Greetings from afar… or at least from a distance!

CARE Connections staff have been working remotely since the shutdown, and will continue to work remotely through the summer. We are committed to ensuring that Early Educators in our region are staying updated with the latest, most accurate information about COVID-19 and the resources that are available. CARE Connections staff have been checking emails and voicemail frequently, so please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have at this time. Please be patient with us in responding, as we are working diligently everyday to ensure that your questions are answered based on the information that is available to us. We can't wait until the day when we can see your faces again in-person, but in the meantime, we are working hard to provide as many resources as we can to support you virtually!

Please visit our Facebook page for more frequent updates at: https://www.facebook.com/CARE-Connections-CCRR-CoosCurry-105433120792959/

If you were approved for the Emergency Child Care Grant, here are your next steps:

(866)705-5711

Please call the above phone number to get a DUNS Number which you will need to complete the documentation to receive the funding. Further instructions and support can be found here:

Important Updates!

-Professional Development-
Until further notice, all professional development and trainings through CARE Connections will be offered online. Additionally, our monthly calendars include information about trainings from other organizations that you can attend from your phone/computer! For more information please call us at 541-888-7957.

-Focused Child Care Networks (FCCN)-
CARE Connections will conclude this year's FCCN on June 30, 2020. In the fall of 2020, there will be more opportunities to join a network based on your child care program's focus. There will be separate FCCNs for Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and Spark engaged programs. Applications will be available in August.

-Retreat by the Lake-
To keep with the tradition of our annual conference, we are offering Retreat by the Lake this year online and for FREE! Only Early Educators in Coos, Curry, and Coastal Douglas Counties will be eligible to participate, but registration will still be on a first come, first serve basis since capacity is limited. Registration materials will be available soon! (see page 6 for more details)
Join Tammy Marino for 2 upcoming trainings! Tammy has been providing consulting and professional development courses for early learning programs for over 20 years. She is an Oregon Registry Master Trainer and part time faculty at Southwestern Oregon Community College. She enjoys gardening, playing with her dog Archie and hanging out with friends and family.

May 30th, 9:00am-11:00am, **Financial Basics -BA 0505 - 65**
Set 1, 2 hours of Program Management for Early Childhood Educators $20
Creating a business by doing something you love is wonderful! In this class we will identify the key financial decisions you need to make to ensure the success of your small business. Join us as we share best practices for tracking the money side of your business.

June 6th, 9:00am-11:00pm, **Financial Planning - BA 0510 -65**
Set 1, 2 hours of Program Management for Early Childhood Educators $20
One of the most important things to ensure that you have a successful business is to understand how your income and expenses shape a budget. In this class we will learn how to project income and expenses and best practices for billing clients.

(Important disclaimer - these classes will not offer tax advice or financial advice. Best practices will be shared, and it is up to each individual participant to consult their financial professional for specific questions.)

Participants will need a SWOCC ID and password to access the trainings. Please call First Stop to register and set up your SWOCC ID at 541-888-7352 or 541-813-1667.

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Baby Promise is a pilot project through the Early Learning Division funded through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) designed to develop and refine strategies that build a supply of high quality infant and toddler care. Why is high quality infant and toddler care and education important? Early brain development is a critical time, especially between the ages of 0-3. Baby brains are making over one million neural connections a second! In that split second, are children hearing new words or exploring new textures? Is their caregiver creating a responsive serve-and-return relationship, so the child can develop a strong social emotional sense of themselves and the world around them? These are important factors in a high quality learning environment. In addition to these factors, a lot of work goes into making a home or classroom a safe and thriving space for the children to grow in. Professional development, Spark engagement, and participation in a Focused Child Care Network (FCCN) are some other steps Early Educators can take to achieve that level of "high quality".

Jennifer Thompson, a Registered Family provider in Coos Bay, has been through all of these steps of continuous quality improvement and now she is being rewarded for it. Jennifer is the very first contracted applicant for Baby Promise on the Southern Oregon Coast! The patience and persistence she has shown during this process shows her commitment to her program and we couldn't be happier for her. Jennifer is now contracted to receive up to $18,000 per year for each child she has enrolled in a Baby Promise slot! CARE Connections' Infant Toddler Specialist, Kallie Mill, will be working with Jennifer in the Baby Promise pilot to provide intensive support and technical assistance to support her journey. Here are some words Jennifer shared with Kallie about why she chose to be involved in Baby Promise and why high quality is important to her:

"High quality is important to me because I care about children and their well-being. I have personal experiences with looking for childcare and have been in scary situations with my own children. Education is important at all ages and that needs to be recognized. There are so many things I love about being a provider, but one of my favorite things is when I witness the learning. When I have a child show me something they did on their own that I taught them the day before my heart melts. I feel like my efforts were not in vain. I also get teary when a parent tells me that their child gets excited when they figure out that they are coming here."

Care Connections is so excited to be working with Jennifer and we are looking forward to growing the number of Baby Promise contracted programs in our region to increase the amount of high-quality infant and toddler programs on Oregon’s South Coast!

For more information about the statewide Baby Promise pilot please visit: https://oregonearlylearning.com/baby-promise

For more information about the South Coast pilot, please email the Baby Promise Grant Coordinator Laura.Reyes-Cortez@socc.edu
Baby Promise
Open Call for Applications!
Monday, June 1 - Friday, June 12

Benefits
• Up to $18,000 per year, per contracted slot
• Environmental enhancement supports
• Onsite support from an Infant Toddler Specialist
• Technical assistance
• Shared business support services
• Infant & Toddler Focused Child Care Network participation and incentives

Requirements
Early Education Program or Provider who is:
• Willing to provide care for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old
• Committed to high-quality early learning practices through Spark engagement
• Located in Coos, Curry, or western Douglas counties
• In good standing with Early Learning Division and/or partner agencies

For more information please contact CARE Connections
call 541-888-7957 or email Laura.Reyes-Cortez@socc.edu

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Retreat by the Lake 2020

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

- Multiple training tracks
- 10 hours of professional development
- Door prize for all participants in attendance

- Friday Keynote Address: Heidi McGowan

Our future's so bright you've got to wear shades!

Comedy Hour with Tyler Boeh!

After a long day of professional development, laugh the night away with professional comedian Tyler Boeh!

Tyler'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 SiruisXM 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!
It is important to ensure that you and your family are well-prepared and ready should disaster strike; preparedness and planning are key. Children have unique needs, especially during a disaster or emergency. Using everyday moments in your child’s life to help your child learn and build skills will help them if faced with an emergency in the future. Back-and-forth interactions with you can help your child’s developing brain make connections with what is happening around them and help them feel safe and secure.

Try the brain building tips below with your child for preparing, responding or recovering from an emergency.

**Preparedness**
This takes place before an emergency. It includes being informed, making and communicating plans, practicing your plan, and building emergency supply kits. During this phase, you learn about your risks.

**TODAY IS...**
As you ride in the bus or car, describe to your child how the day is: “Today is bright and sunny. Today I can feel the warmth of the sun on my face,” or “Brrr, today is cold! That’s why we have coats on.” Ask them to take a turn. Be sure to respond to their words or sounds.

**Brainy Background**
When your child hears you describe the weather and things associated with the weather, they’re learning to make connections between what and why. These connections will help them develop critical thinking and communicating skills.
Response
This begins when you are alerted to an emergency and when an event actually occurs; this is when you either evacuate or shelter-in-place depending on the type of emergency.

FROM HERE TO THERE
Do you have magazines, newspapers, or pieces of cardboard at home? Ask your child to create a path to get from one side of a room to the other without touching the ground. Make it harder by increasing the distance and timing them to see how fast they can go. Take turns!

Brainy Background
Your child uses critical thinking skills to make a plan and test it out, and also think flexibly to come up with different solutions, such as putting one piece of paper in front of the other. This is a great group activity where they can practice communicating and working with others.

Recovery
This is the period of time (hours, days, weeks, months) after an emergency occurs where returning to your everyday life is a focus. This is when you work to get back to your day-to-day; emotions may be running high during this phase.

CALM DOWN KIT
Using an empty shoebox or other container, have your child put special items inside that help them calm down, like a book, a favorite toy, or piece of clothing. Have them decorate the box and when they’re feeling upset, remind them to use the Calm Down Kit.

Brainy Background
By creating a Calm Down Kit before upset feelings happen, you’re helping your child plan for how to handle stress so they can take action in a difficult situation. This gives them more control and builds their skill in learning to take on challenges.

Visit ChildCarePrepare.org for more information on emergency preparedness and visit WeAreBrainBuilders.org for information on brain building.
The CDC recommends washing your hands with warm, soapy water for a minimum of 20 seconds to effectively remove germs. Help children adopt this healthy practice using these fun songs.

**“Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star (remake)”**
A few lyric changes and Twinkle, Twinkle helps guide children to scrub those little hands clean.

Twinkle, twinkle little star  
Look how clean my two hands are  
With soap and water, wash and scrub  
Got those germs off, rub-a-dub-dub  
Twinkle, twinkle little star  
Look how clean my two hands are

**“Baby Shark (remake)”**
Here’s a fun remake of a wildly popular children’s song that easy to learn and catchy, too!

Wash your hands, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo  
Grab some soap, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo  
Rub your hands, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo  
Rinse your hands, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo  
Dry your hands, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo  
That’s how we do it, doo, doo, doo, doo, dooodooo

**“If You’re Dirty and You Know It”**
_Sung to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”_

If you’re dirty and you know it  
Wash your hands  
If you’re dirty and you know it  
Wash your hands  
If you’re dirty and you know it  
Then your hands will surely show it  
If you’re dirty and you know it  
Wash your hands.

**“Row, Row, Row Your Boat (remake)”**
With a few simple edits Row, Row, Row Your Boat becomes Wash, Wash, Wash Your Hands,

Wash, wash, wash, your hands  
Got to get them clean  
Every finger one by one and lather in between  
Wash, wash, wash, your hands  
Got to get them clean  
Every finger one by one and lather in between
Childhood Education & Family Studies Program

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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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**Registration now open for Summer and Fall!**
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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/Curry Office:** 541-888-7957  
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**Email:** qualitychildcare@socc.edu  
**Website:** https://www.socc.edu/careconnections

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