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Resources
For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

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Child Connect Honors Founder, Linda Herbert, for 40 Years of Service in the Field of Early Childhood



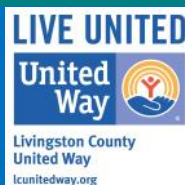
Child Connect is proud to honor Linda Herbert for her 40 years of service to children, the community and the field of early childhood education with an open house and dedication of the **Linda and AJ Reading Corner** on **August 16, 2018 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm** at Child Connect located at 861 E. Sibley, in Howell. Linda will be present for the dedication and will be available to visit with everyone who attends.

Linda Herbert began her career in 1964 working at the Weinberger Montessori School in Waterford. Linda also served as an Assistant Counselor for Port Sanilac Community Schools, a Reading Specialist in Croswell at Lexington Public Schools, Director of Young Parent's Developmental Nursery and Lab and preschool teacher at Huron Valley School District in Milford, Child Care Specialist for the Child Care Council of Oakland County in Pontiac, an Early Childhood Consultant for the Michigan 4C Association, and was the **founding Executive Director of Livingston County 4C d/b/a Child Connect for Family Success** until 2016. As you can imagine, the impact of her career has had a ripple effect across the entire State of Michigan.

We invite everyone to drop by and visit with Linda Herbert on August 16th. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by August 1 to 517-548-9112. If you cannot attend this event, cards and well wishes can be sent to Linda Herbert c/o Child Connect for Family Success, 861 E. Sibley, Howell, MI 48843.

We look forward to this celebration to honor Linda Herbert and her impact on the field of early childhood education.

It's all about Quality.



The Provider Connection

Professional Development Opportunities ...



Child Development

NEW Online Training - 4 hours - \$15.00

In this training module, you will gain an understanding of the typical milestones and developmental pathways across each of the five basic learning domains of children's development. This knowledge will provide a general framework to guide you in preparing the learning environment, considering curriculum, designing learning experiences, and teaching and interacting with children.

Register online: childconnectmi.org



Health & Safety Compliancy Training!

10 hours of Training. This class module meets the new health and safety training requirements of PA 116 as amended.

MUST HAVE INTERNET ACCESS
\$35.00 per person for agency validated
Completion Certificate

Register online at childconnectmi.org
Or call 517-548-9112

Register for all classes online at:
childconnectmi.org or by calling
517-548-9112

View the 2018 UPDATED
Professional Development Calendar
HERE!

FREE Social & Emotional Support & Training with Holly Carter at Child Connect in Howell on **August 21, 2018** from 6:30—8:30 p.m. The topic is **The Inspired Professional!** This class is part of the Ready, Set, Learn! Kindergarten Readiness Program. Register online or by calling 517-548-9112.

SAVE THE DATE

08.21.18

THE INSPIRED PROFESSIONAL

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

HOLLY CARTER, LLMSW

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out our
interactive
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for Back to School
programs!**

Fun!



**2 - 8 hour Distance Learning Opportunities:
Great Expectations for Prekindergarten and
Great Expectations for Infants and Toddlers!**

Call 517-548-9112 for more information
and to register or go to:

www.childconnectmi.org

**Learn about the Michigan Early
Childhood Standards of Quality
for: Prekindergarten and/or
Infants and Toddlers!**

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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](#) to 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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**Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and
AED Training
August 16, 2018
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**



Register online at childconnectmi.org
or call 517-548-9112

Be sure your First Aid/CPR/AED training is up to date before school starts!

Child Connect can accommodate your group! Call us today!

SAVE THE DATE! November 10, 2018

28th Annual Regional Early Childhood
Conference featuring Lisa Murphy!



Presented by ...



2018 Child Connect Platinum Members:

Joyce Powers, Board Member
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Marian Krippes, Board Member
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[IXL, Howell](#)

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Holly Braidwood, Director
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Janice Ramirez, Director
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[Garden Gate Montessori](#)

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Linda Manson-Dempsey, Director
[Little Country Kids](#)

Cassie LaButte, Owner
[Roo's Corner](#)

2018-19 CDA Scholarship Awards

Child Connect is happy to announce ...

2018-19 Livingston County CDA Scholarship Awards

Infant/Toddler CDA Students

Addison, Martha
Bennett, Rachel
Chard, Molly Kate
Evens, Amanda
Fearer, Natalie
Harwood, Nicole
Horste, Rhonda
Lindgren, Lainie
Lowler, Kimberly
Nelson, Cassandra
Orsborn, Rochelle
Patterson, Katie
Ransom, Sarah
Saari, Megan
Schrier, Kortney
Slater, Kayla
Stanley, Alicia
Tate, Jodi
Wiggins, Abigail
Wright, Nicole



Preschool CDA Students

Drubin, Nicholas
Henze, Sandra
Jacques, Amber
Kesselring, Sheena
Patterson, Sandra
Provost, Alexandra
Ray, Skylar
Schaffer, Lynnze Kay
Simmons-Torres, Nicole
Snyder, Michelle
Waldron, Tracie

2018-19 Genesee County CDA Scholarship Awards

Infant/Toddler CDA Students

Almshahi, Shamsah
Alexander, Paris
Buffa, Renee
Clifford, Nikole
Corbin, Quadrece
Damen, Shayna
Dickerson, Jessica
Draper, Jacklyn
Meekins, Rosner
O'Hara, Kaitlynn

Ross Stephanie
Sparkman, Aujaurie
Standish, Heaven
Wirgau Dawn



Preschool CDA Students

Alvarado, Ann
Arrington, Sylvia
Belleville, Nichole
Brown, Marilyn
Clapper, Jessica
Gates, Tina
Gunn, Deanna
Harlston, Barbara
Hirkaway, Kyra
Jenkins, Erika
Pumfrey, Jessica
Reid, Khadija
Siegrist, Rachel
Sprinkle, Nina
Stanley, Taylor
Vickerman, Adrienne
Weidenhammer, Angela
Ziegler, Vicky



Cindy LaFountane, Director
[Faith Lutheran Church](#)

Paulette Silverson, [Group Home Pro-
vider](#)

Chrissa Seigle, Director
[First Baptist Child Care Center](#)

Tamara Jefferson, Director
[Joyful Tots Childcare and Learning
Center](#)



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 will 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 will be encouraging his enthusiasm for learning and helping him get off to a great start!

A Little Bit of Late Summer Fun!



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



2018 Backpacks for Kids/ Connect for Kids



Thursday, August 16

Connect for Kids:

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Backpacks distributed from

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

LESA 1425 W. Grand River, Howell

Prepare for the upcoming school year: Backpacks filled with School Supplies, Community Resources from many community partners, Back to School Resources, Refreshments, Car Seat Checks, Helmets and More...**

*** Wristbands for backpacks will be distributed after 4:00 p.m.**

**** Helmets will be available for a nominal fee of \$5.00.**