



The

Connection

Resources

For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

JUNE 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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The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™



Congratulations CDA™ Graduates in Livingston and Genesee Counties!

May and June 2019 are very exciting months at Child Connect for Family Success with 24 CDA Students graduating on May 23, 2019 in Genesee County and 29 CDA Students graduating on June 3, 2019 in Livingston County! A total of 53 students in the CDA Scholarship Program! The Livingston County 2018-19 CDA Scholarship Program was funded by **Livingston United Way** and the **Kellogg Family Foundation**. The Genesee County 2018-19 CDA Scholarship Program was funded by the **Community Foundation for Greater Flint**.

Since 1975, the field of early childhood has relied on the Child Development Associate (CDA™) National Credentialing Program to form the foundation of professional development. The CDA credential reflects the foundational level of knowledge, application and experience needed to work with young children—120 plus hours of education, 480 plus hours of experience, completion of the CDA Professional Portfolio, CDA assessment exam and verification visit! The CDA credential helps early educators meet current state and national professional requirements, and recognizes them as competent practitioners who value the importance of acquiring both current knowledge and skills to work with young children and families. **We congratulate all 53 CDAs—**

YOU DID IT!

It's all about Quality



2019 Child Connect Platinum Members:

Janet Joseph, Board Member
Marian Krippes, Board Member
Stacy Olesko, Board Member
Holly Carter, Board Member
Lisa Pecorilli, Board Member

Joyce Powers, Advisory Board Member

Holly Fowler, Director
Teddy Bear Playhouse

Lisa Guise, Director
First Steps Preschool

Julie Aramian, Director
First Presbyterian Children's Center

Janice Ramirez, Director
Tot Spot

Holly Simmerson, Director
Garden Gate Montessori

Chrissa Seigle, Director
First Baptist Child Care Center

Tamara Jefferson, Director
Joyful Tots Childcare and Learning Center

Jodie Hutcheson, Director
Creative Kids Learning Center

Lisa Zehnder, Director
Little Highlander's Childcare & Preschool Center

Tammy Sexton, Owner/Director
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.

Sue Cherry, Director
Maple Tree Montessori Academy

Cassie LaButte, Director
Roo's Corner

Jenny Chambers
Jacqueline Nanos
Down on the Farm Child Care

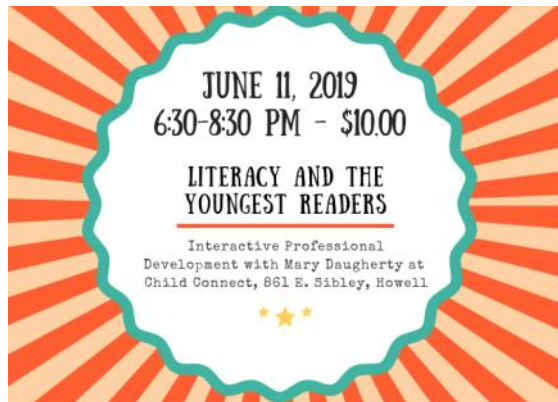
Katie Sloan, Director
Little Glad Early Childhood Center

David Simancek, Director
Swartz Creek CDC Program



The Provider Connection

Professional Development Opportunities ...



DEVELOPING EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

Courtney Aldrich, MSU-E

FREE!!

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Child Connect, 861 E. Sibley (in Southeast School)
 Register online: childconnectmi.org

Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

June 20, 2019 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

June 22, 2019 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$65.00 per person



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

So many classes to choose from!

Register online at:

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childconnectmi.org or by calling
 517-548-9112

View the 2019 **UPDATED**
Professional Development Calendar
HERE! Including 18 FREE Classes!

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Child Connect for Family Success is Online:

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Save the Date
November 2, 2019

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

Keynote: Jason Kotecki

with **new eyes**

ESCAPE ADULTHOOD

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

- Clarence Budington Kelland



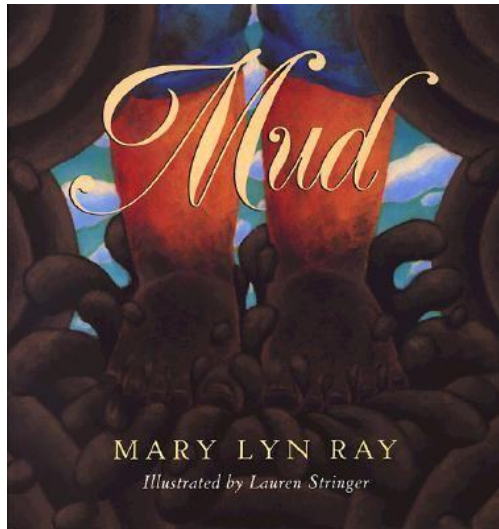
Resounding Resources



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!

Send your Mud Day pictures to Child Connect and we will share them with others!

Enjoy Summer and Stay Safe!

June is National Safety Month! Sign up now, and get free access to posters, tip sheets and more to help spread safety messages on the following topics with your co-workers, family and friends:

- Week 1: Hazard Recognition
- Week 2: Slips, Trips and Falls
- Week 3: Fatigue
- Week 4: Impairment

Sign up at the [National Safety Council](https://www.nsc.org)

Have a great summer and stay safe!

NATIONAL
SAFETY
MONTH 2019

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How Kids Benefit from Time with Dad

By Kyle Pruett, Scholastic Magazine

When men are involved in the lives of their children enough to really know them, to play a role in their physical and emotional well-being — from changing diapers to pediatric visits to facilitating play dates — their children benefit across the whole horizon of growth and development. In terms of behavioral advantages, these children are:

- Less likely to be involved with juvenile justice
- More likely to stay in school
- More likely to be older when they have their first sexual experience
- Less likely to depend on aggressive conflict resolution

The benefits, however, don't stop with behavioral stability. They are also obvious when we look at how well-fathered kids perform in school and jobs. Such kids demonstrate:

- More overall verbal competence and early literacy
- Higher math competence, in girls especially
- Higher grade completion and income overall

If that weren't evidence enough, we have also seen that kids who enjoy high levels of involvement from their dads while growing up exhibit greater problem-solving competence and stress tolerance, less gender stereotyping among their friends, greater empathy, and moral sensitivity.

What Dads Feel

What does fathering mean to men? The research of the last three decades speaks with one voice: Becoming a father is a good thing in the lives of men. This is what we know, to date, about how men's lives and behavior changes when they father: Men live longer when they father (a surprise to most men)

They change jobs less frequently; they divorce less often and enjoy longer marriages

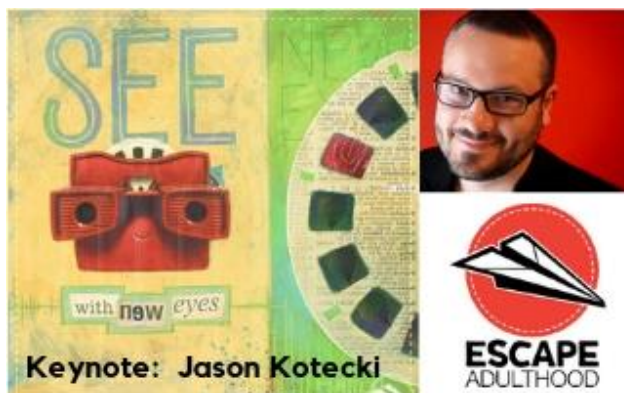
They die less frequently from accidents or suicide

They enjoy higher levels of health

They take greater responsibility for relationship maintenance as a whole

Child Connect echoes the research findings and proclaims fatherhood a vital and stabilizing force of a healthy family!

Happy Father's Day!



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2019-20 CDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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