developing Appropriate Responses #2 Instructor: Jan Tysdal <i>Pathways: Guidance & Behavior Management</i>	\$30 for the Series 1.5 CEU Available



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Preschool – Entry Level

Instructor: Suzy Braun



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
January 7 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Preschool Development and Learning</u> The Preschool years are a crucial time for development and learning, participants will discuss 4 main areas of development as well as the unique characteristics and stages of three, four, and five year olds. <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i></p>	\$5
February 4 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>The Learning Environment</u> Environment and learning centers can positively affect one's program. Participants will gain awareness and ideas of effective ways to set up their child care environment, both indoors and out. <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i></p>	\$5
March 3 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Structuring the Preschool Day</u> Participants will discuss the importance of establishing a structure for each day including all daily events. Participants will also review and create lesson plans. <i>Pathways: Learning Environment</i></p>	\$5
April 14 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Social Emotional Milestones & Observation</u> Positive social relationships in preschool create the best environment for learning. This class will explore the social emotional milestones and stages for preschool children. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior</i></p>	\$5
May 5 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Guidance in the Preschool Classroom</u> Participants will explore that a teacher's approach to working with children is determined by the needs of the children, we will discuss a variety of strategies for guiding children's behavior. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i></p>	\$5
June 2 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Partnerships with Families</u> Participants will focus on using what they know about families to help them relate to and involve each family in the program. <i>Pathways: Partnership with Parents</i></p>	\$5
July 7 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Interest Areas in the Preschool Classroom #1 – Creative, Literature & Social Studies</u> Participants will gain ideas and awareness of how to set up learning areas and which materials best support learning and development for that area. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	\$5
August 4 Saturday 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p><u>Interest Areas in the Preschool Classroom #2 – Math, Science & Physical</u> Participants will gain ideas and awareness of how to set up learning areas and which materials best support learning and development for that area. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	\$5



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Out of School Time (OST) – Entry Level Modules

Instructor: Kevin Murray



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
Jan. 12 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Child Growth & Development Participants will understand the importance of fostering the growth and development of children through appropriate environment, activities, and interactions. <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i>	\$5
Jan. 19 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Activity Planning Participants will understand the importance of creating enrichment activities that promote exploration and meet the needs of the children. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	\$5
Jan. 26 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Learning Environments Participants will understand the importance of creating a developmentally appropriate program environment. <i>Pathways: Learning Environment</i>	\$5
Feb. 2 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Communications & Behaviors Participants will understand the importance of developing and maintaining positive relationships through the use of effective communication. <i>Pathways: Interpersonal Communication and Relationships</i>	\$5
Feb. 9 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Behavior Management & Guidance Participants will understand the importance of using positive guidance techniques and establishing a program climate that promotes positive behavior. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$5
May 3 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Social & Cultural Awareness Participants will understand the benefits and importance of promoting social and cultural awareness within their programs. <i>Pathways: Cultural Diversity</i>	\$5
May 10 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Health & Safety Participants will understand the importance of promoting and teaching practices that keep children safe and healthy. <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5
May 17 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Children with Special Needs Participants will understand the importance of providing quality, inclusive care for children with special needs in out-of-school time programs. <i>Pathways: Inclusion of All Children</i>	\$5
May 24 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Program Management & Professionalism Participants will understand the importance of effective program management skills and continual professional growth. <i>Pathways: Program Management and Regulation & Professionalism</i>	\$5
May 31 Thursday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	ECC	Families, Communities & Schools Participants will understand the importance of developing positive interactive partnerships with families, schools and the community. <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	\$5



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Out of School Time (OST) – Certificate Series 2

Instructors: Various



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
Jan. 24 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 7: Observation Skills – What’s Really Going on Here? Participants will explore the value of conducting formal observations and tools to be used. <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	
Feb. 7 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 8: Human Relations Skill Development Participants will explore communication basics, barriers to communication, and cultivate effective communication skills and strategies. <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	
Feb. 21 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 9: OST as a Family Service – Emphasis on Relationship Building Participants will develop initiatives for building positive relationships with parents based on positive attitudes towards parents. <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	\$30 Series
March 6 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 10: OST as a Family Service – Emphasis on Planning Opportunities for Family Involvement Participants will explore a variety of strategies for providing parents with opportunities to connect with their child’s experience in the program. <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	1.5 CEU Available
March 20 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 11: Building Relationships with School Personnel Participants will describe and use effective strategies and tools for collaborating effectively with school personnel. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	
April 3 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN*	OST Certificate Series Module 12: Growing as a Professional in OST Programs Participants will understand what it means to be a professional in the OST field and foster a commitment to professionalism. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	

***What is DDN?**

The Digital Dakota Network (DDN) is a statewide interactive video communications system using compressed digital technology to provide a “meeting pipeline” across the state of South Dakota and the global community. The Network is designed to increase access to education and government and enhance the business, education and health care climate in South Dakota.

***How do I register for a DDN class?**

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***Where is a DDN class held?**

Upon registration students will be informed of the closest location of the DDN sites available. DDN sites typically available include Rapid City, Spearfish, Pierre, Sioux Falls, Yankton, Vermillion, Mitchell, Aberdeen, Watertown, and Brookings.

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Enrichment Training



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
January 9 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC and On-Line to Spearfish	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome The newest guidelines for decreasing the risk of SIDS will be discussed. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5
January 28 March 10 April 21 Saturdays 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p style="text-align: center;">Susan Dotson's Series on Age- Appropriate Planning:</p> <p>January 28 - Exploring Sand & Water A sensory table gives children the chance to explore, experiment, observe, investigate and manipulate while increasing their fine and gross motor, hand eye coordination, math, science, and communication skills. Since most sensory table activities are self-directed, sensory play also helps build self-esteem, independence, and cooperation in young children. Instructor: Susan Dotson <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p> <p>March 10 - No Worksheets – Now What? This is a hands-on learning activities class, 2 hours of learning great ideas -- LOTS of visuals of ideas that you can go home and make. Instructor: Susan Dotson <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p> <p>April 21 - Let's Talk About...Process Art! Participants will explore how to open up a child's creativity using open-ended materials and activities. Instructor: Susan Dotson <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	\$5 per class .5 CEU available for attendance of 2 of the 3 classes
February 6 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	American Academy of Pediatrics: Medication Administration What is the best way to administer medications? Keeping track of who got what when is a nightmare. This course will give you some hints to make your life a little easier. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5
February 16 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	How to Empower Parents of Children with Disabilities Participants will discuss ways to partner and empower parents of children with disabilities. Also we will look at strategies for offering guidance and dealing with abuse. Instructor: Cora O'Kane <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	\$5



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<p>March 5 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>ECC</p>	<p><u>Child Abuse and Neglect</u> This training will explain how to recognize child abuse, how to report it, and understand the role of the child care provider. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Child Abuse & Neglect</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$5</p>
<p>March 14 Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm</p>	<p>ECC</p>	<p><u>More Circle Time Fun</u> Circle time is a great way to encourage young children to develop emotional and cognitive skills as well as participate in a group. Instructor will share Circle time activity ideas to help engage children in this important routine of the preschooler's day. Instructor: Kim Booth <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$5</p>

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April 2 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC and online in Spearfish	<u>Itchy, Red Bumps</u> Is it Chicken Pox or Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease? This training 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 Disease</i>	\$5
April 9 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	<u>Playground Safety is No Accident</u> Is your playground “S.A.F.E.”? Join us to learn what constitutes a hazard, how to locate it, and possible solutions. Bring questions about your playground to the NPPS Certified Early Childhood Outdoor Play Inspector. Instructor: Kathy Deml <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5 .5 CEU Available
May 7 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	<u>Normal Sexual Development</u> Participants will learn what normal sexual development at the different ages and developmental stages of children looks like. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i>	\$5
May 22 Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	<u>Emergency Preparedness</u> Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. What would you do if you were forced to evacuate or were confined to your building? Instructor: Kathy Deml <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5 .5 CEU Available
June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26 Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Watch Me Grow: Baby Human Training Series</u> This series will focus on the areas of cognitive, language, physical and emotional development in infants and toddlers. Caregivers will increase their abilities and understanding to effectively and efficiently care for infants and toddlers. June 5 – Watch Me – Thinking June 12 – Watch Me – Talking June 19 – Watch Me – Moving June 26 – Watch Me – Feeling Instructor: Suzy Braun <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i>	\$20 series 1 CEU Available

CEU's are available for classes designated for an additional fee.

These fees are paid at the time the homework is turned in at Early Childhood Connections for consideration.

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1.0 CEU is an additional \$10
1.5 CEU is an additional \$15
2.0 CEU is an additional \$20

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Love and Logic (Series Only)

Instructor: Kevin Murray



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June 21 June 28 July 5 July 12 July 19 July 26 Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	<u>Love and Logic (Series Only)</u> June 21: Raising Responsible Kids June 28: The Love and Logic Formula July 5: “C” Stands for Control That’s Shared July 12: “O” is for Ownership of the Problem July 19: “O” is Also for Opportunity for Thinking July 26: “L” Let Empathy & Consequences Do the Teaching July 26: Let’s Wrap It Up and Take It Home <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$50 single \$60 couple 1 CEU Available



Bright Start Responsive Parenting Classes

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January 4 January 11 January 18 January 25 February 1 February 8 Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm	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 for 0 – 3 years old Instructor: Jan Tysdal	No Charge Pre registration required
March 17 March 24 March 31 Saturdays 10:00 – 2:00 pm	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 for 0 – 3 years old Instructor: Bridget Stone	Lunch provided No Charge Pre registration required
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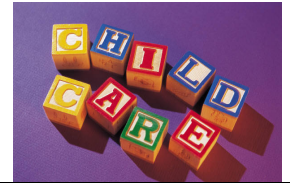
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Pathways: First Aid



March 20 Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	\$5
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Intro to Child Care Training – Level I – Spearfish

This session is designed for persons or staff members who are new to the childcare field. There is no charge for the first time a student takes the class, \$5 charge for repeat students.
Instructor: Jen Nelson



February 1 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	Guidance Participants will explore the various ways adults think about discipline and get an overview of best practices for caregivers to help children learn what the expectations are and control their own behavior. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	No Charge For New Child Care Staff Pre registration required \$5 for repeat students
February 8 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	Learning Environments Participants will gain an awareness of how the physical environment affects how children and adults feel and act. In an attractive and well-designed environment, children are more purposefully engaged in activities. <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i>	
February 15 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	How Children Learn Participants will receive a blend of information and hands-on activities to help them understand how children develop and learn. <i>Pathways: Child Growth and Development, Age-Appropriate Planning</i>	
February 22 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	Health and Safety Participants will receive a brief overview of SD's health and safety standards as well as a quick overview of best practices. <i>Pathways: Program Safety, ID Communicable Diseases</i>	

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Family Child Care Series - Spearfish

Instructor: Jennifer Nelson



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
January 25 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>What is Family Child Care</u> This class will help participants gain an understanding of how to utilize best practice in child care, tips for presenting oneself and one's program in a professional manner, and promoting one's program through advertising the benefits the provider and program offer to parents. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i></p>	\$5
February 29 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>What Do Children Need</u> Family Child Care is unique in that most of the time there are several age groups present all at once. In "What Do Children Need?" participants will look at the special characteristics of working with multi-age groups, explore meeting the needs of different children at different developmental levels and discover ways to meet children on their level. <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i></p>	\$5
March 28 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Understanding Challenging Behaviors</u> Understanding challenging behaviors helps the provider understand what is behind children's behaviors so they are able to better find solutions for appropriate guidance. This training will also assist providers in gaining an understanding of temperaments. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i></p>	\$5
April 25 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Belonging</u> Inclusion is an important aspect of any child care program. Participants in this class will gain an understanding of the role they play in making their Family Child Care program a welcoming place for all. Providers will gain insight on incorporating the culture of their program family and obtain tips on easy toy adaptations to help include and welcome all children and differences. <i>Pathways: Inclusion of all Children</i></p>	\$5
May 30 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Building Relationships with Families</u> As a Family Child Care provider, you know how important the relationship you have with parents can be. This course assists providers in best supporting families in their program. The relationship needs to be balanced by also establishing a business relationship with parents. Participants will also gain insight on working through challenging situations with families. Instructor: Suzy Braun <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i></p>	\$5
June 27 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Tools of Business Communications: Contracts & Policies</u> Another unique aspect of Family Child Care is that one's home is many times one's business. Being great with children is not the only skill one needs to succeed. In "Tools of Business Communication: Contracts and Policies", participants will gain an understanding of running a successful business, as well as an awareness of the importance of and how to utilize effective contracts and policies to help their business run more smoothly. <i>Pathways: Program Management and Regulation</i></p>	\$5
July 25 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Sensible Record Keeping</u> Keeping good records is another important aspect of the Family Child Care provider's job. In this class, participants will explore working with income and budgets and acquire helpful tips for basic record keeping and tax preparation. <i>Pathways: Program Management and Regulation</i></p>	\$5

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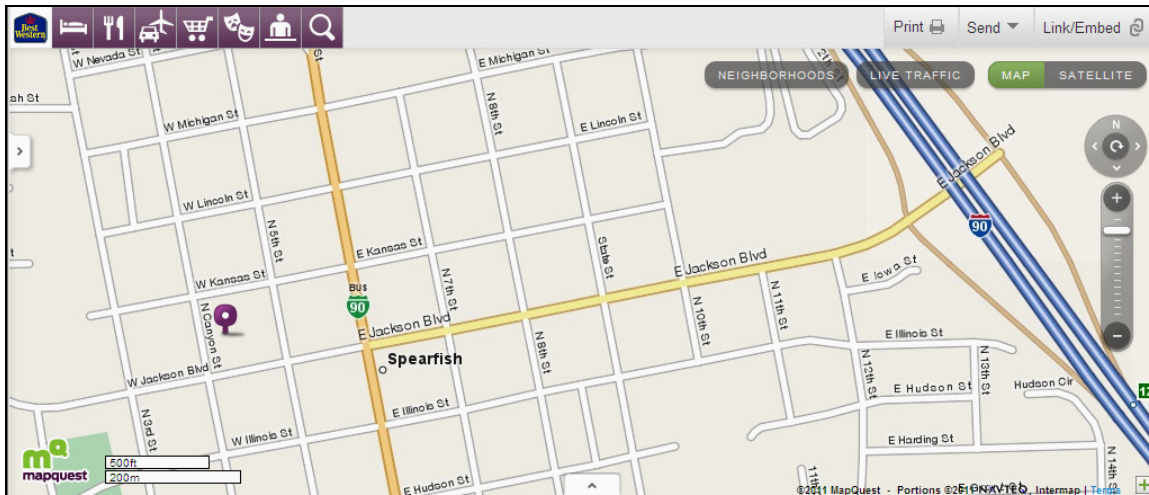
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Family Child Care Series (cont.) - Spearfish

Instructor: Jennifer Nelson



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
August 29 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p>Stay Healthy & Safe Taking care of so many children is a lot of responsibility and requires a strong foundation on knowledge concerning safety. In this class, participants discuss toy safety, proper cleaning techniques, and food and car seat safety. This course also illustrates child abuse and neglect and describes the role of the child care providers. Keeping everyone healthy and safe means more time for playing. <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i></p>	\$5
September 26 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p>Under One Roof Environment, a daily schedule, and learning centers can positively affect one's program. Participants will gain awareness and ideas of effective ways to set up their child care environment, both indoors and out. "Under One Roof" also helps the provider in determining the daily schedule for their environment and discusses the benefits that learning centers can provide the Family Child Care program. <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i></p>	\$5
October 24 Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p>You and Your Family Finding a way to make time for your own children while running a Family Child Care program can be difficult whether your children attend child care or are of school age. Because the vast majority of Family Child Care programs are within one's own home, additional challenges may be faced concerning sharing space, toys, and a parent with other children. Participants will explore the various challenges and characteristics unique to this situation. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i></p>	\$5



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Preschool – Entry Level - Spearfish

Instructor: Suzy Braun



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
January 12 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Preschool Development and Learning</u> The Preschool years are a crucial time for development and learning, participants will discuss 4 main areas of development as well as the unique characteristics and stages of three, four, and five year olds. <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i></p>	\$5
February 9 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>The Learning Environment</u> Environment and learning centers can positively affect one's program. Participants will gain awareness and ideas of effective ways to set up their child care environment, both indoors and out. <i>Pathways: Learning Environments</i></p>	\$5
March 1 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Structuring the Preschool Day</u> Participants will discuss the importance of establishing a structure for each day including all daily events. Participants will also review and create lesson plans. <i>Pathways: Learning Environment</i></p>	\$5
April 19 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Social Emotional Milestones & Observation</u> Positive social relationships in preschool create the best environment for learning. This class will explore the social emotional milestones and stages for preschool children. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior</i></p>	\$5
May 10 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Guidance in the Preschool Classroom</u> Participants will explore that a teacher's approach to working with children is determined by the needs of the children, we will discuss a variety of strategies for guiding children's behavior. <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i></p>	\$5
June 7 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Partnerships with Families</u> Participants will focus on using what they know about families to help them relate to and involve each family in the program. <i>Pathways: Partnership with Parents</i></p>	\$5
July 12 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Interest Areas in the Preschool Classroom #1 – Creative, Literature & Social Studies</u> Participants will gain ideas and awareness of how to set up learning areas and which materials best support learning and development for that area. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	\$5
August 16 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Interest Areas in the Preschool Classroom #2 – Math, Science & Physical</u> Participants will gain ideas and awareness of how to set up learning areas and which materials best support learning and development for that area. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	\$5

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Enrichment Training - Spearfish




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January 9 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC and On-Line to Spearfish	<u>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome</u> The newest guidelines for decreasing the risk of SIDS will be discussed. Instructor: Deb Kuehn <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5
January 19 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<u>Social Stories</u> A Social Story has a defined style and format that describes a situation, skill, or concept in terms of relevant social cues, perspectives, and common responses. The goal of a Social Story is to share accurate social information in a patient and reassuring manner that is easily understood. This training will give participants background information on Social Stories and information on how to write an effective Social Story. Instructor: Kim Booth <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$5
April 2 Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC and online in Spearfish	<u>Itchy, Red Bumps</u> Is it Chicken Pox or Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease? This training 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 Disease</i>	\$5
April 30 Monday 1 – 5 p.m. May 7 Monday 3:30–5:30 pm	Spearfish	<u>Babysitters Training</u> Red Cross class designed for 11 – 15 year olds. Covers topics of decision making, keeping kids safe and handling emergencies, and resume and interview tips. Instructor: Jen Nelson	\$50
May 3 May 10 May 17 Thursdays 3:30 – 5:30 pm	Spearfish	<u>Babysitters Training</u> Red Cross class designed for 11 – 15 year olds. Covers topics of decision making, keeping kids safe and handling emergencies, and resume and interview tips. Instructor: Jen Nelson	\$50
May 11 May 18 Fridays 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Belle Fourche	<u>Babysitters Training</u> Red Cross class designed for 11 – 15 year olds. Covers topics of decision making, keeping kids safe and handling emergencies, and resume and interview tips. Instructor: Jen Nelson	\$50

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Enrichment Training (cont.) - Spearfish



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February 27 March 26 April 23 May 14 Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Watch Me Grow: Baby Human Training Series</u> This series will focus on the areas of cognitive, language, physical and emotional development in infants and toddlers. Caregivers will increase their abilities and understanding to effectively and efficiently care for infants and toddlers. Feb. 27 – Watch Me – Thinking Mar. 26 – Watch Me – Talking Apr. 23 – Watch Me – Moving May 14 – Watch Me – Feeling Instructor: Suzy Braun <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i></p>	\$20 series 1 CEU Available
June 12 Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<p><u>Playground Safety is No Accident</u> Is your playground “S.A.F.E”? Join us to learn what constitutes a hazard, how to locate it, and possible solutions. Bring questions about your playground to the NPPS Certified Early Childhood Outdoor Play Inspector. Instructor: Kathy Deml <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i></p>	\$5 .5 CEU Available
June 16 Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 pm	Spearfish	<p>The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and Early Childhood Connections present <u>Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children Ages 3-7</u> Participants will receive the “Growing Up Wild” Curriculum book at end of Workshop. Project WILD is sponsored in South Dakota by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks thanks to the support of hunters and anglers. Instructor: Kim Booth <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p> 	No Charge

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Love and Logic (Series Only)

Instructor: Kevin Murray



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March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29 April 5 April 12 Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Spearfish	<u>Love and Logic (Series Only)</u> March 8: Raising Responsible Kids March 15: The Love and Logic Formula March 22: “C” Stands for Control That’s Shared March 29: “O” is for Ownership of the Problem April 5: “O” is Also for Opportunity for Thinking April 12: “L” Let Empathy & Consequences Do the Teaching April 12: Let’s Wrap It Up and Take It Home <i>Pathways: Guidance and Behavior Management</i>	\$50 single \$60 couple 1 CEU Available

Bright Start Responsive Parenting Classes



Date/Day Time	Location	Class Description	Cost
January 3 January 10 January 17 January 24 January 31 February 7 Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm	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 for 0 – 3 years old Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	No Charge Pre registration required
April 17 April 24 May 1 May 8 May 15 May 22 Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm	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 for 0 – 3 years old Instructor: Jennifer Nelson	No Charge Pre registration required

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Continuing Education Unit Offerings



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January 24 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 7: Observation Skills – What’s Really Going on Here? Participants will explore the value of conducting formal observations and tools to be used. <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	
February 7 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 8: Human Relations Skill Development Participants will explore communication basics, barriers to communication, and cultivate effective communication skills and strategies. <i>Pathways: Observing Children</i>	
February 21 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 9: OST as a Family Service – Emphasis on Relationship Building Participants will develop initiatives for building positive relationships with parents based on positive attitudes towards parents. <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	\$30 Series
March 6 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 10: OST as a Family Service – Emphasis on Planning Opportunities for Family Involvement Participants will explore a variety of strategies for providing parents with opportunities to connect with their child’s experience in the program. <i>Pathways: Partnerships with Parents</i>	1.5 CEU Available
March 20 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 11: Building Relationships with School Personnel Participants will describe and use effective strategies and tools for collaborating effectively with school personnel. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	
April 3 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:30 pm	DDN	OST Certificate Series Module 12: Growing as a Professional in OST Programs Participants will understand what it means to be a professional in the OST field and foster a commitment to professionalism. <i>Pathways: Professionalism</i>	
January 28 March 10 April 21 Saturdays 9:00 – 11:30 am	ECC	<p style="color: purple; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Susan Dotson’s Series on Age- Appropriate Planning</p> <p><u>January 28 - Exploring Sand & Water</u> A sensory table gives children the chance to explore, experiment, observe, investigate and manipulate while increasing their fine and gross motor, hand eye coordination, math, science, and communication skills. Since most sensory table activities are self-directed, sensory play also helps build self-esteem, independence, and cooperation in young children. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p> <p><u>March 10 - No Worksheets – Now What?</u> This is a hands-on learning activities class, 2 hours of learning great ideas -- LOTS of visuals of ideas that you can go home and make. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p> <p><u>April 21 - Let’s Talk About...Process Art!</u> Participants will explore how to open up a child’s creativity using open-ended materials and activities. <i>Pathways: Age-Appropriate Planning</i></p>	<p>\$5 per class</p> <p>.5 CEU available for attendance of 2 of the 3 classes</p>

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February 23 Thursday March 1 Thursday March 21 Wednesday April 26 Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<p style="text-align: center;">Behavior Management Systems Training Series</p> <p><u>February 23 - Children of Divorce</u> This class will define symptoms of children who have been victims of divorce or separation of their parents. We will look at developmental stages and how this trauma affects the children, as well as suggestions to help the children and their families make a smoother transition. This class will be interactive and participation is encouraged. Instructor: Sherri Thompson <i>Pathways: Guidance & Behavior Management</i></p> <p><u>March 1 - Recognizing Stress in Children</u> Childhood is not always carefree, no worries. Children experience stress, but do not have the same skills that adults have in managing their stress. Children count on adults to recognize their stress and help them through these times. This class will cover what are the common causes of stress in children, identifying the signs of childhood stress. The caregiver can help children handle their feelings of stress. Instructor: Susan Lorenzen <i>Pathways: Guidance & Behavior Management</i></p> <p><u>March 21 - Grandparents as Parents</u> This class is about the trend of grandparents having custody of and/or raising their grandchildren. We will discuss the unique challenges and stressors for the grandparents, as well as ways that daycare providers can be a positive support to these families. I will address possible emotional and behavioral responses from children who live in this family structure and provide strategies on helping them cope at home and in the daycare setting. Instructor: Julie Babbe <i>Pathways: Guidance & Behavior Management</i></p> <p><u>April 26 - Infant Depression</u> Research demonstrates that infants experience depression. Learn how stress impacts the developing child and the symptoms of infant depression. We will cover what the causes of infant depression may be and what caregivers can do to assist these very young children. Instructor: Susan Lorenzen <i>Pathways: Guidance & Behavior Management</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$5 per class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.5 CEU available if 2 classes taken</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 CEU available if all 4 classes taken</p>
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May 22 Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm	ECC	<u>Emergency Preparedness</u> Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. What would you do if you were forced to evacuate or were confined to your building? Instructor: Kathy Deml <i>Pathways: Program Safety</i>	\$5 .5 CEU Available
June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26 Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:00 pm	ECC	<u>Watch Me Grow: Baby Human Training Series</u> This series will focus on the areas of cognitive, language, physical and emotional development in infants and toddlers. Caregivers will increase their abilities and understanding to effectively and efficiently care for infants and toddlers. June 5 – Watch Me – Thinking June 12 – Watch Me – Talking June 19 – Watch Me – Moving June 26 – Watch Me – Feeling Instructor: Suzy Braun <i>Pathways: Child Growth & Development</i>	\$20 series 1 CEU Available
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