



The

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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Welcome Angela Southworth! Newly Appointed Executive Director of Child Connect for Family Success



Child Connect Announces new Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Child Connect for Family Success is pleased to announce that Angela Southworth will be Child Connect's new Executive Director. Angela was chosen because of her extensive background in early childhood education, CDA education, business background and her enthusiasm for the vision and mission of Child Connect. We are excited to have her joining the Child Connect team and know that under her leadership we will continue to meet the needs of the early childhood community.

The Board of Directors would also like to thank Peggy Hall for her dedication to Child Connect in her willingness to take on the duties of Interim Executive Director while we conducted our search. Peggy has worked tirelessly in the dual capacity of both Interim Director and Office Administrator. We are happy that Peggy will be staying with Child Connect and continuing as Office Administrator.

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 compliance 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](#)



Professional Development Opportunities ...



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

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

**MATHEMATICS
 FOR INFANTS &
 TODDLERS**
 Courtney Aldrich, MSU-E
FREE!!
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Child Connect, 861 E. Sibley (in Southeast School)
 Register online: childconnectmi.org

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 Child Connect for Family Success is
 Online:
 Our website: www.childconnectmi.org
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MARY DAUGHERTY
 PRESENTS...
**LET'S
 PLAY!**
 Learn why play is important for all ages!
 July 23, 2019 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Child Connect for Family Success
 861 E. Sibley (in Southeast School)
 Howell, MI 48843
 Register online at:
childconnectmi.org
 \$10.00 per person

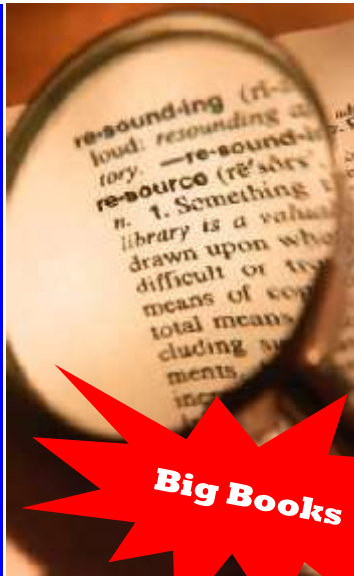
Save the Date
November 2, 2019
 29th Annual CSHC Regional Early
 Childhood Conference
 6 hours of PD!
 Keynote: Jason Kotecki

So many classes to choose from!
Register online at:
childconnectmi.org
Or call us at: 517-548-9112

**Pediatric First Aid/
 CPR/AED
 Training in Howell:**
July 25, 2019—6-10 pm
July 27, 2019—8-1 pm
\$65.00 per person

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Come in and check out our interactive Resource kits ready for Summer programs!

Pictures from International Mud Day with Children Around the County!



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Angela Southworth

Executive Director, Child Connect for Family Success
 A.A. Business Administration, B.A. Elementary Education,
 M.A.T. Early Childhood Education

Angela (Angi) Southworth, the Executive Director at Child Connect for Family Success, works with the early childhood community to ensure parents, caregivers, educators, and those interacting with children have access to quality resources and opportunities for personal and professional training. As a mother of four and an early childhood educator, Angela knows the importance of secure attachment and exploration in the development of a young child. She believes the more one knows about childhood development, the better equipped one is as a caregiver to provide a nurturing environment for the child.

As a classroom teacher, Angela recognized the importance of building healthy relationships with the children and their families. By establishing a safe, respectful, and inviting classroom community, her students were able to explore and partake in meaningful interactions that were important in their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. Having a strong connection with the families provided opportunities to extend the classroom experiences into the home as well as home experiences into the classroom. Many of her former families and students, some of whom are now attending college or starting families of their own, remain in contact.

Lifelong learning is part of Angela's character as is sharing her knowledge by mentoring others. In addition to mentoring colleagues, Angela has mentored student teachers/interns from her alma mater, Eastern Michigan University where she earned her B.A. in Elementary Education with Honors Program designation. Additionally, she holds an A.A. in Business Administration from Wayne County Community College and a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Madonna University. Angela is currently exploring professional development paths related to educational technology.

Angela called Redford home until three years ago when she moved to Howell with her husband and children. Their home came with the typical appliances...and chickens. Being a city girl, Angela quickly learned how to care for chickens and has since added a couple of bunnies and stocked their pond with fish. Angela enjoyed volunteering with the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations when her children were involved. She was also an active high school marching band parent and looks forward to being involved again now that her younger boys are getting older. Angela loves spending time laughing with family while playing card or board games (except Mouse Trap), and she probably plays more Candy Crush and Two Dots than she should. Her family camps fifth-wheel style, but she admits that she misses tent camping on a cool, rainy night. A detective at heart, Angela can get lost for hours piecing together bits of information while researching her family history.

Throughout her career and community involvement, Angela has interacted with diverse populations both as a team member and a team leader. Angela's integrity and proactive approach coupled with understanding cultivates relationships and partnerships. By fostering current partnerships and developing new partnerships, Angela will strengthen as well as expand the variety of services Child Connect provides to families, childcare providers, early childhood educators, and our community. **Angela's goal is to make Child Connect for Family Success the go-to place where questions can be asked without fear of judgment, tools and resources can be shared, and the early childhood community is empowered to make a difference in the lives of children.**