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Strengthening Families Grant Awarded to Home Ties

By: WILLETTA BOLINGER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Home Ties Child Development Center in Elkins, WV was the recent recipient of a Strengthening Families grant. The West Virginia Early Childhood Health Project contracted with the Division of Early Care and Education to establish one Strengthening Families center within each child care resource and referral region. The six regional sites will make up the West Virginia Strengthening Families Network. These sites will receive training in Strengthening Families and will serve as mentors to other programs around the state who have expressed an interest in implementing Strengthening Families.

The Strengthening Families approach and the Protective Factors are formed by extensive, rigorous research from the Center for the Study of Social Policy. The five protective factors are the foundation of the Strengthening Families approach.

The Protective Factors are: Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Concrete Supports in Times of Need and Children's Social and Emotional Competence.

This grant enabled Home Ties to develop a welcoming family area large enough for families to meet informally, watch modeling of appropriate child development behavior, formulate friendships with other parents, and foster a sense of community. Denise Fletcher, Director, states "Through the Strengthening Families grant we were able to provide a warm, inviting space where families can gather and network. We are very pleased with the center and feel it promotes positive relationships within families."



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Save The Date!

WHAT: Annual Child Care Center Directors' Meeting

WHEN: October 5, 2011

WHERE: Village Square, Route 19, South Clarksburg, WV

LODGING: A block of rooms has been held at the Best Western, Hampton Inn and Sleep Inn, all in Bridgeport under **Early Care and Education**. The cut-off dates and rates for these hotels vary.

This meeting is mandatory for all center directors to attend. Failure to attend will result in the center becoming ineligible to participate in the tiered reimbursement program and the associated grants. If you cannot attend, please send a designee in your place.





The Creative Curriculum Cozy Up Your I/T Space

By: MELODEE PRICE, EC SPECIALIST

What is curriculum? Curriculum is a plan. It is a plan of action that an adult has for teaching. For the sake of this article we are talking about a plan for children in child care. Do you have a plan or are you following a formal curriculum for the children that you work with?

The Creative Curriculum is a particular plan for children that is used frequently throughout the United States. It is based on how children learn, what children learn, a teacher's role, a parent's role and the physical environment. The physical environment is split into interest areas or "stations" for the children to explore, learn and play. Depending on the size of your space for the children, you may have as many as ten interest areas that would comprise of a block area, house corner, table toys or small manipulatives, art, sand and water area, library or reading area, music and movement, cooking, computers and outdoor area.

You can learn more about the Creative Curriculum by reading "The Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood Third Edition" by Diane Trister Dodge and Laura J. Colker. You can also attend a training that MountainHeart is offering this quarter regarding themes to use with the children based on the Creative Curriculum philosophy.

By: SHANNON NICHOLS, I/T SPECIALIST

Cozy up an area of your Infant/Toddler Space using the following recommendations from the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R):

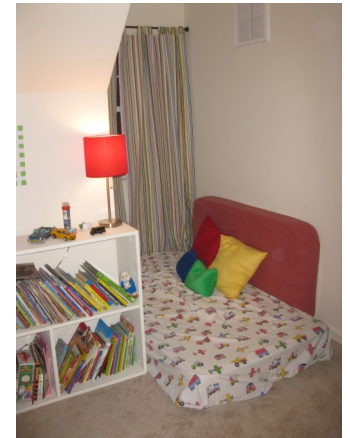
*A special cozy area that provides substantial softness is accessible much of the day.

*The cozy area is protected from active play.

*At least 10 soft toys such as cloth or vinyl covered foam blocks, cloth dolls, animals and puppets are available.

*The cozy area is used for reading or other quiet play.

The cozy area is a great place to repurpose some of those old crib mattresses from the recent crib recall. Simply put a waterproof cover and fitted sheet on 1 or 2 mattresses, add a couple soft pillows and then sit back and enjoy some quite cuddle time with your little ones. Everyone will enjoy the close times together.



"We all need to know that we are somebody." - David Elkind

Take It Outside! Week / October 16th-22nd

By: SARAH HICKS, NURSE HEALTH CONSULTANT

Head Start Body Start National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play (HSBS) believes that children and the outdoors naturally go together, and that is why they are sponsoring "Take It Outside!" Week, October 16th through October 22nd. Educators, along with children and families, need to make outdoor play time a priority as it is an important part of a child's development.

This generation of children spends less time outdoors than previous generations, and more time in front of the TV, computer, and other types of electronic media. Research shows that this is detrimental to their development physically, emotionally, and mentally. Studies show that children who regularly play outdoors are healthier, happier, and smarter than children who do not. Outdoor play also helps to build up the immune system, as well exposes children to Vitamin D. Why not celebrate this week with your children and families? Here are some ideas to get outside:

- Host a play day with lots of outdoor games and activities.
- Go for a nature hike (look for objects along the way like acorns, colored leaves, etc.).
- Create an outdoor reading area, and read a different nature story each day, and act it out!
- Dramatic play can also be done outside (pretend you are birds and fly high, low, fast, slow).
- Create a Fall themed obstacle course with tasks along the way such as moving piles of leaves from one spot to another, roll the pumpkin, and crawl over hay bales.



You are only limited by your creativity. Weather can be a factor in outdoor play, but remember, "There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing." So bundle up and head OUTSIDE! For more information about Head Start Body Start and more activity ideas, head to <http://www.aahperd.org/headstartbodystart/>



MountainHeart Out & About

Staff Participate in Camp Gizmo

By: CHERYL WOLFE, TRAILS SPECIALIST

More than 26-million Americans have some type of mental or physical disability. West Virginia has more than twice the national average which is 22 percent. So our state sponsors a unique opportunity to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and their families.

This unique opportunity is called "Camp Gizmo". The campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, West Virginia hosted this fantastic event for families and professionals. For a small fee, any family in West Virginia whose child has a disability may attend this four day event. Each family is paired with a team of professionals who work specifically on improving the quality of life for the whole family. While children are in "kids" camp classes, the adults are attending workshops to help them with some of the challenges they struggle with on a daily basis. Some of these challenges include feeding methods, safety, parents' legal rights and computer modifications.

MountainHeart Community Services has been invited to participate in this unique opportunity for ten years. Janet Aitchison and Cheryl Wolfe, TRAILS Early Childhood Specialists, had the great opportunity to attend this event on Monday, July 11, 2011. They join other professionals on a resource panel for parents to gain knowledge on the different resources and programs that are available for their children. They also displayed the TRAILS van for families and professionals to see what resources are available for Birth To Three Practitioners or Special Need Teachers to use with these special children. If you know a family that has Birth To Three services, the Practitioners may contact Janet at (1-888-915-7653) or Cheryl at (1-877-811-5437) to discuss using the TRAILS van as a resource in working with children with disabilities.

"Do not resent getting old, the alternative is worse. - Author Unknown"

Staff and Providers Attend NAFCC Conference

By: JANET AITCHISON, TRAILS SPECIALIST

The National Association for Family Child Care, NAFCC, held its 21st conference in Henderson, Nevada on July 21-23. Family child care providers from all over the US, over 1,000 in all, spent three days learning new things and sharing with each other the challenges and rewards of family child care. Willetta Bolinger (Program Director), Cheryl Wolfe (TRAILS Specialist) and I had the wonderful opportunity of attending.

Keynote speaker Linda M. Carson Ed.D. explained how to use music and strategies from "Choosy Kids" to plan and implement active learning experiences to promote healthy living habits. Jim Gill played his banjo and sang to illustrate the importance of music in an early childhood setting. His audience was singing and moving with him! In addition, the classes available offered a variety of relevant information to take home and implement in your own program.



Staff from Baby Cubs in Taylor Co. and Cheryl Wolfe



Nikki Darling-Kuria, from Martinsburg, has attended this conference for the last ten years and serves on the NAFCC Board. She says, *"Serving on the Board of NAFCC is one of the most rewarding aspects of my professional career as a family child care provider. Going to conference each year allows me to re-connect, refresh, and rejuvenate my commitment to providing high quality child care for children in West Virginia."*

NAFCC has a layaway plan to assist you in planning for next year's conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit nafcc.org for an application or more information about next year's conference. What a positive, uplifting way to reaffirm your commitment to family child care while putting yourself in the company of child care professionals committed to improving early care and education. NAFCC also has a layaway plan for national accreditation.



MountainHeart News & Notes

TRAILS Tips

By: JANET AITCHISON, TRAILS SPECIALIST

Do you remember a time when children spent most of the day outdoors? I do! We went outdoors after breakfast and came in to eat or get food to eat outdoors. Eating "out" meant eating on the picnic table. What did we do all day? One of the things we did was play games. Games like Freeze Tag, Hopscotch, Red Rover, Flashlight Tag, Four Square, Red Light Green Light, Simon Says and Hide and Seek.

If you don't know how these games are played, ask your TRAILS people (Cheryl or Lori, Janet or Jen) or check out:

<http://grandparents.about.com/od/projectsactivities/tp/OutdoorGames.htm>



Health and Safety Grant

The 2011-2012 provider health and safety grant application is included in this edition of *News From The Heart*.

This grant is available to family child care facilities and family child care providers who accept subsidy payments for children in their care. A child care facility may request up to \$500 for resources and a family child care provider may request up to \$250 in resources. The grant application no longer lists acceptable items to request. This opens up more possibilities for providers to request items they may want or need. **We highly suggest that you fulfill your licensing requirements for health and safety before requesting educational and recreational items.** For ideas on acceptable grant items, please visit our website at www.mountainheartwv.org/ccnorth

Please fill out the grant application and send to the Elkins MountainHeart office attention Leann Andrew. This year's grant will begin October 1, 2011 and will end March 30, 2012 or when funds are depleted.

Attention Providers!!!!

Have questions about your check?

Try FACTS PLUS!

FACTS PLUS allows you to check the status of your check on the Web.

For more information and to request a new account, please visit:

<https://facts.wvdhhr.org/factsplus/>

Check Us Out!

MountainHeart Community Services is on the web! We have an informational website where you can download payment forms and receive valuable information. Our website is www.mountainheartwv.org/ccnorth come and check us out.

You may also find us on Facebook. As a way to communicate with the public, MountainHeart has created a Facebook page. Join us on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/mountainheartwv

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We look forward to seeing you online!



MountainHeart News & Notes

Welcome To Our Team!

Lori Stutts is the new Case Manager at the Petersburg office. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in Psychology. After graduating from UNC, she became a Special Education Teacher and has taught at the middle and high school level for the past seven years. In 2009, she achieved National Board Certification as an Exceptional Needs Specialist. Recently, Lori and her husband, Tony, moved to WV, as a result of Tony's promotion within the Social Security Administration. Lori is looking forward to working for MountainHeart!!



Hi, my name is Brittany Metzgar and I am the new case manager for the Lewis County MountainHeart office. I graduated from Glenville State College in 2008 with my Bachelors in Behavioral Science and Minor in Global Studies. I have been doing case management for subsidy child care since I graduated college and I love the positive impact that it has on children and their families. I recently got married, so my spare time consists of organizing and decorating our home and spending as much time as possible with my husband. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone!



Susan Polgar is the new Behavior Consultant in the Elkins Office. She received both her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and her Masters of Arts in Early Childhood Special Education from West Virginia University, and has extensive experience working with young children and families. She and her husband Ron live a short distance outside of Elkins. Susan especially loves spending time with her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Rick, who live in Cincinnati, Ohio. When she's not on the road, Susan enjoys music, gardening, knitting, felting, cooking, and snowshoeing.



My name is Amanda Roy and I am excited to be returning to MountainHeart in my new position as Case Manager/Supervisor in the Grafton office. As a previous employee of MountainHeart, I had spent a few years as Case Manager out of the Weston and Grafton offices and five years working with the WV Birth to Three program. I reside in Grafton with my husband, Mike, and daughters, Deanna (8) and Johanna (3), 2 dogs, Freckles (4) and Martin (4) and kitty, Friska (3). I had the amazing opportunity to spend 2 ½ years as a stay-at-home mom with my two wonderful daughters. Glad to be back!



Volunteers Sought for Professional Development Advisory Council

If you are interested in participating on the Professional Development Advisory Council or would like more information, please call the Elkins office at (304) 637-2840 or 1-877-862-3103 (toll free) and ask for Willetta or Leann. Those signing up to participate on the committee will be notified of the meeting dates, times, and locations of the meetings.

Participants will also receive WV STARS hours and have input into what trainings are offered where and when.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Krista Hiner
for being promoted
to Site Supervisor
in the Petersburg
office!





MountainHeart News & Notes

WV Family Child Care Association News

The WVFCCA is proud to announce that our first Spring Fling Conference was a huge success! Every family child care provider went home with at least one great door prize and some went home with laptops as well. It will be rewarding to see how these supplies trickle down into each home to benefit the children. Everyone received 6 hours of training, a wonderful catered lunch in the crystal ballroom and a bag full of great information and ideas to use with your children. The TEACH Scholarship information and the retirement plan were presented as well. The day was full of exciting changes being made to promote **quality family child care** in our state. Did you miss it? Do you want to learn how to be at our next conference? Visit www.westvirginiafamilychildcare.com or call 304-917-9697. Make sure you don't miss out on our next conference! Let us know how we can help you provide more quality child care in your home or facility.



Take a Flower to Childcare Day

October 18, 2011

MountainHeart Community Services along with WV Kids Count Fund will be promoting this year's "Take a Flower to Child Care Day". With all that our child care providers do in caring for and educating our children, please take time on **October 18, 2011** to show them your appreciation. All that is needed is for you or your child to present your provider with a flower. This flower can be homemade, picked from your flower garden, or bought at a local florist. You can be as creative as you want. Your provider will be so appreciative that you took the time to let them know how much you care. Providers, you will also need to let your parents know of this statewide program and encourage them to participate. How beautiful your establishment will be when it is decorated with flowers from your children!

For more information, please visit:
www.wvkidscountfund.org

Early Childhood Specialists Offering Technical Assistance

As a teacher in an early childhood setting, you may find that you need some extra help setting up your classroom, preparing for activities, or maybe handling stressful situations with parents or children. It's important to know when to ask for help, and that the staff at MountainHeart Child Care Resource and Referral can assist you. The Early Childhood Specialists at MountainHeart offer technical assistance visits to early childhood teachers employed at child care centers, as well as family child care providers caring for children in their home. The purpose of a technical assistance visit is to increase the quality of care that teachers are providing to the children in our community. Through the process of technical assistance, teachers will work collaboratively with an Early Childhood Specialist to develop an improvement plan for his or her classroom/home environment. Depending on the teacher's individual needs, the plan will be put into action through the use of different resources, such as materials from the TRAILS van or modeling specific activities to try in the classroom/home. If you are interested in a technical assistance visit, please contact Tara Bowley, Early Childhood Specialist (304) 269-5332 or Melodee Price, Early Childhood Specialist (304) 637-2840.



TEACHING BY EXAMPLE

By: SUZI POLGAR, BEHAVIOR CONSULTANT

Today is a big day in your preschool room. The children are looking forward to making their own mini-pizzas. You've carefully organized this activity, placing all the ingredients on paper plates at each child's spot at the table. You've divided the class into two small groups so that you and your aide will be able to help and supervise the children more easily.

When the children are seated and quiet, you demonstrate each step of the process, using simple, careful language. The children are excited when you take the large tray of pizzas to the oven. When you bring the bubbling pizzas back to the table, all eyes are on you. You pick up your pizza, take a hearty bite, and then yell loudly as hot cheese burns your tongue. The children watch with wide eyed concern as you gasp, red faced, with tears running down your cheeks. After a long drink of cold water, you serve the children's pizzas. Despite the mouth watering smell of warm pizza, most of the children need a lot of encouragement to take their first bite!

Modeling - teaching actions or behaviors by our own example - is an important teaching tool. Modeling can be planned or unplanned. In the example above, the teacher planned to use modeling to teach the steps for making a pizza. She did not plan to use modeling to teach that pizza burns, but that's just what happened!

Children learn what they see. They look to all of the adults in their lives for guidance. They watch, they absorb, and they practice the social behaviors we demonstrate all through the day, whether we're aware of their attention or not. It is our responsibility to provide positive social models for our children. We must think carefully about the lessons that our words and actions teach. How can we best support our children's social learning? Here are just a few everyday examples that show how you can use modeling to teach social skills:

Sharing - *"It looks like your paint cup is empty. Here, you can use this one with me."*

Helping- *"It looks like you could use some help cleaning up here. I'd be glad to put these cars in the basket for you."*

Taking Turns - *"It's your turn now, and then it will be my turn."*

Negotiating - *"You want the last cookie and Sam wants the last cookie. If I split it in half, you could both have some. Would that be ok with you?"*

Delaying gratification - *"I really want to come outside with you now, but I promised Ms. Jean that I'd put the cots away first. You can go ahead with Ms. Jean, and I'll be there as soon as I'm done!"*

Problem solving - *"Oh dear, we won't have time for our painting activity this morning. I wonder how we can fit it in this afternoon?"*

Self calming - *"All this noise is making me feel edgy! I need to find a quiet place to calm down!"*

Awareness of own emotions - *"I am so happy! I finally got the dishes washed!"*

Recognizing others' feelings - *"You have such a big smile this morning. Did something make you extra happy today?"*



"If you want trust, trust others. If you want respect, respect others. If you want help, help others. If you want love and peace in your life, give them away. If you want great friends, be one. That's how it works." Dan Zadra - Businessman, Inspirational Writer



Mineral County Family Resource Network (MCFRN) and West Virginia University Extension Present:

The Power of Story Time!

Monday, Sept. 12th, 2011, 7-9 pm

Mineral Co. Technical Center, Keyser

Thursday, Sept. 15th, 2011, 7-9 pm

Frankfort High School, Short Gap

Biting and Sharing: Toddlers

Instructor: Shannon Nichols

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 2011, 7-9 pm

Frankfort High School, Short Gap

Child Care Credits,

WV STARS and

WVU CEU's Available

Child Care is Unavailable

It is very important to register with
the **WVU Extension Service**

Call **788-3621** today!!!

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

Registration from 6:30-7:00pm

Monday, October 17th, 2011, 7-9 pm

Mineral Co. Technical Center, Keyser



Extension Service

West Virginia University

Launching in Hardy Co.!

Saturday, October 15, 2011

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Moorefield Middle School

ABSOLUTELY FREE!!



Please join the West Virginia
Department of Education and the Arts and the Hardy Co.
Libraries to launch this exciting program in Hardy County.

- **What is Imagination Library?** A free, age appropriate book monthly to children of Hardy Co. from birth to five!
- **Who is eligible?** All children who live in Hardy County age birth to five!
- **How do I start receiving books?** A child's parent, grandparent or legal guardian must complete a registration form after the program launches in Hardy Co.

For more information, please contact the
Hardy County Public Library at (304) 538-6560.

Tentative Schedule for Future WVIT Classes

If you are interested in attending the West Virginia Infant Toddler program, please contact Shannon Nichols in the Weston office at 1-304-269-5446 or our toll free number 1-866-232-9227 for more information.

Space is limited and filled on a first come-first serve basis. The county with the most providers interested will likely be the county/counties in which class will be held.

November 2011-February 2012 – Barbour,
Lewis, Upshur or Randolph County

March-June 2012 – Berkeley or
Jefferson County

July-October 2012 - Grant, Hardy or
Mineral County



MH News & Notes

Medication Administration Training

Medication Administration training is being offered in our region. As per center licensing requirements, staff members who work in child care centers or Head Start and who administer medication must have medication administration training. These trainings are conducted through the WV DHHR Early Care and Education office & are WV S.T.A.R.S. approved.

October 17, 2011 (Monday) at 1:00 pm in Ranson (Ranson City Hall)

October 18, 2011 (Tuesday) at 9:00 am in Martinsburg (James Rumsey Technical Center)

November 15, 2011 (Tuesday) at 5:00 pm in Buckhannon (Child Development Center)

November 17, 2011 (Thursday) at 11:00 am in Grafton (Taylor Co. Public Library)

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER** at least five (5) days in advance of the training session by calling the Elkins MountainHeart office at (304) 637-2840 or 1-877-862-3103 (toll free).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Staff members must be registered on the WV S.T.A.R.S. Career Pathway before taking the medication administration training. You will not be permitted to attend the training session if you are not currently on the S.T.A.R.S. Career Pathway. All participants will need to bring their S.T.A.R.S. Pathway certificate with ID number and/or their feedback letter from WV S.T.A.R.S. stating that they have been approved and their certificate will be mailed soon. **If staff attend the training and are not on the S.T.A.R.S. Career Pathway, the training will not count towards licensing requirements.**

The training session is 4 ½ hours long (including two 15 minute breaks).

Each participant must bring the following materials to the training: pen, paper, 1 pair of non-latex gloves.

Reminder: Children may not attend the training session.

WV Elements of Family Child Care Series

The WVEFCCS was developed for trainers and family child care providers to improve the quality of early care and education for our state's children. WVEFCCS is a seven part series that provides an overview of *The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care* and the *Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R)*. The topics range from "Becoming a Professional" and "Organizing Your Day" to "What Children are Learning" and "Working with Parents." The series is presented in 4-hour sessions with two technical assistance visits to ensure training objectives are met. This totals 30 hours of professional development. The WV Elements of Family Child Care Services is a special opportunity to engage with other family child care providers in a small group classroom experience. In addition, you will receive the Creative Curriculum manual and the FCCERS-R handbook.

You must be registered with WV STARS prior to being able to participate in this training, and you must be caring for subsidized children to receive free resources at the completion of the classes.

James Rumsey Technical Institute: 3274 Hedgesville Road, Martinsburg, 25403

October 3, 2011 – Monday, 11:00-4:00

Module 1: Building a Firm Foundation

***October 4, 2011** – Tuesday, 9:00-1:00

Module 2: Knowing How Children Develop and Learn

October 12, 2011 – Wednesday, 11:00-4:00

Module 3: Organizing Your Home and Your Day

October 13, 2011 – Thursday, 9:00-1:00

Module 4: What Children Are Learning—Part 1

October 24, 2011 – Monday, 11:00-4:00

Module 5: What Children Are Learning—Part 2

October 25, 2011 – Tuesday, 9:00-1:00

Module 6: Caring and Teaching

November 1, 2011 – Tuesday, 11:00-4:00

Module 7: Building a Partnership with Families

If you have questions or would like to enroll in the class, feel free to call Melodee Price in the Elkins office (toll free) 877-862-3103 or use our local number 304-637-2840.

***The October 4th class will be held at the Martinsburg MountainHeart office: 891 Auto Parts Place, Martinsburg, 25403**



FREE RESOURCES UPON COMPLETION





Training Topics Offered October-December 2011

Becoming a WV STAR. Core Knowledge: Professionalism. Interested in participating in a statewide early care and education professional development system? Then this training is for you. Tara Bowley will teach this two hour training in which participants will be given information on WV STARS, resume writing, and help with the application process. **This training is only for providers who are not currently on the WV STARS Career Pathway.** (Beginner)

Do You See What I See? Part Two. Core Knowledge: Child Observation and Assessment. What should you document through observations? When should you observe children? Why do observations? What do you do with all the information once it is collected? These are some questions that will be answered through this training that Melodee Price will facilitate. As child care providers, we must understand how to use ongoing observation, documentation and assessment to develop themes for our curriculum, plan and make needed referrals. (Intermediate)

Family Child Care Record Keeping. Core Knowledge: Program Management. Family home providers and facility owners will learn about their business expenses, deducting business expenses and how to stay organized. You will benefit from this training since tax season is just around the corner. Melodee Price will facilitate this training for the self employed family child care providers and facility owners. (Beginner)

Making a Difference. Core Knowledge: Health, Safety and Nutrition. This training will count towards two hours of child abuse and neglect that is required of center based staff within the first six months of employment; according to child care center regulations. Center staff need this training every three years after initially taking a child abuse class. This training will help you to know when and how to facilitate a family's linkage to assistance and support before child maltreatment occurs. It will focus more on preventative measures in regards to child abuse and neglect. (Beginner)

Super Simple Science. Core Knowledge: Curriculum. Tara Bowley will teach this two hour training in which participants will be taking part in several simple science activities that can be done with children of various age groups. Come prepared for hands on fun! (Beginner)

The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum. Core Knowledge: 1 hour Child Growth and Development , 1 hour Curriculum. Child care providers should select themes on the basis of what they know about the interests of the children. Melodee Price will help you to learn how to select an appropriate theme for the children that you work with, the steps in planning a theme, incorporating all the interest areas/stations with the theme, inviting parents to participate in the theme and also the conclusion of your theme. This will be based on the Creative Curriculum philosophy and theory. (Intermediate)

You must call the Elkins office to register prior to 5 days of the training date.
Call 1-877-862-3103 or e-mail melodee.b.price@wv.gov

2011 NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo

November 2—5, 2011 • Orlando, Florida

Explore best practices, connect with colleagues, learn new skills, and get the professional development you need at the world's largest gathering of early childhood educators. Register by September 9 and save with our discounted Early Bird rate.





Training Calendar for October-December 2011

Barbour County

Kid Care Child Development Center: RR 1 Box 165B, Philippi 26416

Making a Difference 10/24/11 (Monday) 6:00-8:00

Philippi Baptist Church: 107 Church Street, Philippi 26416

The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum 11/14/11 (Monday) 6:00-8:00

Wee Train Day Care Center: PO Box 36, Junior, 26275

Super Simple Science 11/17/11 (Thursday) 6:00-8:00

Berkeley County

James Rumsey Technical Institute: 3274 Hedgesville Road, Martinsburg, 25403

The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum 10/3/11 (Monday) 6:00-8:00

Becoming a WV STAR 10/12/11 (Wednesday) 6:00-8:00

Medication Administration 10/18/11 (Tuesday) 9:00-1:00

Family Child Care Record Keeping 10/24/11 (Monday) 6:00-8:00

Super Simple Science 11/1/11 (Tuesday) 6:00-8:00

Grant County

Grant County DHHR: 15 Grant Street, Petersburg, 26847

Becoming a WV STAR 10/6/11 (Thursday) 2:00-4:00

Teddy Bear Day Care: Keyser Avenue, HC 30 Box 11, Petersburg, 26847

Super Simple Science 10/6/11 (Thursday) 6:00-8:00

Hampshire County

Hampshire County Public Library: 153 W. Main Street, Romney, 26757

The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum 11/8/11 (Tuesday) 10:30-12:30

Family Child Care Record Keeping 11/8/11 (Tuesday) 1:00-3:00

Hardy County

Hardy Co. Child Care Center: 1989 State Road 55, Moorefield, 26836

Do You See What I See? Part Two 10/15/11 (Saturday) 10:00-12:00

The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum 10/15/11 (Saturday) 12:30-2:30

Jefferson County

Ranson City Hall: 312 South Mildred Street, Ranson, 25438

Making a Difference 10/17/11 (Monday) 10:00-12:00

Medication Administration 10/17/11 (Monday) 1:00-5:00

Lewis County

Lewis County Board of Ed. Building: 239 Court Ave., Weston, 26452

Becoming a WV STAR 11/9/11 (Wednesday) 3:00-5:00

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Mineral County

Mineral County DHHR: 18 North Tornado Way, Keyser, 26726

Becoming a WV STAR 10/24/11 (Monday) 12:00-2:00

Wee Care Day Care: 2084 New Creek Way S., Keyser, 26726

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Morgan County

Morgan County DHHR: 62 Regal Court, Berkeley Springs, 25411

Super Simple Science 11/2/11 (Wednesday) 9:00-11:00

Pendleton County

Tiny Tots Day Care Center: 312 Pine Street, Franklin, 26807

Super Simple Science 10/19/11 (Wednesday) 6:00-8:00



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Preston County

First Presbyterian Church Day Care Center: 106 E. High Street, Kingwood, 26537		
The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum	10/12/11 (Wednesday)	6:00-8:00
Preston County DHHR: 18531 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Kingwood, 26537		
Becoming a WV STAR	11/3/11 (Thursday)	10:00-12:00

Randolph County

Duke's Steak House: 1200 Harrison Avenue, Elkins, 26241		
The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum	11/19/11 (Saturday)	9:00-11:00
Family Child Care Record Keeping	11/19/11 (Saturday)	12:00-2:00

Taylor County

Taylor County Public Library: 200 Beech Street, Grafton, 25354		
Medication Administration	11/17/11 (Thursday)	11:00-3:00
The Ins and Outs of Themes in the Creative Curriculum	11/30/11 (Wednesday)	10:00-12:00

Tucker County

Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School: 100 Crest Avenue, Hambleton, 26269		
Becoming a WV STAR	11/5/11 (Saturday)	8:00-10:00
Super Simple Science	11/5/11 (Saturday)	11:00-1:00

Upshur County

Child Development Center: 20 Camden Avenue, Buckhannon, 26201		
Medication Administration	11/15/11 (Tuesday)	5:00-9:00
Becoming a WV STAR	12/3/11 (Saturday)	8:00-10:00
Super Simple Science	12/3/11 (Saturday)	11:00-1:00



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