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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!

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Regional Early Childhood Conference

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Murphy



The Kellogg Family Foundation is a proud sponsor of the 28th Annual CSHC Regional Early Childhood Conference hosted by Child Connect for Family Success. Child Connect's mission is to "connect" families and child care providers with services and empowering resources to maximize the experience of early childhood. Child Connect works to provide support, resources, education, training, and more to families and professionals.

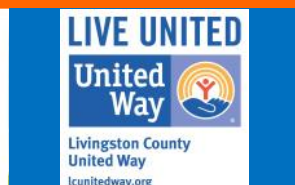
Join the Kellogg Family Foundation and Child Connect for a full day of interactive training on November 10th. An incredible 75 workshops are available for attendees to choose from. Lisa Murphy, the keynote speaker, will be discussing early childhood education in a way that's informative, humorous, inspirational, and energetic. For more information about this event, visit the Child Connect for Family Success Facebook page or website.

Create your own professional development experience filled with fun, friends and so much more! Six PD hours and SCECHs are available! Only \$70.00 includes breakfast, lunch, shopping, networking—a great Saturday you will not want to miss!

Register online today: [Conference Registration](#)

STOP by our Photo Booth at Conference!

It's all about Quality.



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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 ...



Register for all classes online at:
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View the 2018 UPDATED
Professional Development Calendar
HERE! Including 18 FREE Classes!

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Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

November 15, 2018 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

November 17, 2018 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$65.00 per person



Register online at childconnectmi.org
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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

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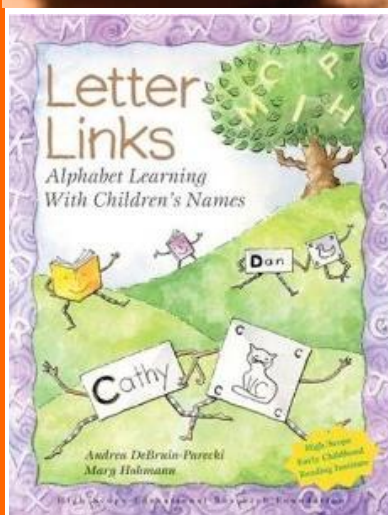
Resounding Resources



Check out this month's featured Resounding Resource:

Letter Links!

Suitable for all early childhood educators and practitioners, Letter Links is all about the alphabetic principle from a child development point of view. It highlights the importance of using symbols in preschool along with printed letters. Letter Links takes children's natural interest in learning to write their own name as an entry-way to teaching them letter recognition skills, letter-sound correspondence, and letter/word writing by using nametags and letter-linked images. The authors also provide eight specific teaching strategies. Letter Links outlines the research behind the learning system and gives detailed examples of 64 initial letter sounds represented by 26 letters. These are the letter combinations you need to introduce the book's more than 25 fun-filled activities that involve the alphabetic principle, phonological awareness, sense of word, and vocabulary.



Math Learning Kit!

Our math Learning Kit contains games, music, books, and many hand-on learning activities such as sorting circles, numerical bean bags, wooded stacking toys and much, much more!



Remember to stop by our training table at the November 10th, 2018 Community Sharing for Healthy Caring Conference at the Howell High School to purchase a distance learning packet for convenient professional development (now available in digital form). We look forward to seeing you there!

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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE!

Key to Lifelong Success

The human body was designed to walk, run, or stop; it wasn't built for coasting.
-Cullen Hightower



"I'm utterly convinced that the key to lifelong success is the regular exercise of a single emotional muscle: gratitude," writes Geoffrey James in his article, "True Secret of Success (It's Not What You Think)." "People who approach life with a sense of gratitude are constantly aware of what's wonderful in their life. Because they enjoy the fruits of their successes, they seek out more success. And when things don't go as planned, people who are grateful can put failure into perspective. "By contrast, people who lack gratitude are never truly happy. If they succeed at a task, they don't enjoy it. For them, a string of successes is like trying to fill a bucket with a huge leak in the bottom. And failure invariably makes them bitter, angry, and discouraged. "Therefore, if you want to be successful, you need to feel more gratitude. Fortunately, gratitude, like most emotions, is like a muscle: The more you use it, the stronger and more resilient it becomes. The best time to exercise gratitude is just before bed. Take out your tablet (electronic or otherwise) and record the events of the day that created positive emotions, either in you or in those around you.

"Did you help somebody solve a problem? Write it down. Did you connect with a colleague or friend? Write it down. Did you make somebody smile? Write it down. What you're doing is "programming your brain" to view your day more positively. You're throwing mental focus on what worked well, and shrugging off what didn't. As a result, you'll sleep better, and you'll wake up more refreshed!

Reprogramming Your Brain

More importantly, you are also programming your brain to notice even more reasons to feel gratitude. You'll quickly discover that even a "bad day" is full of moments that are worthy of gratitude. Success becomes sweeter; failure, less sour.

The more regularly you practice this exercise, the stronger its effects.

Over time, your "gratitude muscle" will become so strong that you'll attract more success into your life, not to mention greater numbers of successful (i.e., grateful) people. You'll also find yourself thanking people more often. That's good for you and for them, too.

This method works. If you don't believe me, try it for at least a week. You'll be amazed at what a huge difference it makes.

The Parent Connection

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! utilizes research-based observation tools to assess children in the classroom environment. Once the assessment is completed, **Ready, Set, Learn!** provides coaching, teaching strategies and educational resources for families and providers to learn new and effective ways to interact with the children. Perhaps you need some relevant 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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Just "right click" on the pictures to open the hyperlinks to enjoy so many great ideas for Thanksgiving—for families and providers!

