



Early Childhood Connections OST Newsletter

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Check out our website for more information and more detailed descriptions of these and other training opportunities. www.earlychildhoodconnections.com

*** Region 1 OST Training Calendar ***

\$2.50/Core Module class \$5/Certificate Module class
(Series may be taken for Teacher Renewal Credit - \$15/Series)

OST Certificate Series II: Building the Foundations for Human Relationships

Nov 8	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 7 - Observation Skills - What's Really Going on Here?	Rapid City
Nov 15	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 8 - Human Relations Skill Development	Rapid City
Dec 1	Saturday	8:00-10:30 am	Certificate Module 9- OST As a Family Service: Emphasis on Relationship Building	Rapid City
Dec 1	Saturday	10:30-1:00 pm	Certificate Module 10- OST As a Family Service: Emphasis on Planning Opportunities for Family Involvement	Rapid City
Dec 13	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 11 - Building Relationships with School Personnel	Rapid City
Dec 20	Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Certificate Module 12 - Growing as a Professional in OST Programs	Rapid City

OST Core Modules \$2.50/Core Module class \$5.00/evening

Nov 20	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	Core Module 1: Child Growth & Development Core Module 2: Activity Planning	Rapid City
Nov 27	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	Core Module 3: Learning Environments Core Module 4: Communication & Relationships	Rapid City
Dec 4	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	Core Module 5: Behavior Management & Guidance Core Module 6: Social and Cultural Awareness	Rapid City
Dec 11	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	Core Module 7: Health & Safety Core Module 8: Children with Special Needs	Rapid City
Dec 18	Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	Core Module 9: Program Mgmt & Professionalism Core Module 10: Families, Communities and Schools	Rapid City

*** Region 2 - OST Training Calendar ***

OST Certificate Series I:

School-Age Growth and Development - Linking Development Needs To Programming

Nov 10	Saturday	9:00-11:30 am	Certificate Module 1 - Exploring the Continuum of Developmental Tasks of School-Age children from 5 to 12 - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Nov 10	Saturday	12:00-2:30 pm	Certificate Module 2 - Exploring Four Areas of Development - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Nov 10	Saturday	2:30-5:00 pm	Certificate Module 3 - Exploring Developmental Needs and Characteristics of Different Age Groups - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Dec 15	Saturday	9:00-11:30 am	Certificate Module 4 - Exploring Individual Differences in School-Age Children - Implications for Programming	Pierre
Dec 15	Saturday	12:00-2:30 pm	Certificate Module 5 - Managing School-Age Children in Groups	Pierre
Dec 15	Saturday	2:30-5:00 pm	Certificate Module 6 - Guiding the Behavior of Individual Children	Pierre

Other ECC classes - see website training calendar for schedules, descriptions & costs



MISSING OST Theme Tub - Bug Detectives - if you have borrowed it please let me know and I'll make arrangements to pick it up. *THANKS*

The Center For Collaborative Solutions (CCS) recently released a new guide to exemplary practices in nutrition and physical activity. This guide is targeted to afterschool programs and is available for download at no cost on the CCS <http://www.ccscenter.org/>. The guide was funded by the Network for a Healthy California (USDA Food Stamp Nutrition Education) and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

This guide explains six exemplary practices and contains indicator rubrics that can be used by programs to assess how they are doing in each of the six practice areas and to help them focus their attention on the areas they want to improve. The indicators will also help programs measure their improvement over time. The practices include:

1. Establishing the vision
2. Integrating nutrition and physical activity with youth development principles
3. Providing exciting and meaningful learning experiences that integrate nutrition and physical activity into core activities
4. Working closely with the community, families and the school as full partners
5. Improving food security
6. Developing diversified funding to sustain a quality program over time

The six practices were developed by CCS after initial research, focus group discussions, and consultation with a statewide stakeholders group of nutrition, physical activity, afterschool, education and other experts. A learning community of 11 afterschool programs, selected for their strong nutrition and physical activity focus, used the practices. Representatives from these afterschool programs have been meeting together over the past two years to strengthen their programs by learning from each other and other experts in the field. The meetings provided an opportunity to revise and improve the exemplary practices. With their input and the feedback from the statewide stakeholders group, CCS finalized the guide, which is now posted on its website and can be downloaded in its entirety.



Program assistance, training, consultation, observations and on-going support is available for OST programs in Regions 1 & 2 (western and central counties in South Dakota) from Early Childhood Connections in Rapid City. For more information contact:



Our Mission:
*To enrich the lives of
children by working with
the adults who affect
their lives - parents,
caregivers, and educators.*

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