



## 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 4 classes to get 8 training hours.

**To register for these FREE trainings, contact Therese Povolo at  
MSU Extension-Benzie County, 231/882-0025, or email: [povolo@msu.edu](mailto:povolo@msu.edu)  
Registration is necessary to reserve space and materials.**

### LEELANAU COUNTY- AUGUST

| Date * Time * Location   | Topics Covered  |
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| <b>Wednesday, August 6</b> <b>6:30-8:30 pm</b><br><b>Empire Township Hall</b><br>10088 W. Front St., Empire<br>* 2 training hours – Register by August 1   | <b>The ABC's of Early Literacy</b><br>Learn and understand the components of early literacy. Learn and practice what activities promote early literacy development in the child care setting.   |
| <b>Wednesday, August 13</b> <b>6:30-8:30 pm</b><br><b>Empire Township Hall</b><br>10088 W. Front St., Empire<br>* 2 training hours – Register by August 8  | <b>Problem Solving with Children</b><br>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.                    |
| <b>Wednesday, August 20</b> <b>6:30-8:30 pm</b><br><b>Empire Township Hall</b><br>10088 W. Front St., Empire<br>* 2 training hours – Register by August 15 | <b>Parents and Providers as Partners</b><br>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. |
| <b>Wednesday, August 27</b> <b>6:30-8:30 pm</b><br><b>Empire Township Hall</b><br>10088 W. Front St., Empire<br>* 2 training hours – Register by August 22 | <b>Health and Safety</b><br>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.              |

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