

CONNECT SUMMIT

A G E N D A

Tuesday, July 28

8 - 9 AM	BREAKFAST (PROVIDED), CHECK-IN AND VISIT EXHIBITORS Cutthroat, Grizzly
9 - 9:30 AM	WELCOME: SALLY TILLEMAN, DPHHS Bitterroot, Sapphire, Ponderosa
9:30 - 10:45 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: THE RIPPLE EFFECT: HOW EVERYDAY LEADERSHIP BUILDS STRONGER CHILDREN, FAMILIES, WORKPLACES, & COMMUNITIES KAREN LUM, K LUM CONSULTING ROOMS: 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 & Caterina Jones (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 & Tiffany Krushensky (Montana State University & MTAEYC) - 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 & Caitlin Jensen (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 <i>Join us for a fun closing session hosted by Sally Tilleman, DPHHS</i> 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