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Connection

Resources
For Families and
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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!



**Child Connect
for Family Success**

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Be a SunWise™ Program!

The SunWise™ program is a health and environmental education program that teaches children and their caregivers how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun. Through the use of classroom, school, and **community components**, SunWise™ develops sustained sun-safe behaviors. Program participants [receive free materials](#) that facilitate cross-curricular learning about sun safety, UV radiation, and ozone science.

Unprotected exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays during youth puts children at an increased lifetime risk for skin cancer. Overexposure to the sun can also lead to eye damage and immune system suppression. By educating ourselves and our children about UV-related health effects and steps for sun protection, we can ensure a healthy future for the next generation.

SunWise™ is the most widely used health and environmental education program for sun safety designed for children ages 5-15. The program has demonstrated success in raising awareness and changing behaviors related to sun safety. SunWise™ has also been shown to [prevent skin cancer and save public health costs \(PDF\)](#).



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A Little Bit of Summer Fun!

Click on the pictures below to get the directions for these FUN Summer Do-It-Yourself Projects!



**CALL 517-548-9112
or go to:
childconnectmi.org**

Become a 2016 Platinum Member of Child Connect TODAY for your name and program to be featured in our monthly Newsletter and to have a link to your program from our newsletter AND website!



Families love our learning kits!



Resounding Resources

Two (2) New August Learning Kits



(1) Table with 4 chairs & Tea Party Kit

(2) Three new infant toddler back-packs with dress-up bears!

Summer fun continues with two (2) new interactive learning kits from the Kellogg Family Foundation!

Take time to have a tea party with family and friends! For the wee ones, we have three new Infant and Toddler literacy backpacks full of props for interactive play including our dress up bears!

Come in to our office at 2710 East Grand River in Howell to check out your FREE learning kits today!

The Provider Connection

November 12, 2016

26th Annual Community Sharing for Healthy Caring Regional Early Childhood Conference

Register at:
www.childconnectmi.org






Summertime is a great time to get involved in fun social and learning activities with your child to help him or her get ready for kindergarten. Visit the [Transition Guides](#) for lots of great ideas and to take advantage of the many activity suggestions to help your child be ready for the first day of school. The reason to get a child ready for kindergarten is so he/she has a good start with “the big school.”

Transitions can be very challenging for adults and children alike, especially the transition to kindergarten. Here are a few suggestions that may help:

- **Create Routines** by setting a bedtime and wake-up time, and stick to it. This helps children know what to expect and ensures they get enough rest.
- **Read Books** about going to school, but also continue to read books with your child for pleasure. Read one over and over if your child likes the book. Visit Child Connect for Family Success and check out an engaging literacy backpack with stories and props—your child can pick out their favorites!
- **Encourage Independence** by allowing your child to make certain choices such as “do you want the purple or the yellow one?” Allow your child to dress him or herself. Teach your child how to open zip or button their coats and how to tie or fasten their shoes.

You can also help your child prepare for the actual transition to kindergarten by talking about what will happen. What will his new routine be like? What friends will also be there? Encourage his questions and expressions of feelings, but be careful not to transmit any anxieties you may have. Children easily "catch" adults' emotional responses. Travel the route she'll take to and from school, and arrange a visit. Most schools encourage this. Many hold orientations or open houses to help children and families feel comfortable with school and classroom surroundings and to meet the teacher. Take your child to play on the playground. If possible, arrange play dates with other children who will be in her class. Knowing what to expect eases anxiety and will help her (and you) feel more secure. Even as you anticipate the start of kindergarten together, take time to enjoy your child. Play together. Go places together. Read and talk together. In the process, you'll be encouraging his enthusiasm for learning and helping him get off to a great start!



View 2016
Professional Development Calendar
(including First Aid and CPR Classes!)

Right “click” on calendar icon to open!



Obtain your CDA through Child Connect! NOW Accepting Applications for the 2016-17 Genesee County CDA Program

Considering a path toward the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential is an exciting step. The CDA Credential is a national credential issued by the Council for Professional Recognition. The CDA Council for Professional Recognition works to ensure that early childhood educators know and use best practices to meet the developmental needs of young children. Obtaining a CDA Credential can be a catalyst to professional growth and education.

CDA recipients have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and an understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDA recipients know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

The settings for the CDA Credential are:

1. Preschool (Center-based)
2. Infant/toddler (Center-based)
3. Family/Group Child Care

Child Connect NOW offers a CDA education program for all three settings aligned to the eight content areas as specified by the national CDA Council. To help you meet the goals of the CDA Council, our supportive program is staffed with qualified, trusted, and familiar local trainers who are available to guide you step-by-step through the entire process. In as little as twelve (12) months you can receive the necessary 120 training hours, learn how to create your professional portfolio, and learn how to apply for your national credential.

As always Child Connect will continue to offer our training courses through a variety of training options, including distance learning modules, perfect for anytime learning!



**GENESEE COUNTY
Child Development Associate (CDA)
Program to begin first week of
September!**

**Call Child Connect at 517-548-9112 to receive your
FREE Scholarship Application TODAY!**



The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is the best first step on the path of career advancement in ECE.



CDA
YOUR BEST FIRST STEP
IN PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT!

**FREE PROGRAM!
GENESEE COUNTY
APPLICATIONS ARE
BEING ACCEPTED
UNTIL AUGUST
12TH!**

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Professional Development in August!

8/2/16	6:30-8:30	Creative Curriculum, Part 3
8/9/16	6:30-8:30	Creative Curriculum, Part 4
8/16/16	6:30-8:30	Creative Curriculum, Part 5
8/23/16	6:30-8:30	Creative Curriculum, Part 6
8/31/16	6:30-8:00	FREE Social-Emotional Support and Training with Holly Carter!

To Register go to our NEW easy to use website:

www.childconnectmi.org
or call us at: 517-548-9112



Child Connect Membership

Learn the Benefits of Professional Membership and join our team of Child Care Professionals TODAY!

Call: 517-548-9112 or join online at childconnectmi.org

If you need CPR or First Aid—we can help. Child Connect has CPR and First Aid Classes every month in Howell and Flint. To register go to our website at:

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