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Connection

Resources
For Families and
Early Childhood
Professionals

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Visit our Resource and Lending Library
Monday through Friday
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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Jo Ann Cook Announces Retirement

After years of service with Child Connect, Jo Ann Cook has officially retired. Three years ago, Jo Ann promised the Agency two more years. The hiring of an executive director in July allowed the final leg of this transition to begin.

We are grateful for Jo Ann's many years of hard work and dedication to Child Connect. We have been blessed by her tireless efforts and will miss her expertise and kind smile. She fondly expressed her desire to retire so she could spend more time with her family, especially her 'grands', and special projects. We wish her well on her new endeavors.



Jo Ann has had three retirement parties in her career and has asked not to have a fourth. However, we cannot let her go without some expression of our gratitude. In lieu of a party, Jo Ann has asked that any money that would be spent on a party or gifts instead be donated to one of her favorite charities: Crossroads Apostolic Church or Child Connect for Family Success. **Gift acknowledgements, cards, and/or charitable donations may be sent to Child Connect, Attn: Retirement, 861 E. Sibley St., Howell, MI 48855.** Cards will be forwarded to Jo Ann.

During the interim, Angela Southworth will assume responsibilities previously handled by Jo Ann. **To minimize confusion during this transition, please take a moment to update the contact information for our agency in your records.** All agency related correspondence previously sent to Jo Ann using cook.io7 email should now be sent to childconnect.director@gmail.com. Angela can also be reached at (517) 548-9112.

It's all about Quality



2019 Child Connect Platinum Members

Julie Aramian, Director
First Presbyterian Children's Center

Jenny Chambers, Owner
Down on the Farm Child Care

Sue Cherry, Director
Maple Tree Montessori Academy

Holly Fowler, Director
Teddy Bear Playhouse

Lisa Guise, Director
First Steps Preschool

Janet Joseph
Child Connect Board Member

Marian Krippes
Child Connect Board Member

Cassie LaButte, Director
Roo's Corner
& Child Connect Board Member

Jacqueline Nanos
Down on the Farm Child Care

Janice Ramirez, Director
Tot Spot

Jennifer Richards
Swartz Creek CDC Program

Tammy Sexton, Owner/Director
Make Believe Manor

Lisa Leonard, Director
Little Glad Early Childhood Center

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



Donate to Child Connect Giving Tuesday 2019

As the end of the year approaches it is time to make final tax-deductible charitable donations for 2019. Facebook is matching up to \$7 million in donations made to U.S. non-profits during Giving Tuesday 2019.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to double the impact of your donation by visiting [Child Connect on Facebook](#) to make your donation on Tuesday, December 3rd between 8:00 a.m. and 11:59:59 p.m. (EST)

Your donation assists Child Connect in providing low cost professional development opportunities to those who care for and educate the young children in our communities. The reach of benefit extends beyond the care provider to each of the children in their care and their families.

Thank you for your support!

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Child Connect for Family Success

Our website: www.childconnectmi.org

Like us on [FACEBOOK](#)
Follow us on [Twitter](#)



The Provider Connection

Professional Development Opportunities ...



Tuesday, December 17th
6:30 - 8:30 pm

**BUILDING
CLASSROOM
FAMILIES**

FREE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL TRAINING
PRESENTED BY HOLLY CARTER

Register online
childconnectmi.org

or call us 517-548-9112

[View additional
Professional Development
Opportunities
on our website](#)

**American Heart Association
Pediatric First Aid & CPR/AED Training**

Sat Dec 14th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thur Jan 16th 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Sat Jan 18th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$65.00 per person



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

PROVIDER APPRECIATION
Tuesday, December 3rd
6:30pm - 8:30 pm

Appreciation Days

SELF CARE &
COUNTRY LANE
FLORAL

\$10 PER PERSON
- SPACE IS LIMITED -

DIRECTOR APPRECIATION
Monday, December 16th
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Director's
Training &
Support**

WHETHER YOU ARE A NEW
DIRECTOR OR A VETERAN
ADMINISTRATOR - JOIN US

12/16/19

01/27/20

02/24/20

03/16/20

Join or Renew Your Membership Today



2020 Membership Benefits

BASIC

FREE

- ◆ Professional Membership
- ◆ e-Membership Card and Certificate
- ◆ Subscription to Connection monthly newsletter
- ◆ Unlimited access to Resource Lending Library

BRONZE

\$29

ALL THE BENEFITS OF BASIC PLUS:

- ◆ Entered in monthly drawing for your choice of:
FREE class at CCFS (\$35 or less) OR Distance Learning Course (\$35 or less; not including cost of CEUs)
- ◆ Members Only access to the new Brighter Connections Online Resource Center
- ◆ 10% discount on laminating services
- ◆ 10% discount on Annual CSHC Regional Early Childhood Conference (1 person)

SILVER

\$59

ALL THE BENEFITS OF BASIC PLUS:

- ◆ Entered in monthly drawing for your choice of:
FREE class at CCFS (\$35 or less) OR Distance Learning Course (\$35 or less; not including cost of CEUs)
- ◆ Members Only access to the new Brighter Connections Online Resource Center
- ◆ 20% discount on laminating services
- ◆ 10% discount on Annual CSHC Regional Early Childhood Conference (1 person)
- ◆ 10% discount on First Aid/CPR training at CCFS (1 person)
- ◆ FREE CDA Portfolio consultation during normal business hours (1 portfolio)
- ◆ Chance to be featured in the new “Connection—Provider of the Month” section

GOLD

\$89

ALL THE BENEFITS OF BASIC PLUS:

- ◆ Entered in monthly drawing for your choice of:
FREE class at CCFS (\$35 or less) OR Distance Learning Course (\$35 or less; not including cost of CEUs)
- ◆ Members Only access to the new Brighter Connections Online Resource Center
- ◆ 30% discount on laminating services
- ◆ 10% discount on Annual CSHC Regional Early Childhood Conference (2 people)
- ◆ 10% discount on First Aid/CPR training at CCFS (3 people)
- ◆ FREE CDA Portfolio consultation during normal business hours (2 portfolios)
- ◆ Chance to be featured in the new “Connection—Provider of the Month” section
- ◆ ½ OFF Online Training Module processing fee (1 module)
- ◆ FREE monthly Director’s Training and Support (for directors/owners)

PLATINUM

\$119

ALL THE BENEFITS OF BASIC PLUS:

- ◆ Entered in monthly drawing for your choice of:
FREE class at CCFS (\$35 or less) OR Distance Learning Course (\$35 or less; not including cost of CEUs)
- ◆ Members Only access to the new Brighter Connections Online Resource Center
- ◆ 40% discount on laminating services
- ◆ 10% discount on Annual CSHC Regional Early Childhood Conference (4 people)
- ◆ 10% discount on First Aid/CPR training at CCFS (5 people)
- ◆ FREE CDA Portfolio consultation during normal business hours (3 portfolios)
- ◆ Chance to be featured in the new “Connection—Provider of the Month” section
- ◆ ½ OFF Online Training Module processing fee (2 modules)
- ◆ FREE monthly Director’s Training and Support (for directors/owners)
- ◆ Complimentary Early Childhood Job Postings on CCFS website and Facebook page

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.

