



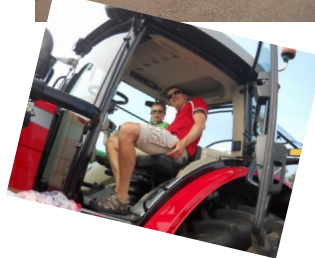
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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2018: **September/October**
November/December

Platteville Office Hours:
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-4:30
Tuesday & 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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Community Fun at ON THE MOVE!



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Family Connections Up-Dates



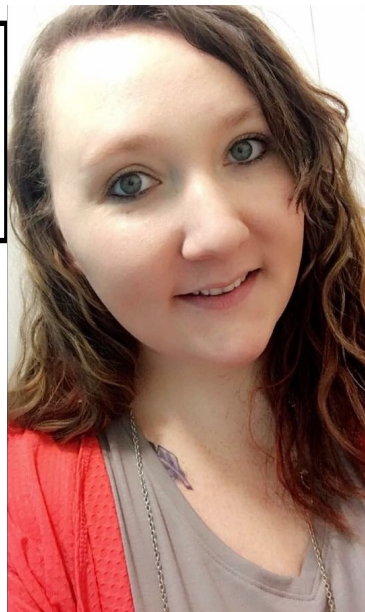
On the Move

***Thank you* to all those who attended and helped to make the evening special.**

We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Thank you to the following area Vendors who brought vehicles or supported this event:

Morrissey Printing
Platteville Dairy Queen
Sloan Implement
US Postal Service
Digman Construction
Scenic Rivers
Krone America
Faherty's Inc
Platteville Fire Department
Ubersox Auto
Southwest Health Center
Scott Implement
Warco Transportation
Bard Material
Grant County Sheriff Department
SWWI Breast Feeding Coalition
Grant County Health Department
Platteville Police Department
Rick Volgarino
Dick Bonin
Martin Equipment
SW Breastfeeding Coalition
Grant County Health Department
SW Rotary Club
Usbourne Books



Meet Brittany Tyson. She is the new Family Resource Specialist and Pre-licensor.

Brittany is married with 4 daughters ranging in age from 1 to 11. She moved here from outside of Chicago and has spent the last few years doing in home day care and working on her college degree (she hopes to graduate from UW-P in 2020 with a degree

in Criminal Justice.

Her passion is educating children through literacy and she enjoys filling her home with the neighborhood kids!

Welcome aboard, Brittany!



Here is a picture of one of Brittany's girls representing Family Connections at an event!

A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this event possible!!!

Our offices will be closed:

**Labor Day—September 3
Thanksgiving—November 22/23
Christmas Eve/Day—December 24/25**

Family & Provider News

Play N Learn!

Where: O.E. Gray School
110 West Adams St.
Platteville, WI

When: Every Thursday,
9:30-11:00 am

September 6,13,20,27
October 4,11,18,25
November 1,8,15,29
December 6,13,20



Amazon Smile.

Remember to choose Family Connections of SWWI when shopping with Amazon.

Simply log in under smile.amazon.com and select our organization. Amazon donates money to us based on your purchases at no additional cost to you 🙌

Providers

We would love to hear from you and know how we can serve you better in the future.

Please fill out the training survey and let us know how we can best meet your needs:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019Train

Deadline: October 18, 2018

Providers, Parents, and Friends

We would love to hear from you and know how we can serve you better in the future.

Please fill out the stakeholder's survey and let us know how we can best meet your needs:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/Platt2018

Deadline: November 1, 2018

Provider/Family Workroom

The Workroom will be open on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

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, car seats and sensory materials which are in high demand.



Rick Volgarino is Family Connection's 2018 Volunteer of the Year. Rick has been a fantastic volunteer this past year assisting us with all of our family fun events. He particularly helped us during our remodeling this spring and summer. We really could not have done it without his help!

Thank you, Rick!

Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin 2017 Annual Report



Family Connections Staff:
 Executive Director: Sabrina Earl
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 FRC/Pre-Licensing: Brittany Tyson
 Administrative Assistant: Ellen Volgarino

Family Connections covers certified and licensed child care family and group centers in our six county service delivery area, this includes: Grant, Crawford, Iowa, Richland, Lafayette and Vernon counties. In addition, we provide pre-licensing to the additional counties of La Crosse, Juneau & Monroe counties.

3 Family Fun Events reaching 443 people

In 2017, Family Connections directly worked with 88 regulated providers and centers for an accumulation of over 810 hours of face-to-face technical consultation.

46 Play n
Learns
Serving
130 Adults and
Children

Comments from some of our trainings:

“It was awesome to learn about all the different foods. Christie did an amazing job.”

“I will use it to encourage staff and children to eat healthy.”

“I plan on making a portfolio for each child and set up parent/provider conferences at least twice a year.”

”Plan to discuss with co-teacher how to create more meaningful projects.”

“I want to be able to meet the individual needs of the family.”

”I want to be a helping hand for the families who are looking for help.”

Family Resource Services help educate, build both financial and formal support networks for families and parents of young children, and offer family support through a resource library and toll free warm line.

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” - Frederick Douglass, abolitionist and statesman

14 Trainings
105 Attendees

Over
350
Volunteer
Hours



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TRAINING CALENDAR



September

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: 110 W. Adams St., Platteville, WI 53818

Date & Time: September 13, 2018 6:00-8:00 PM

Registration Deadline and Fee: September 6, 2018, \$25.00 prior to / \$30.00 day of

NEW!

Developing Appropriate Environments

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: 110 W. Adams St., Platteville, WI 53818

Date & Time: September 19, 2018 6:00-9:00 PM

Registration Deadline and Fee: September 12 2018, \$25.00 prior to / \$30.00 day of (also offered November 14—same time/price)

NEW!

WI Pyramid Model for Social Emotional Competence – Infant/Toddler Module

The Wisconsin Pyramid Model Infant-Toddler training series is a course designed specifically for infant/toddler teachers to support their professional development, increase their reflective capacities that will support optimal development and well-being of infants and toddlers (and families) in their care. The course is built upon the Pyramid Model training and integrates infant mental health concepts and competencies, and includes materials and activities on reflective practices. The goal of the series is to offer theoretical foundations, explore and practice use of strategies to support optimal development, and professionalize the field of infant/toddler teachers.

Location: 110 W. Adams, Platteville, WI

Date & Time: **Must attend all sessions.**

September 29, 2018 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

October 20, 2018 8:30 am-3:30 pm

November 10, 2018 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

December 8, 2018 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Registration Deadline and Fee: September 21, 2018, \$50.00 /\$55.00 day of.

October

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

WMELS specify developmental expectations for children from birth through entrance to first grade. The standards reflect attention to all the domains of a child's learning and development. Each domain is divided into sub-domains. Each sub-domain includes: developmental expectations, program standards, performance standards, and a developmental continuum. Samples of children's behavior and adult strategies are also provided.

Location: Iowa County Social Services, 303 W Chapel St, Dodgeville, WI, 53533

Date & Time: *You MUST attend both sessions!*

Saturday, October 27th, 8:30-4:00 PM

Saturday, November 17th, 8:30-4:00 PM

Registration Deadline and Fee: October 20th, \$60.00 prior to / \$65.00 day of

Funding Source: YoungStar

4 Attendees will receive a training certificate stipend of \$100.00!

Did you know? Family Connections provides FREE Ages & Stages screening for children and low cost fees for Supervised visits for families. Contact our office for more information.

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.

On-line registration cancellation will be assessed a \$10 fee on refund due to fees incurred with on-line payment process.

Fun Activities to do with Your Children

Let's Have Fun!!!

Fall Riddles

Q: What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A: A pumpkin patch.

The nurse walked into the busy doctor's office and said, "Doctor, the invisible man is here." The doctor replied, "Sorry, I can't see him."

Q: Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

A: No body.

Q: Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?

A: The Crossing Gourd.

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi.

Q: I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old, and every Halloween I stand up inside Jack O Lanterns. What am I?

A: A candle.

Q: If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season?

A: Fall.

Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

A: Squash.

A family of fall leaves were trying to change a light bulb. A squirrel walked by and asked why the bulb wasn't changed yet and the red leaf said, "Because we keep falling."

Q: What happened when the turkey got in a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

What am I?

I have no color, not even white,
but sometimes I'm wide and blue.
Sometimes I'm still, sometimes I
rush, and I can fall down on you.
I can change my shape, I often do,
but I'm hard to hold in your hand.
You need me to make your castle
stand up when you're playing in
the sand.
I haven't much taste, but on a hot
day
Your tongue's hanging out for me.
Then I am cold, but I can be hot
when I'm in your mom's cup of
tea.

What am I?

Answer: Water

Discovery Center

Open House

November 7

5-6pm

Come for Hot Chocolate and

Cookies!!

SAVE THE DATE

Calendar of Events



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day— Family Connections Closed	4	5	6 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	7	8
9	10 First day of Rosh Hashanah	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am SIDS 6-8 pm	14	15
16 Play Doh Day	17	18	19 Yom Kippur DAE 6-9 pm	20 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	21	22 Elephant Appreciation Day
23/30 Autumn Begins	24	25 Comic Book Day	26	27 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am & PAC Meeting	28	29 Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler Module— 8:30-3:30

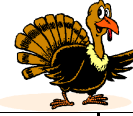


October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 International Day for The Elderly	2	3	4 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	5	6
7	8	9 Fire Prevention Day	10	11 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	12	13 Provider Workroom Open
14	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	19	20 Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler Module— 8:30-3:30
21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am Dress up Party	26	27 WMELS 8:30-4:00
28 Mother-In- Law Day	29	30	31 Halloween			

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	2	3
4	5	6 Election Day	7 Discovery Center Open House 5-6 pm	8 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	9	10 Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler Module— 8:30-3:30
11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Caregiver Appreciation Day	14 DAE 6-9 pm	15 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	16	17 WMELS 8:30-4:00
18	19 Have a Bad Day Day	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25	26	27	28 French Toast Day	29 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am & PAC Meeting	30	



December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Wear Brown Shoes Day	5	6 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	7	8 Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler Module- 8:30-3:30
9 First Full Day of Hannukah	10	11	12	13 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Play N Learn 9:30-11:00 am Christmas Party	21	22
23/30	24/31 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	27 Office Closed
					28 Office Closed	29



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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.**

You may also offer financial support online through
our website: www.familyconnectionsswwi.org

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 contact our Executive Director, Sabrina Earl.