

2018 Spring Conference



CHILD CARE
CONNECTIONS

April 7th

9:00am-4:30pm

Registration Begins at 8:15am

Spring Hill Suites

1601 Baxter Lane, Bozeman



Schedule:

During registration you will pick one session per time slot.

9:00am-12:00pm

Project WET for Preschoolers

Reggio for Infants & Toddlers

12:00pm-1:30pm

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30pm-4:30pm

Project Learning Tree

Hands-on STEM for Infants & Toddlers



Professional Development and Continued Education Opportunity!

6 approved training hours, CEU, and OPI credits.



Early Bird Registration before March 7th: \$45/person

Regular Registration after March 7th: \$55/person

REGISTER TODAY: ONLY 100 Spots Available

****ONLY 50 participants per session, select online**

Registration deadline is March 31st



TO REGISTER, CLICK [HERE!](#)

For more information call Tori Sproles, 548-3672





9:00am-12:00pm

Project WET for Preschoolers:

The Project WET Foundation has been training teachers in hands-on science methods using its award-winning educational materials for over 30 years. Project WET's Early Childhood Educator Training Workshop explores activities in Project WET's newest publication for educators—*Getting Little Feet Wet: Project WET's Early Childhood Curriculum Guide*. Participants will actually do some of the activities in the Guide to foster understanding of the skills and science presented. Each participant will receive a supplemental manual for this training.



Reggio for Infants & Toddlers:

This 3 hour session will expose participants to the Reggio philosophy and Reggio practices within the classroom/home setting (with a focus on infants and toddlers). In many ways, Reggio challenges us to look at our environments and pedagogy with a new, critical eye. This session will challenge participants to examine their practice and give them ideas for new ways to promote learning in their program.



1:30pm-4:30pm

Project Learning Tree for Preschoolers:

PLT's professional development helps educators learn how to integrate environmental education into their teaching and become comfortable teaching outdoors—in urban, suburban, and rural environments. Project Learning Tree teaches educators how best to use instructional materials with their own students in their own setting and how to engage with (and draw upon) their community in learning about and taking action to address local environmental issues. By teaching students how to think, not what to think, about complex environmental issues, we are helping young people learn the problem-solving skills they need to make informed choices about the environment. Each participant will receive a supplemental manual for this training.

Hands-On STEM for Infants & Toddlers:



Infants and toddlers have a natural curiosity and a need to explore and understand the world around them. Over the past ten years, Museum of the Rockies (MOR) educators have developed a robust library of activities perfect for these budding scientists. Learn why it is important to engage our youngest learners in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities and take home dozens of ideas perfect for any childcare setting. Whether you're new to STEM or you're a retired scientist, this session is guaranteed to help all providers gain more confidence in leading science activities with infants and toddlers.