

Info Sheet: Montana Early Care and Education Career Development

MSU Early Childhood Project

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Early Care and Education in Montana

The early care and education system in Montana is comprised of several interrelated agencies that work together to improve the quality of services for young children and families in Montana. The following is a list of these agencies, what they do, and who to contact.

DPHHS Quality Assurance Division/Child Care Licensing

P.O. Box 202953 - Helena, MT 59620-2953

(406) 444-2012

Fax: (406) 444-1742

- ❖ Montana Child Care Regulations and Facility Licensing and Registration

You may also contact your area child care licensor or download forms and applications at www.montanachildcare.com

DPHHS/Early Childhood Services Bureau

P.O. Box 202952 - Helena, MT 59620-2952

(866) 239-0458 (406) 444-1788

Fax: (406) 444-5956

Best Beginnings Programs

- ❖ Merit Pay I, Higher Education Merit Pay, and Infant Toddler Merit Pay
- ❖ Mini-Grants
- ❖ Provider Grants
- ❖ Infant /Toddler Training and Certification
- ❖ Infant/Toddler Stipends
- ❖ Star Quality Child Care System
- ❖ Child Care Scholarship Program
- ❖ Child Care Development Apprenticeship Program
- ❖ Mentoring Grants
- ❖ Higher Education Grants

Montana Head Start State Collaboration Office

P.O. Box 202952 - Helena, MT 59620-2952

(406) 444-0589

Fax: (406) 444-5956

- ❖ Assisting families, programs, agencies, and organizations in the collaboration process as they build and strengthen services available to young children and families in Montana.

Montana Child Care Resource and Referral Network (12 agencies statewide)

127 East Main, Suite 217 - Missoula, MT 59802

(866) 750-7101 or (406) 549-1028

Fax: (406) 541-9028

Email: jbush@montanachildcare.com

www.montanachildcare.com

Services to Providers and Families

- ❖ Training and Support
- ❖ Child Care Supply and Demand
- ❖ Child Care Referrals and Scholarships for Families
- ❖ Montana After School Network (contact Laurel Hansen at 406-549-1186)

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Montana State University

P.O. Box 173540 - Bozeman, MT 59717-3540

(800) 213-6310 or (406) 994-4746

Fax: (406) 994-7555

Email: ecp@montana.edu

www.montana.edu/ecp

Early Care and Education Career Development

- ❖ The Knowledge Base
- ❖ The Practitioner Registry
- ❖ Training Approval, Statewide Training Calendar, and Trainer Directory
- ❖ Scholarship Program (CDA Assessment, NAEYC Accreditation, NAFCC Accreditation)
- ❖ Guide to Montana Early Childhood Higher Education Program

Child Care plus+: The Center on Inclusion in Early Childhood

University of Montana - 634 Eddy Avenue

Missoula, MT 59812

(800) 235-4122 or (406) 243-6355

Fax: (406) 243-4730

Email: ccplus@selway.umt.edu

www.ccplus.org

- ❖ Strive to expand child care options for children with disabilities and their families
- ❖ Provide training and technical assistance for child care providers and other early childhood professionals
- ❖ Seek to improve the quality of the child care experience for all children



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