

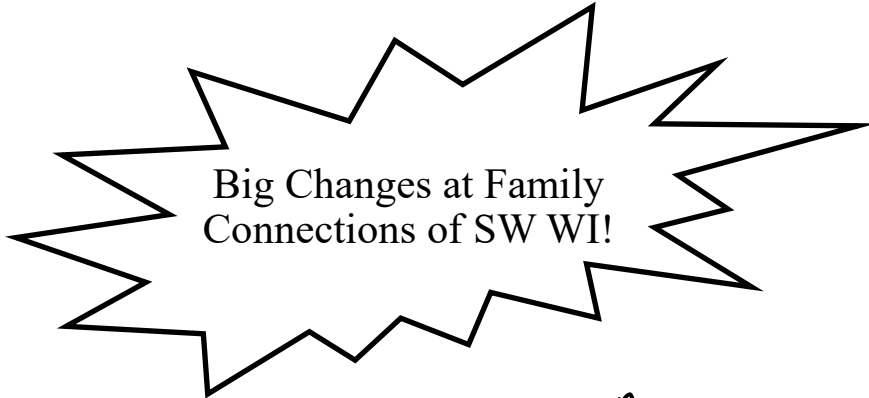


FAMILY CONNECTIONS

of Southwest Wisconsin

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2019: **September/October**
November/December



We are now open 4 days per week!!!!
Our new hours are Monday—
Thursday
8:30-4:30 pm

**NO MEMBERSHIP
FEE REQUIRED
FOR USE OF THE
WORKROOM FOR
2020!**

See page 4 for more
information!

Platteville Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30-4:30

Friday Closed

Evenings & Weekends by Appt.

Office will be open from 9:00 am – Noon on select Saturdays

***see inside of Newsletter for specific dates*

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Family Connections Up-Dates



***Thank you* to all those who attended and helped to make The Community Safety and Resource Day such a wonderful Event!**



We look forward to seeing you again next year!

This year we had a co-sponsor to our event—

SOS ROAD RESCUE LLC

Thank you, Josh, and your crew for all your hard work!

A HUGE thank you to our many other sponsors:

Anderson Auto Repair
Eastman Cartwright
Edward Jones
Mound View Inn
Platteville Regional Chamber
Popcorn Kernel LLC
Quality Inn and Suites
Queen B Radio
Shopping News
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This year we had many different activities and participants during the event:

These included:

Air bag demonstrations
K-9 presentation
Firefighters allowed adults to put out fires
Dunk Tank manned by Sheriff's deputies and others.



The following brought BIG vehicles for the children to climb on—

Sheriff's Department with their SWAT vehicle and two boats
Police Department with their K9 team
Bard Materials with a cement truck and dump truck
Southwest Health Center
Faherty's Garbage Truck
USPS Postal Truck
And many others.....

There was food provided by Pioneer Nutrition and the Platteville Lion's Club.

Thank you to all who made our event a huge success.

Family & Provider News

Join Us For:



Play N Learn Every Thursday 9:30-11:00



All families are welcome to join in the fun!

Bring your little ones to engage in play that increases large motor skills, free play, snack, story, and art!

For more information call (608) 348-2846

Looking for Child Care Substitutes!

Family Connections would like to build a list of qualified Child Care Substitutes. Please call 608-348-2846 if you would like to be added to the list!

It is with sadness that we announce that Brittany Tyson will be leaving Family Connections at the end of October. Brittany worked hard as both a Technical Consultant and as a Family Resource Specialist. Thank you, Brit, for all you have done for this agency. Best wishes in your future endeavors!

JOB OPENINGS

Family Connections currently has 2 openings in their Platteville Office—

Executive Director
Quality Improvement Specialist

If you are interested in either position, please call 608-348-2846 for more details.

Family Connections is now able to do Car Seat Safety Checks. Please call the office at 608-348-2846 if you would like to set up an appointment.

Family Connections will be closed:

Labor Day—September 2
Thanksgiving Day—November 28
Christmas/New Year's Week—
December 23-January 1

A special thanks to the United Way of Platteville for their generous donation for the FRC for 2019/2020!
We appreciate it!

Come by and check out our

FREE Lending Library!



Books



Baby Equipment



Games
and Toys

The Resource Workroom, though it still has many wonderful resources for Providers, it also has many resources for parents, students, and home schoolers.

Resources available in the workroom:

- Hundreds of die cuts
- Die cut machine
- Thousands of sheets of construction paper
- Two laminators
- Felt of all different colors
- And so much more.

All you pay is the cost of the materials!

Resource Workroom

The Workroom will be open on Saturday, **October 12** from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Remember the workroom is now open FREE for Everyone!!

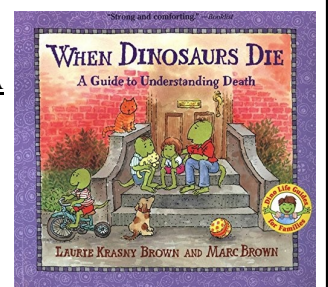
Plan now to take advantage of **ALL** of the resources available for projects around your center or home!

The Workroom is also open during business hours, and other times by appointment.

Thanks to the Platteville Community Fund for funding the purchase of Lending Library items such as pack 'n plays, high chairs and sensory materials.

Brand New Resource!

When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death
by Laurie Krasny Brown (Author) and Marc Brown (Illustrator)



Did you know? Family Connections provides FREE Ages & Stages screening for children. Contact our office at 608-348-2846 for more information.



TRAINING CALENDAR



October SIDS/SBS

You – child care providers for young children – are a critical resource in caring for children. You are also an important audience for learning about Shaken Baby Syndrome and for acquiring the skills and knowledge to prevent shaking from occurring.

Location: Darlington Community Ctr, 106 E Catherine,, Darlington, WI, 53530

Date & Time: October 16, 2019 6:00-9:00 PM

Registration Deadline and Fee: Oct. 9, 2019, \$25.00 prior to / \$30.00 day of training.

November

Developmentally Appropriate Environments: Learning Environments and Curriculum through the Lens of DAP

This training will provide participants with an in-depth review of the requirements for the developmentally appropriate environments as required by the YoungStar evaluation criteria. The materials, learning centers and interactions of the early childhood learning environment will be explored in relation to best practices and research in the field. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of the needs of a quality learning environment within the context of developmentally appropriate practices, Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards domains and School Age Curricular Framework content areas.

Location: Extension Richland County, 1000 Hwy 14 West, Richland Center, WI 53581

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 6:00-9:00 PM

Registration Deadline and Fee: November 1, 2019 \$15.00 prior to/\$25.00 day of training

FAMILY CONNECTIONS TRAINING POLICY

All Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin trainings must be paid for in advance. We require that fees be paid a minimum of 2 business days before the program in order to hold your seat. If fee is not received at least 2 business days in advance, you may be removed from the registration list. All fees for service programming will be on a first come first served basis. There will be an additional \$5 fee for payment made at time of training.

Registration fees for Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin programming will be reimbursed 100% if cancellation for the program is made 2 business days prior to the scheduled program date. Cancellations made less than 2 business days before the program date will be reimbursed 50% of cost. Any registrations that fail to show up for the program and/or don't call to cancel a minimum of 24 hours prior to the program start time will not be eligible for reimbursement of the program fees.

Look into these two seminars that are being put on by UW-Platteville.

They both look interesting and they both look like they will help in making you a better provider!

Let us know if we can help you in any way possible!!

Thanks for letting us help you be the best provider you can be!!

Early Childhood Seminar 2019

Saturday, Nov. 9
8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Markee Pioneer Student Center
UW-Platteville



This year's seminar, led by **Andy Johnsrud**, founder of Warriors of the Open Heart, will provide six hours of training on how to support young children with empathy and positive guidance. Anyone who works with young children will enjoy this seminar!

REGISTER TODAY

campus.uwplatt.edu/continuing/early-childhood-seminars

Nature-Based Early Learning Forum

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Umhoefer Building
UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County campus
1006 Connie Road, Baraboo, Wisconsin

We have lots of fun planned for this special event! Join the **Wonder Guides** from the **Wisconsin Nature Action Collaborative for Children**. Together we'll discover new learning activities for your work with young children. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes as we will take it outdoors.

Cost: \$69 includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages. Seminar attendees will receive 0.6 CEUs or six hours of continuing education training in Early Childhood Education.

"Nature is the source of all true knowledge."

—Leonardo da Vinci



Register today at campus.uwplatt.edu/continuing/nature-based-early-learning-forum

Fun Activities to do with Your Children/Grandchildren

10 Gifts from the Heart

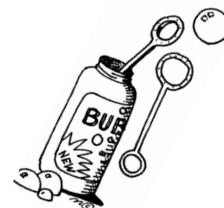
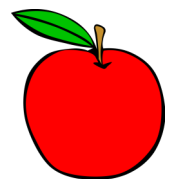
I really love giving thoughtful and simple gifts from the heart and I find that it makes the holidays a much more mellow and fulfilling experience. Here are 10 ideas for gifts that cost very little but mean a whole lot more.

1. Baked goods.
2. Roasted coffee beans, roasted nuts, homemade granola.
3. Infused oil/vinegar.
4. Essential oil bath salts.
5. Photo album.
6. 'I love you' video.
7. 'Recipe's You'll Love' book.
8. Tickets to a local event, concert, class, gallery, or lecture.
9. Love jar/deck of cards.
10. Homemade chocolate!

15 Things to Give Out on Halloween (besides candy!)

Schools and daycares sometimes have restrictions on what can be used to fill the children's bags on Halloween—so we thought we would supply you with a list of items that would fulfill these requirements.

1. Halloween stickers or temporary tattoos.
2. Mini cans of play-doh.
3. Small toys—like those from the Dollar Store or Oriental Trading Co.
4. Raisins
5. Small flashlights
6. Apples or apple chips
7. Herbal tea bags
8. Kids Clif Zbars or individually packaged fig bars
9. Applesauce in squeeze packs
10. Clementine tangerines
11. Small packs of crackers
12. Seed packets
13. Single serve boxes of cereal
14. Mini puzzles
15. Bubbles



Calendar of Events



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	6 National Read a book day	7
8 Grandparent's Day	9	10	11 9/11 Remembrance Day	12 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	13	14 National Crème-Filled Donut Day
15	16 National Play Doh Day	17	18	19 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	20	21
22	23 First day Of Fall	24	25	26 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	27	28
29 Rosh Hashanah	30					



October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	4	5 World Teacher's Day
6	7	8 Yom Kippur	9	10 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15 World Math Day	16 SIDS/SBS 6-9PM	17 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	18	19 National New Friends Day
20	21	22	23 iPod Day	24 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	25	26 Nature Forum UWP-Baraboo 8:30-3
27	28 National Chocolate Day	29	30	31 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am		

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Book Lovers Day
3 Sandwich Day	4	5 DAE 6-9	6	7 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	8	9 Early Childhood Seminar—UWP 8:30-3
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Caregiver Appreciation Day	14 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	15	16 National Fast Food Day
Homemade Bread Day	18	19 National Camp Day	20	21 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Christmas Lights Day	2 Cyber Monday	3 Giving Tuesday	4	5 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	6	7 National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
8	9 National Llama Day	10	11	12 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	13	14
15	16	17 National Maple Syrup Day	18	19 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	20	21 Winter Begins
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	
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A Joint Service of These Fine Agencies:

Platteville Thrift Shop



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Family Connections Wish List

- Diapers (all sizes)
 - Wal-Mart Gift Cards
 - Stamps
 - Baby wipes
 - Nonperishable snacks
 - Pull-ups
 - Aldi's gift cards
 - Infant necessities
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Personal Care items
- The Best Gift ... Your Time!

*All Donations can be tax deductible!

**Thank you for helping us help families
in Southwest Wisconsin!**

**For more information regarding volunteer
opportunities please call
1-800-267-1018.**

Your donation of time, talent, and treasure are all greatly appreciated! Please contact our office if you would like to get involved with this agency.

Open Positions on the Board of Directors: Serving on the board is an instrumental way to get involved in the mission of Family Connections. If you have questions about this opportunity, please email staff.familyconnections@gmail.com.