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Resources
For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

MAY 2019

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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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Provider Appreciation Day is May 10, 2019

Join the celebration and thank your child care provider, teacher or caregiver!

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Today's child care professionals are the world's unsung heroes. This profession is one of the most underpaid occupations in the country; yet research shows that early childhood is the most critical developmental period in a child's life. It takes a special person to work in this field and the contribution these individuals make to the quality of children's and families' lives too frequently goes unnoticed. Provider Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend the unselfish dedication, commitment and compassion that child care providers demonstrate every day.

- Get together with other parents to create a surprise.
- Send flowers, a potted plant, cards or a handwritten note of appreciation.
- Take them a cup of coffee when you drop your child off.
- Work with your child to create a special remembrance.
- Buy something for your provider's play area .
- Purchase new books for the center.
- Buy new art supplies for the center.
- Buy them an item off their wish list.
- Give them a gift certificate to dinner.
- Give your provider a paid day off, or a raise, or a bonus.
- Key in on your provider's hobby and buy him or her an appropriate gift.
- Check to see if your employer provides scholarships for toys, equipment or training that you can sponsor as a parent.
- Let them know how much you need and appreciate them.
- Help your child make them a gift basket.
- Pay for a substitute so they can take the day off.
- Say thank you..

Do not let this day go by without a special thank you to this person who is so

It's all about Quality



2019 Child Connect Platinum Members:

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Make Believe Manor

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

Child Connect's 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] to help you identify areas for improvement;
- 4) Classroom Program Quality Assessment (PQA) or PQA-R;
- 5) Professional consultations and coaching to model the skills taught during our research-based training modules to maximize the overall impact of professional development;
- 6) CDA Scholarship Program;
- 7) Hybrid CDA Program;
- 8) Ready, Set, Learn Kindergarten Readiness Program;
- 9) Pediatric and General First Aid and CPR/AED Classes;
- 10) Other compliancy classes including Blood borne Pathogens training, Safe Sleep, Shaken Baby Prevention and SIDS Prevention training.

Call **517-548-9112** to schedule your on-site classroom evaluation and consultation.

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Maple Tree Montessori Academy

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Down on the Farm Child Care

Katie Sloan, Director
Little Glad Early Childhood Center

David Simancek, Director
Swartz Creek CDC Program



The Provider Connection

Professional Development Opportunities ...

**May Director's Training & Support
with Courtney Aldrich, MSU-E**

**Essential Skills for Learning &
Life!**

May 13, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm



Child Connect for Family Success

FREE Social-Emotional Training

Held on May 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
with Holly Carter, LLMSW



Call 517-548-9112 to register!

Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

May 9, 2019 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

May 18, 2019 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$65.00 per person



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

Register for all classes online at:
childconnectmi.org or by calling
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**View the 2019 UPDATED
Professional Development Calendar
HERE! Including 18 FREE Classes!**

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Save the Date November 2, 2019

**29th Annual CSHC Regional Early
Childhood Conference
6 hours of PD!**

Keynote: Jason Kotecki



**So many classes to choose
from!**

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Resounding Resources



Resource of the Month:



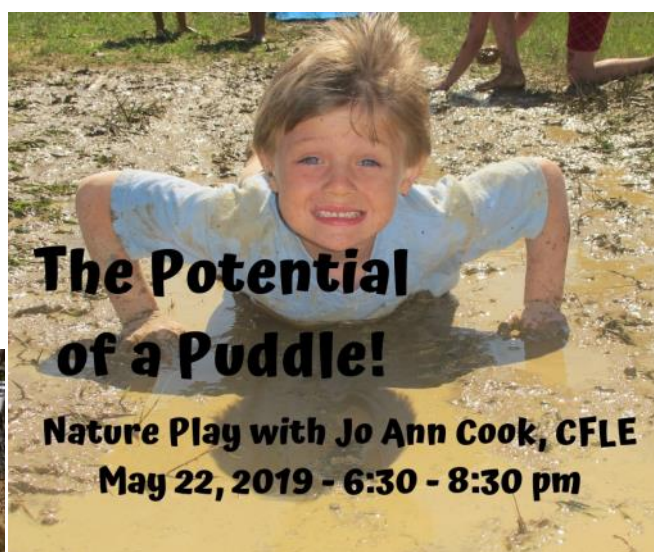
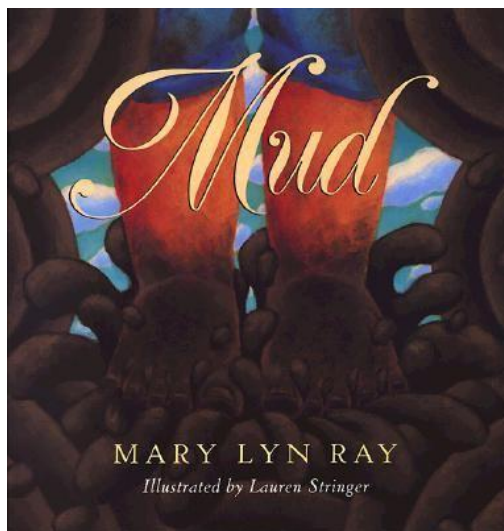
JUNE 29

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

"Mud" by Mary Lyn Ray.

Celebrating the joys of mud and the coming of spring, this playful storybook follows the transformation of frozen earth into mushy, delightful mud and explores all the wonderful, oozy ways to get dirty!

You will also want to "click" on the picture link to the left of this column to investigate 30+ Muddy Activities for Celebrating International Mud Day.



Register online at childconnectmi.org

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Happy Mothers Day!! Sunday, May 12th

"Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother." -- Lin Yutang

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."
-- Theodore Hesburgh

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."
-- Henry Ward Beecher

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." -- Cardinal Mermillod

"A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary."
-- Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."
-- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

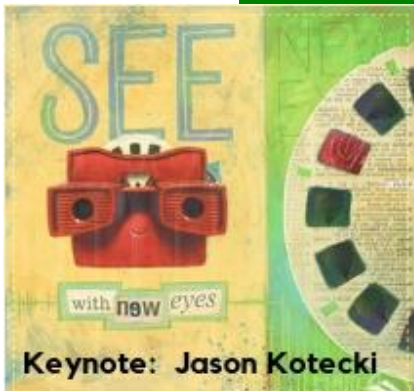
"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path."
-- Agatha Christie



Make Homemade Body Butter for Mom on Mother's Day!

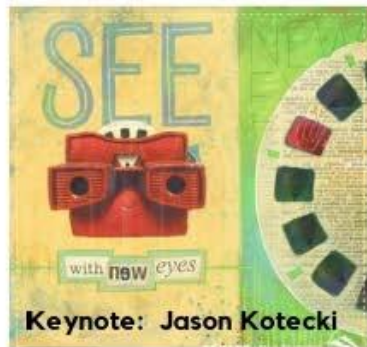
Uses three (3) simple ingredients:
Coconut Oil, Shea Butter & Almond Oil!

[Click here for step-by-step instructions](#)



29th Annual CSHC Regional
Early Childhood Conference
November 2, 2019





29th Annual
Community Sharing for Healthy Caring

Regional Early Childhood Conference



Saturday, November, 2, 2019

7:15 am to 4:30 pm

Howell High School Campus

Howell, Michigan, 48843

Presented by Child Connect for Family Success

In partnership with:

**Kellogg Family Foundation, Howell School District, and
Great Start Livingston Collaborative**

Call for Workshop Proposals

The 2019 Conference Planning Committee invites the submission of workshop proposals that will contribute to the healthy development and quality caring of children birth through 14 years of age. The full day conference will be developed through the offering of workshops, regarding ten specific areas relating to Early Childhood.

- Keynote and Workshop Sessions by Jason Kotecki, Escape Adulthood
- The workshop content areas are: Advocacy; Child Care; Child Development; Early Childhood Administration & Business; Infant/Toddler; Preschool; Medical/Health/Safety; Parent Education; Prevention; and School-Age

Workshop Presenter Information:

- Each presenter will receive a \$75.00 honorarium, *not to exceed two (2) presenters per workshop, or one free vendor table in place of an honorarium.*
- Complimentary conference registration including continental breakfast and lunch.
- Qualifications for presenters: a strong knowledge of subject material and a desire to share with others!

**Submit your workshop proposal by June 1, 2018 Or submit
on-line at www.childconnectmi.org by June 1, 2018.**

Please complete workshop application on the next page.



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2019-20 CDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED
FOR THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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