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For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

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Visit our Resource and Lending Library Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. You will discover FREE useful resources for teaching, parenting and activities for Quality time with your family!

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Child Connect Moving to Southeast!



Child Connect is happy to announce that their offices will be moving to the Southeast Elementary School on **June 1st, 2018** as a partner of The Early Childhood Collaborative called, "The Little Highlanders Learning Center."

Child Connect for Family Success will be located in the media center of the repurposed elementary school and will offer an expanded FREE Resource and Lending Library (sponsored by the Kellogg Family Foundation) for early childhood professionals, children and families. In the spacious media center training space, Child Connect will continue the CDA Scholarship Program, the Ready, Set, Learn Kindergarten Readiness Program, Professional Development for early childhood staff, American Heart First Aid/CPR/AED training and much, much more! Stop in and see us!


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Professional Development Calendar
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Transforming Transitions!!

FREE Social & Emotional Training & Support
with Holly Carter, LLMSW

May 1, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm
Child Connect for Family Success

FREE Social & Emotional Support & Training with Holly Carter at Child Connect in Howell on May 1, 2018. The topic is **Transforming Transitions.** How well your day flows in your preschool classroom can depend on how well you handle important transitions. Some of the most stressful parts of a preschool day can begin with transitioning children from one activity to the next without it all ending up in a total stressful chaos moment! Learn to create short, smooth transitions throughout your day. Register online or by calling 517-548-9112.



COOKING MATTERS!

June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30 pm
Child Connect for Family Success at
SE Elementary School
Call 517-548-9112 to Register TODAY




Program Directors! This one is for YOU! Director's Training and Support on **May 21, 2018**, from 1:00—3:00 pm. We will begin our afternoon with lunch celebrating YOU and the end of another amazing school year. While enjoying lunch, we will answer questions about the updates in early childhood—then, we will all take a “field trip” to Exertion Nutrition, 2614 E. Grand River (just down the street) to enjoy Cardio-drumming fun for exercise and stress relief! Only \$10.00; Platinum Members are FREE!

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Resounding Resources



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International Mud Day 2018

To help you remember to celebrate International Mud Day, Child Connect is happy to offer this great resource in our lending library:

***“Mud”* by Mary Lyn Ray**

“Click” on the photo below to explore 30 PLUS Muddy Activities to celebrate mud day! Plan ahead for June 29!



Follow the Child Connect GPS (Guided Professional Services) on your journey to quality!

The Child Connect GPS leads early childhood professional development in **Livingston County** to the next level by providing guided professional services including:

- 1) Intentional planning and customizing professional development for your program;
- 2) Customized training modules and regularly scheduled training modules;
- 3) On-site classroom evaluations using the Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT™) developed by the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) to help you identify areas for improvement;
- 4) Classroom Program Quality Assessment (PQA)
- 5) Professional consultations and coaching to model the skills taught during our research-based training modules to maximize the overall impact of professional development;
- 3) CDA Scholarship Program;
- 4) Hybrid CDA Program;
- 5) Ready, Set, Learn Kindergarten Readiness Program;
- 6) Pediatric and General First Aid and CPR/AED Classes;
- 7) NEW Health and Safety Compliancy Training available NOW!**



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Create Nature Experiences for Children (from Community Playthings)

Longer school days, more homework, urbanization, organized sports, and daily access to technology all play a role in children spending less time in nature than ever before. Studies show that children now spend 90% of their leisure time inside and many schools contribute to this trend. We do not place the proper value on time outside, time without intentional goals or structured expectations. This is robbing our kids of joy and challenge—both such meaningful parts of life. Nature experiences—whether in a park or in the playground—are a missing ingredient in many children's lives.



The Benefits of Nature

What happens when kids have unstructured time to play and explore outdoors?

Problem Solving: Unlike a structured school day, the routine of home life, organized classes, and sports, there is no telling what one will encounter outside. Whether it is crossing a stream, building a fort, or figuring out how to scale a rock, time in nature helps kids figure stuff out. When kids learn to problem solve in situations that are fun and spontaneous they are able to carry those skills into their schoolwork and daily life.

Risk Taking: Kids need to learn to take risks in order to be able to cope with the world. Life is full of adversity and many children today do not have the skills to manage everyday challenges. Playing outside requires kids to try things that might scare them, but does so in a way that is fun and inviting. How exciting was it the first time you climbed a tree, figured out how to trap minnows, or encountered a wild animal? These situations build self-esteem and foster a willingness to try new things.

Increased Creativity: Children who play outside become naturally curious and creative. Nature is full of open-ended materials. Pine cones become babies, leaves become blankets, and sticks become telescopes. Using imagination and creativity are valuable skills that will guide kids throughout their life.

Physical Development: It's important for children to use their bodies in experimental ways. Outdoor play in nature inspires and often requires running, kicking, jumping, climbing, and balancing. Coordination and core strength are improved as a result of these activities. When these skills are fostered early on, children are more successful not only in sports, but in academics as well, not to mention they are healthier in mind and spirit.

Reduced Mental Health Issues: Studies show that anxiety, depression, and possibly even ADD are reduced when children spend more time in nature. Children today have less control over their lives than ever before. Since 1955 the school day and school year have continued to get longer and homework has become the norm (sometimes for kids as young as 3!). The more scheduled we make their lives, the more children suffer from depression, anxiety, and attention deficit challenges. Children need freedom to play. They need time to themselves and with peers. It is no surprise that as we have removed these things from kid's lives we have seen a vast increase in psychological problems. Time in nature offers great opportunities to help kids regain some control of their childhood.

Learn Empathy: When children understand the sanctity of life they respect it. Time in nature helps kids understand just how precious life is, and that life truly is all around us. Our world is in crisis and our children are the generation that will be able to stand up and fix it. Appreciating nature is the first step in the process.

Healthier in body, mind, and spirit!

Parents—play OUTSIDE with your children to enjoy all these benefits and more!

SAVE THE DATE!

November 10, 2018

28th Annual Regional Early Childhood
Conference featuring Lisa Murphy!



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The Exploring Montessori Conference was held on April 14th at the Maple Tree Montessori Academy in Brighton. Thank you to Sue Cherry, Maple Tree Montessori Director who hosted this conference in partnership with Child Connect and to the Maple Tree Staff who worked hard to make the day a success.

Participants enjoyed presenters Anita B. Adhikary, Sue Cherry and Julie Harrison. Thank you to all the many participants!



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