



The

Connection

Resources
For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

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Monday through Friday
9:00 am-4:00 pm

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and activities for Quality time
with your family!

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The Balancing Act

Angela Southworth, Director

Balance - a condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions.

It seems easy enough. Moving one ball from the right side to the left side *will* make both sides *equal* in terms of the number of balls and *should* balance the two sides. However, challenges arise when the balls are not of equal proportion.



Unfortunately, the things we try to balance in our lives are not of equal proportion. We try to balance work, home, and our individual needs. Directors work to meet the needs of their program, staff, and families on limited budgets and within governing body guidelines. Providers and educators strive to offer authentic, best-practice learning opportunities while being mindful of state educational standards, licensing rules, program policies, individual student and family needs. At home, families are juggling work schedules, homework, extra-curricular activities, chores, finances, meals and quality bonding time. On a personal level is the ever-elusive self-care. Finding balance in our lives is not as easy as moving one of the balls to the other side. It requires continually examining the elements and trying different combinations.

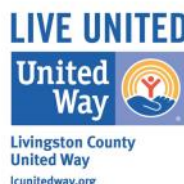
My decision to leave the classroom was an element change in my own personal balancing act. It was a change surrounded by an array of emotions, uncertainties and excitement. It was a change that had a ripple effect on my family, the agency where I resigned, the agency where I was hired, and me as an individual. Change is hard, but change can also bring greatness if you let it.

- ◆ Assess your life
- ◆ Where do you see balance? Imbalance?
- ◆ Determine your priorities
- ◆ Set short- and long-term goals
- ◆ Utilize resources to support your goals
- ◆ Remind yourself daily that change involves an element of risk but it can also be rewarding
- ◆ Reassess your priorities and goals regularly

While some of you are in year-round programs, others are gearing up for the start of another year. I challenge each of you to find balance in your life. The resources below are just a few of many offering tips to help create balance.

- Child Connect Professional Development - Workshops and Resources
- Local therapists and social workers
- www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-couch/201409/5-ways-find-balance-in-your-life

It's all about Quality



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Congratulations to the 2019-2020 CDA Scholarship Award Recipients

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The Provider Connection

Professional Development Opportunities ...

**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! READING
ALOUD TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**
AUGUST 6, 2019

**LET'S PLAY- WHY IT IS IMPORTANT
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.**
AUGUST 20, 2019

Cost: \$10.00 per session

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DIRECTOR OR A VETERAN
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09/16/19
10/21/19
11/18/19
12/16/19



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Courtney Aldrich, MSU-E

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August 17 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

August 22 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

\$65.00 per person



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NOVEMBER 2, 2019**



Community Connections

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Fowlerville Fair Kids Day—Free Books!



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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.

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