

CONNECT SUMMIT

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Tuesday, July 28

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| 8 - 9 AM | BREAKFAST (PROVIDED), CHECK-IN AND VISIT EXHIBITORS
Cutthroat, Grizzly |
| 9 - 9:30 AM | WELCOME
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa |
| 9:30 - 10:45 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS: KAREN LUM, K LUM CONSULTING
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa |
| 10:45 - 11 AM | BREAK |
| 11 AM - 12:30 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SEE NEXT PAGE)
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa, Grizzly |
| 12:30 - 1:30 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH (PROVIDED)
Cutthroat, Grizzly |
| 1:30 - 2:30 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SEE NEXT PAGE)
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa, Grizzly |
| 2:30 - 2:45 PM | BREAK |
| 2:45 - 4:15 PM | GENERAL SESSION: LEAD WHERE YOU LIVE
TRACY MCINTYRE, MONTANA COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa |
| 4:15 - 5 PM | FEDERAL EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY - FFYF
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa |
| 4:15 - 5 PM | BREAK |
| 5 - 7 PM | NETWORKING & EXHIBITOR SOCIAL - <i>All are invited!</i>
Cutthroat, Grizzly |

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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11 AM -12:30 PM

From Hire to Inspire: Strengthening Professional Learning Systems

Kimberly Minckler (Child Care Training & Early Childhood Project) - Bitterroot

Not Just Caregivers — CEOs of Montana’s Future

Melanie Sands-Snyder (7Gen Advisory) - Sapphire

Demonstrating Leadership Through Reflection and Self-Assessment

Kalli Decker (Montana State University) - Ponderosa

The Guidance Triad for Leaders

Barbara Otey (Discovery Developmental Center) - Grizzly

11 AM - 5 PM

Professional Development Specialist Track: RBC Training

(pre-registration required) - Meadowlark

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Leadership Styles that Support Employee Recruitment & Retention

Kendra Edlin (Zero to Five Montana) - Bitterroot

From Community Action to Systems Change: Lessons from Local Leaders

Shelby Whelan (Zero to Five Montana) - Sapphire

Leading for Quality: How Accreditation Strengthens Early Childhood Leadership

Tiffany Krushensky (Montana Association for the Education of Young Children) - Ponderosa

Early Childhood Advocacy

Callie Parr (Zero to Five Montana) - Grizzly

Wednesday, July 29

- 7 - 8 AM** **BREAKFAST (PROVIDED), CHECK-IN AND VISIT EXHIBITORS**
Cutthroat, Grizzly
- 8 - 9:30 AM** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SEE BELOW)**
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa, Grizzly
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM** **BREAK**
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM** **GENERAL SESSION: YOU ARE BUILDERS - HOW CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SHAPE MONTANA'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM**
Alex Dubois & Melissa Winger, Zero to Five Montana
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa
- 10:45 - 11 AM** **BREAK**
- 11 AM - 12 PM** **CLOSING SESSION: INSPIRING LEADERSHIP, NURTURING COMMUNITY**
Join us for a fun closing session!
Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 8 - 9:30 AM**
- Not Just a Paycheck: Building a Workplace Educators Stay for**
Jeanette Lemieux (SPARK Montana) - Bitterroot
- Babies Pay the Bills: Rethinking Infant - Toddler Care Through a Business Lens**
Jason Nitschke (Zero to Five Montana) - Sapphire
- Building a HOPE-Informed Community: Transforming Systems from the Inside Out**
Ariella Wells (Bitterroot Early Learning Network) - Ponderosa
- Expanding Capacity by Partnering with Head Start**
Mark Douglass & Karen Filipovich (Montana Head Start) - Grizzly
- 8 AM - NOON** **Professional Development Specialist Track: Adult Learning (pre-registration required)** - Meadowlark