Spring is in the air and promise is all around us! Early Educators on the Southern Oregon Coast are being showered with opportunities to enhance their child care businesses through programs such as Baby Promise, Preschool Promise, and Spark. Beginning on April 1st, 2020, CARE Connections will begin a new Focused Child Care Network (FCCN) for each of these programs to support your professional journey and business goals. For more information about these programs and FCCNs, please RSVP to join us on Thursday, March 19th, from 5:30-8PM for our Ignite The Spark! event (see page 3 for details) by calling 541-888-7957. Space is limited so you must RSVP!

CARE Connections CCR&R has an exciting announcement! Through a partnership with SCBEC and funding from the Oregon Community Foundation South Coast Leadership Council, Oregon’s southern coast has a new Child Care Business Coordinator!

My name is Stephanie Lilly and I am very excited about my new position as South Coast Business Employment Corporation’s Child Care Business Coordinator! I believe that this is going to be a game changer for everyone in the business of providing care for our most valuable asset - our children. My passion has always been helping others realize their potential through role-modeling, coaching, and mentoring. I am a new arrival in Oregon, having come to you from Tennessee where I had the privilege of working with the Tennessee Child Care Resource & Referral Network (TNCCR&R). My capacity as a Quality Coach, allowed me to serve early childhood educators, families and my community by providing support in all aspects of the child care field including but not limited to providing assistance on-site for Educators. Areas of focus included positive child guidance, appropriate discipline, social emotional literacy, room arrangement, working with families, and much more. As a Quality Coach I was able to help programs bring in best practices, gain a better understanding of the assessment process and licensing requirements and support teachers through training, coaching, and technical assistance. Our overall goal was to help child care professionals build knowledge and skills, so they can better educate young children. I am excited to learn more about my new community and look forward to building new partnerships and making new friends!
**Important Updates!**

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**-Ignite the Spark-**

Our yearly event, Ignite the Spark, had to have a change in dates. The new date for our celebration is:

**March 19th from 5:30pm-8:00pm at OCCI.**

To register please call CARE Connections at 541-888-7957

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**-Child Care Resource Fair-**

Are you looking to get information about your child care business into the community? Be sure to attend the first Child Care Resource Fair! For information about how to secure a table at this event please call Ana Lugo-Ferrin at 541-888-7957

**March 7th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Newmark Center (Coos Bay)**

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**-No Small Matter-**

Join us for an evening learning about the importance of early learning! No Small Matter is a film built around stories of real families showcasing the impact of early childhood experiences. A discussion will follow the film about how this impacts our community.

**May 2nd 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Egyptian Theater**
Ignite The Spark Recognition Dinner

Join us for a night of delicious food catered by OCCI, networking, and acknowledgement for our local Spark rated facilities! Learn more about how these individuals went through the Spark process, and find out how Spark will benefit you and our community.

Participants will receive 1.5 training hours in Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development

Thursday
March 19, 2020
5:30pm-6:00pm Dinner
6:00pm-7:30pm Training
7:30pm-8:00pm Recognition

Oregon Coast Culinary Institute
1988 Newmark Ave
Coos Bay, OR 97420

For more information please call
CARE Connections at 541-888-7957
BECOME A PRESCHOOL PROMISE PROVIDER

The Early Learning Division is seeking applications for Preschool Promise providers during the 2020-2021 program year. Preschool Promise is a high-quality, publicly-funded program that serves preschool-aged children whose family income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or children in foster care.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Thursday, April 2

This an exciting opportunity for providers across the state to increase quality and reach more families!

Benefits:
- Providers are granted approximately $12,000 for every child
- Professional development
- Coaching support
- Start-up funds available to start classroom

NEED ASSISTANCE TO APPLY?

Technical Assistance will be available Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon throughout February and March 2020.

Helpline: 503-856-2895

Regional in-person application support sessions are also scheduled in the following locations:

Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay
- Thursday, March 5th, 6-8PM in Newmark Center 113
- Thursday, March 12th, 6-8PM in Tioga 403
- Saturday, March 28th, 9AM-3PM in Tioga 410

To learn more visit: oregonearlylearning.com/student-success-act or contact your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency or your regional Small Business Development Center.

For additional information, contact us at: psprfa@state.or.us

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2020 Vision: The Future of Early Learning
June 19th - 20th, 2020

Registration Opens May 4th!

- Multiple training tracks, including Spanish
- Over 20 sessions to choose from
- Over 10 hours of professional development
- Door prize for all participants in attendance

Friday Keynote Address: Heidi McGowan

Our future is so bright you’ve got to wear shades!

Comedian: Tyler Boeh!

Any attendee who registers for Retreat by the Lake on Saturday, or both days, will receive a free ticket to Saturday evening’s event!

Tyler Boeh's award winning "beat-boxing" talent and ability to shift seamlessly from well-crafted material to improvised exchanges keep audiences in awe. With past appearances on "NESN Comedy All-Stars", "Celebrity Name Game", and two seasons of "Laughs on Fox", Tyler has laid the groundwork for his growing success. In 2018 Tyler's second album, "Full Circle" debuted at #2 on the Billboard Comedy Charts and he was selected as the SiriusXM 98 Artist of the Month. His recent Dry Bar Comedy special "Wait for it" has garnered over 25 million views online. You can find his comedy on Amazon Prime, Spotify, Pandora, and SiriusXM, but don't miss the chance to see Tyler perform live!
Spark Focused Child Care Network
Family Partnerships

Participants in the Coos Focused Child Care Network get to experience not only trainings, but fun, hands on Spark focused activities! In January early educators worked on their Family Partnerships, creating bulletin boards and resource notebooks to support family engagement!

Want to learn more about Spark? Visit [http://triwou.org/projects/spark](http://triwou.org/projects/spark) for more information or call 541-888-7957 to speak with your local Coos Quality Improvement Specialist.
Certified Child Care Centers
Are you newly hired as certified center staff? Or want to go to work in one? Many of the new staff trainings can be taken here!

Licensed/Certified Family
Are you looking to start your own business at home as an early educator? Find out the requirements here!

DHS Subsidy (FFN)
Do you know someone who receives a state subsidy? You can become a DHS FFN provider for their children.

Interested in a career Early Childhood?
Then join us on the last Thursday and Friday of each month!
You will receive 2 days of child care training required to enter the early childhood career field.

- Introduction to Early Childhood Careers
- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- Introduction to Child Care Health and Safety
- Prevention is Better than Treatment
- DHS Orientation
- Introduction to Registered Family Child Care - Pt. 2

Computer access will also be available to complete additional required trainings and to enroll in the background check process.

Classes will be held at WorkSource Oregon in Coos Bay. (990 2nd St.)
For times and registration information, please call WorkSource today at 541.756.8459.

The early childhood field is a blossoming career of choice for anyone with a love of working with young children.

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## Upcoming Professional Development

Are you looking for some training hours this Spring? CARE Connections is offering the following workshops and series for you!

To register please call 541-888-7957

### March

- **Zero to Three: Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators - Supporting Cognitive Development**
  
  4 Week Series Tuesday evenings, Beginning March 31st through April 21st (6 hours HGD, 8 hours LEC - Must complete all 4 weeks for ORO Credit.)

  Babies are born learning! The newborn seeks out experiences and interactions. It is critical that early childhood educators build knowledge and skill to support cognitive development in this important time in a child's development. This session explores the cognitive development of the infant and toddler. You will examine strategies to support cognitive development while children are in care.

  Trainings will be held at the Family Center, for more information please call Kallie Mill, Infant Toddler Specialist, 541-888-7097.

- **Ignite the Spark**

  March 19th (1 hour PPLD) 6:00-8:00

  Have you been hearing about Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System, Spark, and want to get a better understanding of what goes into getting a star rating? Join us as we discuss with local early educators who have submitted their portfolios and gotten star rated how much it will benefit not only you, but your community! To register please call CARE Connections at 541-888-7957.

### April

- **Supporting Children’s Social and Emotional Development Birth-5**

  4 Week Series Thursday evenings, Beginning April 2nd through April 23rd (2.5 hours LEC, 2.5 hours UGB, 2.5 hours OA, 2.5 hours HGD)

  In this basic training participants will learn about environments that promote growth and learning and the relationships between environment and behavior. For additional information see flyer in this packet.

  To register please call Natalie Lo at 541-888-7957

- **Supporting Literacy and Language Development for Dual Language Learners**

  7 Week Series Thursday evenings, Beginning April 30th through June 11th (6 hours LEC, 2 hours FCS, 6 hours HGD)

  This series provides information on how first and second languages develop in young children and ideas for supporting both languages. For additional information see flyer in this packet.

  To register please call Ana Lugo-Ferrin at 541-888-7957
ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™

Professional Development for Early Childhood Professionals

 Equip yourself with ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™ and gain the specific knowledge and practices that are essential for you to support the future of all children.

As a participant of this professional development training, you will:

- Identify, recognize, analyze and build understanding of all ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™;
- Integrate knowledge of children’s social-emotional, cognitive, and language and literacy development with knowledge of supportive teaching practices;
- Apply knowledge of multi-language learners and children from vulnerable populations in the analysis of teaching practices that will best support their development and learning; and
- Reflect on and evaluate your own current practice of the ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™ and develop plans for implementing new knowledge and skills.

For more information, visit www.zerotothree.org/criticalcompetencies.

Make Plans Today

What:
ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™ Professional Training Supporting Cognitive Development

When:
March 31st - April 21st
Tuesday evenings 6:00-9:00 pm
Southwestern Oregon Community College: Family Center
2040 Newmark Avenue

Hosted By

Kallie Mill
Infant Toddler Specialist
CARE Connections
kmill@socc.edu
541-888-7097

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The ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™ is brought to you by ZERO TO THREE’s Professional Development and Workforce Innovations division. PDWI aims to elevate the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the early childhood development field.

For additional professional development trainings, visit www.zerotothree.org/PDWI.
Secure attachments and positive relationships. Brain development and milestones of social and emotional development. Understanding trauma informed care and developing partnerships with families. Explore these topics and more in “The Foundation,” a session in the Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Development training series. This training will focus on children aged birth through five.

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In this basic training of the Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Development Birth-5 series, participants will learn about environments that promote growth and learning and the relationship between environment and behavior. The session will also discuss types of activities to engage all children. Explore these topics and more in this training on “Creating Supportive Environments.”

In this basic training of the Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Development Birth-5 series, participants will learn about the differences between positive child guidance and punishment. The session will also provide information about typical behaviors based on a child’s development and ways to encourage appropriate child behavior. Explore these topics and more in this training on “Guiding Children’s Behavior.”

In this basic training of the Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Development Birth-5 series, participants will learn about techniques for observing children and creating factual, objective observation notes that can be utilized to develop individualized plans of action. In addition, the session includes ideas for communicating with families regarding behavioral or developmental concerns and a review of available resources. Explore these topics and more in this training on “Responding to the Individual Child.”

Are you interested in learning more about the foundations of early childhood? Join CARE Connections for these foundational Set 1 trainings in the guidance of young children!

Price: $10 each, payment can be made at First Stop and receipt brought to CARE Connections. (Child care will not be provided.)

Location: Family Center - Southwestern Oregon Community College (2140 Newmark Ave.)

Call CARE Connections at 541.888.7957 or email natalie.lo@socc.edu to register today!

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Are you interested in learning more about supporting dual language learners? This **FREE** 7 week series will provide 14 hours of Set 1 training.

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April 30th - June 11th (Thursday evenings)  
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Call CARE Connections at 541.888.7957 or email alugoferrin@socc.edu to register today!  
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Childhood Education & Family Studies Program

Spring 2020

- **ECE 154 01D Children’s Language and Literacy Development** - (3 Credit); Online

- **ECE 209 & 209 B 01D Practicum II Pre-K** - (5 Credit) Prequisite:ECE 163/163B

- **ECE 161 & 161 B 01D Practicum II Infant Toddler** - (5 Credit) Prequisite:ECE 263/263B

- **HDFS 222 01D Family Relations** - (3 Credit); Online

- **HDFS 229 01HB & 02D Development in Middle Childhood** - (3 Credit) 2 Sections Offered: Hybrid & Online

- **HDFS 285 01D Professional Issues in Early Childhood Ed** - (3 Credit); Online

- **HDFS 297 01D Parenting Education/ ECE HV Capstone** - (2 Credit); Online

- **ED 201 01D Music Education for Elementary Educators** - (3 Credit); Online

- **ED 134 01D Dual Language Learners** - (2 Credit); Online

Summer 2020

- **ECE 150 01HB Introduction and Observation in ECE** - (4 Credit); Hybrid

Class times TBA
Central Background Registry (CBR) check is required for this course.

- **ECE 170 01D Health and Safety in ECE** - (3 Credit); Online

What does HYBRID mean? A Hybrid course is one that meets face to face and has an online component. Did you know that distance students can join face to face (and Hybrid) classes using ZOOM or SKYPE? If you are a distance student who would like to attend classroom sessions from a satellite campus or your home, email us for more information.

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Childhood Education & Family Studies Faculty: Dr. Rosengarden / 541-888-1575
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Email us at ece@socc.edu
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Registration Open Now!
CARE Connections, your local Child Care Resource & Referral serving Coos and Curry Counties, is a non-profit organization funded through the Oregon Early Learning Division. Our mission is to improve the quality of early learning experiences for young children by providing education, information and support to those that care for young children.

CARE Connections links families and Early Educators to each other and to other resources in the community. For early educator training, education, and program information, please call or email:

Coos Office: 541-888-7957  
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Toll-Free: 1-800-611-7555  
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