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# Connection

Resources  
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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November 10, 2018

## Regional Early Childhood Conference

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Murphy



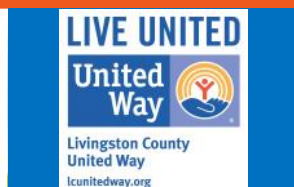
Child Connect for Family Success is hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in partnership with the Kellogg Family foundation at the Howell High School Campus on November 10, 2018. This year's Regional Early Childhood Conference promises to be the best one yet with keynote speaker, Lisa Murphy inspiring you with her amazing ideas and teaching experiences!

Lisa Murphy has been involved with early childhood education for over 20 years; teaching and working with children in various environments including Head Start, kindergarten, private preschools, family childcare, park and rec centers, group homes and many child care centers. She is the founder and CEO of Ooey Gooey, Inc. where her mission is to assist in the transformation of the industry of early childhood education by offering 1) the best workshops and trainings; 2) the most up to date materials and resources! Read the comments from others who have enjoyed Lisa's workshops on page 2 of this Newsletter!

In addition to our **amazing keynote speaker**, Child Connect offers over 75 workshops in 3 sessions for you to choose from—create your own professional development experience filled with fun, friends and so much more! Six PD hours and SCECHs are available! Only \$65.00 includes breakfast, lunch, shopping, networking—a great Saturday you will not want to miss!

**Register online today: [Conference Registration](#)**

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## Read what others say about Lisa Murphy, our 2018 Regional Conference Speaker ...

Thank you Lisa, "Ooey Gooley" lady, for inspiring me to be the best teacher I can be....xoxoxo

Karen Benson-Neil, Winters Parent Nursery School, Winters, CA.

We sincerely thank you for sharing your ideas, experience and inspiration with our valued staff. The day was very enjoyable for everyone! The comments from your keynote and workshop were overwhelmingly appreciative and positive. Many people have said it was the best Staff Development Day ever and our center directors are already reporting seeing a new energy in teachers. You need to know the difference you are making in the lives of children.

-The Palo Alto (CA) Community Child Care and Children's Preschool Center Conference Coordinators

We have been having a wonderful time trying out different ooey gooley activities. The first morning I introduced flubber to my childcare kids, they spent AN HOUR playing with it! I was amazed (and glad I had **allocated enough time** for it!) I am so grateful for all the recipes and finger play sheets. It has been an **amazing few weeks**. Please keep doing the work you are doing. **You are changing lives** and I am so **grateful for ALL that you gave to me** – so much more than I can even explain.

- Lara B., Colorado, Family Child Care Provider

I just wanted to let you know that in one day you have **single handedly restored my faith in teaching** early childhood education. I want to be a better teacher for the children I'm with everyday because of your seminar. I found it **so inspiring** I can't even put it into words.

- Ryan P. Framingham, MA.

I think you are terrific.

Your **knowledge base** and passion as an educator was **truly inspiring**. I was also glad to have my educational philosophy validated by someone so **profoundly grounded in child-centered learning**. Thank you.

-Maria in Lexington, MA

Thank you for everything. You gave me more in that one hour than you will ever know.

- Tammi Wyman, N.A.E.Y.C.  
Workshop Conference Participant



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# The Provider Connection

## Professional Development Opportunities ...



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View the 2018 UPDATED  
Professional Development Calendar  
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### Health & Safety Compliance 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

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### Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

October 18, 2018

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

\$65.00 each

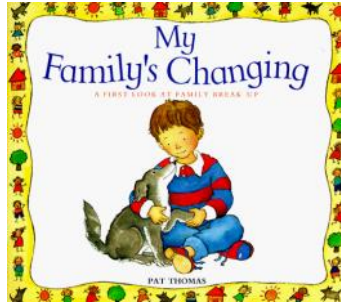


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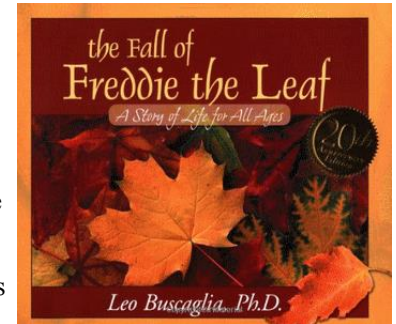
**FREE Social & Emotional Support &  
Training** with Holly Carter, LLMSW at  
Child Connect on October 23rd from  
6:30—8:30 pm.

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# Resounding Resources



This delightful picture book by Pat Thomas explores questions and concerns about divorce and family break-ups in a simple and reassuring way.



This story by Leo Buscaglia is a warm, wonderfully wise and strikingly simple story about a leaf named Freddie. How Freddie and his companion leaves change with the passing seasons, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow, is an inspiring allegory illustrating the delicate balance between life and death.

**Come in and check out our interactive Resource kits ready for families and children to enjoy! We have many new BIG BOOKS for you to check out and use with the children in your care!**

**Fun!**

**Need a take-home treat for your harvest party? Make spooky S'mores! Place 2 graham crackers, a snack size Hershey bar, and a silly marshmallow in a treat**



**Tickle your outdoor imagination here:**

[fairyhouses.com](http://fairyhouses.com)  
[natureworks.org](http://natureworks.org)  
[childrenandnature.org](http://childrenandnature.org)  
[richardlouv.com](http://richardlouv.com)  
[childrennatureandyou.org](http://childrennatureandyou.org)  
[naturenet.com](http://naturenet.com)  
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**October is fire safety month! Check out free online resources at:**  
[http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonalmonths/10\\_october/fire\\_safety\\_month/](http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonalmonths/10_october/fire_safety_month/)



## The Power of Purposeful Environments

A good teacher inspires learning. But each classroom has **another teacher**, often overlooked, that has the potential to dramatically increase or decrease learning opportunities as well.

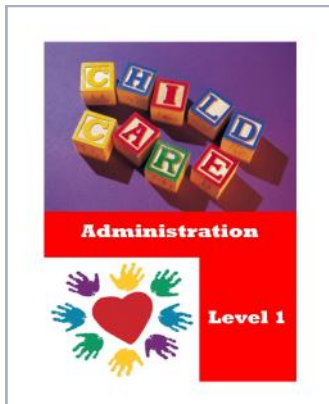
Often referred to as “the third teacher,” the **environment** can have a powerful effect on both behavior and learning. “When you walk into a well-designed classroom you see children constructively engaged and teachers busy observing, facilitating, and challenging the children,” writes Amy Sussna Klein. “The environment supports all this by assuming several of the responsibilities we typically associate with teachers.”

Careful attention to these essentials reduces the time teachers must spend maintaining safety and order. This frees up time for valuable interactions with children, ultimately increasing learning.

How do you set up an environment that teaches?

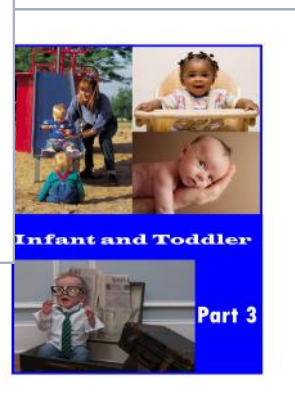
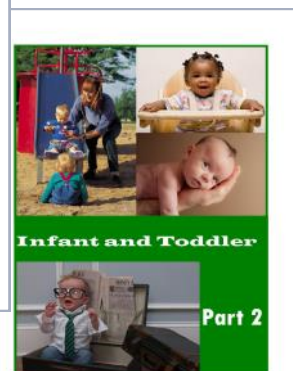
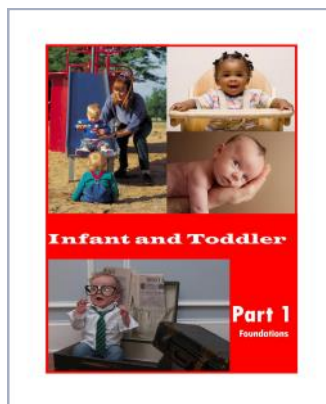
Read Amy Sussna Klein’s article: “[The Power of Purposeful Preschool Environments](#).”

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So many classes to choose from!

# The Parent Connection



Right "click" on pics  
to explore Links!



## Ready, Set, Learn!

**If you are working with a young child with challenging behavior or have a child you are worried about (there seems to be a developmental delay or other special need) FREE services are available to you! Thanks to generous funding from the Michigan 32p Early Childhood Block Grant (with the approval of The Great Start Livingston Collaborative), our agency is able to provide the Ready, Set, Learn! Kindergarten Readiness Program, to parents and child care personnel in Livingston County.**

**Ready, Set, Learn!** provides consultation for families and child care professionals caring for children ages birth-5 who are experiencing behavioral or emotional challenges that put them at risk for expulsion from child care. **Ready, Set, Learn!** strives to reduce expulsions, improve the quality of child care, and assist families and providers to successfully nurture the social and emotional development of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

**Ready, Set, Learn!** can help through observation of the child in the child care setting, assessment of the child and classroom environment, coaching, and providing supports, teaching strategies and educational resources for families and providers to learn new ways to interact with the child. Perhaps you need some information on a particular topic. The **Ready, Set, Learn** team can help with that too! We can talk over the phone about your concerns – we are here to listen! We can research information on the topic you are concerned about, and suggest resources from our lending library. We also hold FREE monthly support and training meetings for providers and families.

To find out more, or to ask about a child or any concerns, contact  
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MURPHY**  
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**75 + WORKSHOPS**



**\$65.00**  
**SIX HOURS OF PD**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**LUNCH**  
**NETWORKING**  
**PRIZES!**

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