



Michigan Better Kid Care

Free Training Opportunities for Childcare Professionals,
Parents, and Relative Caregivers

Michigan Better Kid Care (MiBKC) is a statewide program through MSU Extension that works to educate and support current and potential child care providers. Professional development opportunities are available to providers, aides, and relative caregivers.

Each topic is CEU approved. One class equals 2 training hours,
or enroll in all 5 classes to get 10 training hours.

**To register for these FREE trainings, contact Therese Povolo at
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Registration is necessary to reserve space and materials.**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY- MAY/JUNE

Date * Time * Location	Topics Covered
Wednesday, May 21 6:30-8:30 pm MSU Extension-Grand Traverse County 520 W. Front St. Traverse City * 2 training hours – Register by May 16	The ABC's of Early Literacy Learn and understand the components of early literacy. Learn and practice what activities promote early literacy development in the child care setting.
Wednesday, May 28 6:30-8:30 pm MSU Extension-Grand Traverse County 520 W. Front St. Traverse City * 2 training hours – Register by May 23	Problem Solving with Children Hitting, grabbing, pushing, and biting: How do children learn to play nicely? Children can learn to solve their own problems, but they need adults to teach them how to do it.
Wednesday, June 4 6:30-8:30 pm MSU Extension-Grand Traverse County 520 W. Front St. Traverse City * 2 training hours – Register by May 30	Parents and Providers as Partners Learn how to engage parents as partners. Identify positive communication strategies, and how to communicate in challenging situations. Gain understanding in dealing with conflict and anger.
Wednesday, June 11 6:30-8:30 pm MSU Extension-Grand Traverse County 520 W. Front St. Traverse City * 2 training hours – Register by June 6	Health and Safety Learn current state requirements about health and safety for child care providers. Discuss relevant procedures to have in place in your child care setting to protect the children you care for.
Wednesday, June 18 6:30-8:30 pm MSU Extension -Grand Traverse County 520 W. Front St. Traverse City * 2 training hours – Register by June 13	Ready to Learn Learn how to use television in child care settings effectively. Create lessons based on clips of appropriate television shows, literacy, and hands-on activities.

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