

IMPORTANT TRAINING INFORMATION:

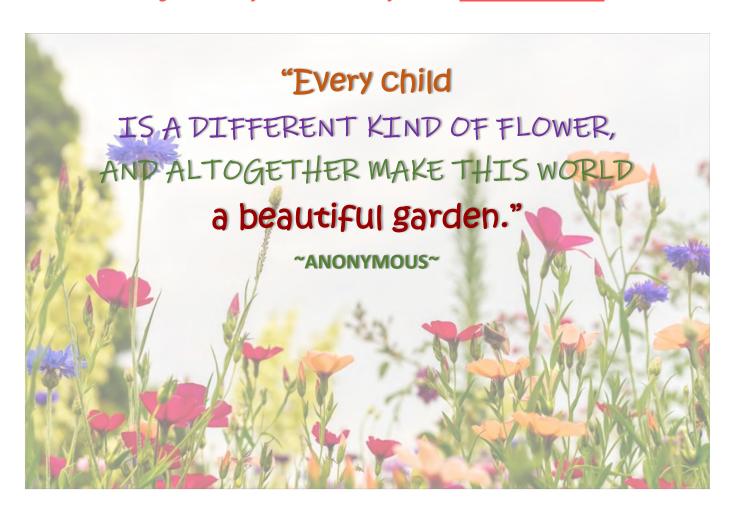
In this 2024 MountainHeart South training calendar, the Professional Development Team is beginning to transition, with your safety in mind, to more face to face trainings.

For the April through June quarter, the training calendar offers face to face trainings at a variety of times and locations. You may register for trainings on your WV STARS account. Please make sure your contact information is correct.

When face-to-face trainings are held, class sizes will be limited and social distancing guidelines per the CDC will be implemented and must be followed by all participants.

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Registration information can be found at www.wvstars.org/



Alphabetical List of Training Topics for April-June 2024

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Topic: ACEs 101

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 1 hr. Child Growth and Development

WVELFS: All Domains Target Audience: Adult Tier: Basic

Summary: During this one-hour professional development the participant will be introduced to the concept of Adverse Childhood Experiences through awareness and education. **This**

training will be in person.

Topic: All about the Environmental Rating Scales

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 2 hrs. Environment and Curriculum

Target Audience: All Ages Tier: Intermediate

Summary: There are many benefits for learning and using the Environmental Rating Scale. Family Childcare, Facilities, and Centers will become knowledgeable on the different rating scales, what is the rating scale, and how to score their childcare environment using this

instrument. This training will be in person.

Topic: Building Strong Foundations: Supporting Infants and Toddlers through the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler Core Knowledge and Competencies: 6 hrs. Child Growth and Development & 3 hrs.

Observation and Assessment

Target Audience: Infant Toddler Caregivers Tier: Basic

Summary: This is a nine-hour module series, broken up into three 3-hour classes. This module series meets the criteria for the West Virginia Infant Toddler Specialization with the credentialing program. This course will provide an opportunity to explore the WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Infants and Toddlers by focusing on two developmental domains each class. Each class will discuss the purpose, content, application, and benefits of the learning standards, as well as, how to incorporate each domain into a lesson plan. By the end of the module series, you will have a detailed explanation of how the early learning standards work, basic understanding of observations, individualized lesson planning and how to incorporate them into a complete group weekly lesson plan for infants and toddlers. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Choosing Courage in the Climate of Fear

Core Knowledge and Core Competencies: 1 hr. Environment and Curriculum & 1 hr. Child

Growth and Development

Target Audience: Adults Tier: Basic

Summary: In this professional development teachers learn to identify children's fears and ways to respect them. Teachers will describe ways to respond to children's fears with curiosity. Teachers will identify ways to investigate children's fears through curriculum activities. Teachers will examine their own fears and how those fears might affect the children with whom they work. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Development Through the Ages: 3 to 5 Years

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 2 hrs. Child Growth and Development
WVELSF: All Domains
Target Audience: Adults
Tier: Basic

WVELSF: All Domains **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Basic **Summary:** The developmental changes between the ages of 3 years to 5 years are astonishing. Through this professional development session, participants will get a better understanding of what are the developmental milestones from ages 3 to 5 years and activity ideas that can be done with children throughout this age range. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Emergency Preparedness: Working to Lessen the Impact of

Traumatic Events in Your Childcare Program

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 3 hrs. Health, Safety, and Nutrition

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Intermediate

Summary: According to the Children's Health Fund of Colombia University, children affected by large disasters are five times more likely to have serious emotional issues than those who are unaffected. In this professional development session, participants will learn to help lessen the trauma for children by understanding the importance of preparation for emergencies in their childcare program. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Family Child Care Positive Behavior Intervention Support (FCCPBIS) Child Care Credential

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 2.50 hrs. Child Growth and Development, 2.50 hrs.

Environment and Curriculum & 1 hr. Professionalism and Leadership

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Intermediate

Summary: This three part module series will examine the pyramid model and intervention

strategies for family child care programs. This training will be in person.

Topic: SACERS-U

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 2 hrs. Environment and Curriculum

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Intermediate

Summary: In this professional development session, participants will learn all about the

SACERS-U as well as how to score their own school age environment. This training will be

in person.

Topic: Spreading HOPE

Core Knowledge and Competencies: .75hrs. Child Growth and Development Child Care Credential

& .75hrs. Family and Community Relationships

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Intermediate

Summary: The HOPE training will cover the effects of ACEs on health outcomes, the importance of positive childhood experiences, and the research showing their mitigating effects on ACEs as well as the biological basis for these effects. We will introduce the four building blocks of HOPE and discuss type 1 vs. type 2 thinking. The presentation will present some ideas of how to incorporate the HOPE Framework into practice. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Supporting Culturally Diverse Environments Module Series

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 3 hrs. Family and Community Relationships, 3 hrs.

Environment and Curriculum

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Advance

Summary: In childcare, we often miss the importance of understanding an all inclusive environment. In this module series, we are going to discuss the difference of diversity, cultural, equality, and equity within our childcare settings. You will learn the importance of creating an environment, using ERS tools and gain knowledge in culturally supported activities that changes the way children interact and provide support to children of all cultural backgrounds. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: The A-S What? Exploring the Ages and Stages Assessment Tools

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 1 hr. Family and Community Relationships, 4 hrs.

Child observation and Assessment & 1 hr. Environment and Curriculum

Target Audience: Infant Toddler Caregivers

Tier: Intermediate

Summary: This six hour, 3 module series focuses on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire third edition and the Ages and Stages Questionnaires Social-Emotional Second Edition. Participants will learn the purpose and benefits of the screening tools, features, scoring, interpretation, communication of the results and using appropriate follow-up and referrals based on the results from using the ASQ. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: What is DAP?

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 1 hr. Child Growth and Development & 1 hr.

Environment and Curriculum

WVELSF: All Domains **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Intermediate **Summary:** According to NAEYC, developmentally appropriate practice, often shortened to DAP, is an approach to teaching grounded in research on how young children develop and

learn. It is a framework designed to promote young children's optimal learning and

development. This training will be in person.



Professional Development Calendar April-June 2024

In Person Training

Greenbrier County/MountainHeart Office, 248 Red Oaks Shopping Center, Ronceverte, WV 24901 April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, The Director's Toolbox (Module) 9:00am-11:00pm 18 & 23 April 30, May 8, 14 5:30p-7:30pm Knowing How to Help Them Bloom (Module) 21 & 28 All about the Environmental June 13 10:00am-12:00pm **Rating Scales Emergency Preparedness** 1:00pm-3:00pm Mercer County/MountainHeart Office, 1411 N. Walker St., Princeton, WV 24740 April 3, 10, 17, 24 6:00pm-8:00pm **Supporting Culturally Diverse Environments (Module)** FCCPBIS (Module) April 9, 10 & 23 5:00pm-7:00pm The Growing Brain (Module) April 30, May 7,14,21,28, 5:00pm-8:00pm June 11 & 18 May 13, 20 & 28 3:00pm-6:00pm **Building Strong Foundations** Monroe County/Monroe Day Care Center, 60 Shanklin Ave, Union, WV 24983 What is DAP? June 11 6:00pm-8:00pm Nicholas County/MountainHeart Office, 1020 Broad St., Summersville, WV 26651 ACES 101 💥 5:30pm-7:30pm June 11 Nicholas County/Friends-R-Fun, 70 Friends R Fun Drive, Summersville, WV 26651 6:00pm-8:00pm What is DAP? April 9 May 7 6:00pm-8:00pm **Choosing Courage in the Climate of** Fear Pocahontas County/McClintic Library 500 8th Street Marlinton, WV 24954 May 30 10:30am-12:30pm SACERS-U 1:00pm-3:00pm **Development Through the Ages:** 3 to 5 Years

Raleigh County/MountainHeart Office, 300 N. Kanawha St. Suite 100, Beckley, WV 25801
May 14,21,29
6:00pm-8:00pm
The A-S What? Exploring the Ages
and Stages Assessment Tools

June 12
June 26
5:00pm-6:30pm
Development Through the Ages:
3 to 5 Years

The Director's Toolbox

Lewisburg MountainHeart Office 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

April 2024

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To register, please visit www.wvstars.org or contact Brooklyn Conley at (681)-238-6448 or Brooklyn.A.Conley@wv.gov



The Director's Toolbox is a module series that is intended solely for administrators in a childcare center. This program is designed to improve the quality of early care and education for children in West Virginia. Director's Toolbox is worth 14 hours of



Supporting Culturally Diverse Environments Module Series

8 WV STARS Hours

In childcare, we often miss the importance of understanding an allinclusive environment. In this module series, we are going to discuss the
difference of diversity, cultural, equality, and equity within our childcare
settings. You will learn the importance of creating an environment,
using ERS tools and gain knowledge in culturally supported activities
that changes the way children interact and provide support to children
of all cultural backgrounds.

Dates, Time, and Location:

April 3rd, April 10th, April 17th, and April 24th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at 1411 North Walker St. Princeton.

Register On:

www.wvstars.org or email Lena
Graham at
Lena.D.Graham@wv.gov





FCC Training



Contact Kaylyn Jennings for a family childcare training!

Phone: 304-425-3669 ext. 103

Email: Kaylyn.M.Jennings@wv.gov

Family Childcare Positive Behavior Solutions

3 sessions 5p-7p at 1411 North Walker St. Princeton, WV 24740

April 9th

April 10th

April 23rd

You will receive materials throughout the module series which will help you implement what you learn.

This 3-part module series with Kaylyn Jennings will examine the pyramid model and intervention strategies for family child care programs. Participants will examine the importance of environments along with routines, schedules, transitions, and expectations. The importance of building relationships and strategies for having difficult conversations with families will also be explored.

Knowing How to Help Them Bloom

Core knowledge and competencies: 5 hrs. Child Growth and Development and 5 hrs. Environment and Curriculum

WVELSF: All Domains Target Audience: Adults Tier: Intermediate

Summary: Challenging behaviors in the early childhood classroom can be difficult for everyone including the child who is exhibiting these behaviors. There is an increasing focus on the rate at which our youngest learners are being expelled from the early childhood learning environments. In this 5-part module training we will dig deep to learn how to support providers to become proactive to create classroom environments in which challenging behaviors are less likely to occur. In this professional development session, we will learn how to design spaces, plan routines, and experiences, and interact with children so they are more likely to be successful, thus eliminating their need for challenging behaviors. This training will be 10hrs WVSTARS credit.

Location:

MountainHeart Office 248 Red Oaks Shopping Center, Suite 6 Ronceverte, WV 24970

The training will be from 5:30-7:30 on the following dates:

April 30th

May 8th

May 14th

May 21st

May 28th

Register on WVSTARS or contact Maxann Hamrick by calling 304-872-9200 or Maxann.E.Hamrick@wv.gov



THE GROWING BRAIN



Dates: April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, May 21st,

May 28th, June 11th, June 18th.

DATES: Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm. 21 WVSTARS Hours

Location: 1411 North Walker Street Princeton. WV.

The crucial development of the growing brain is one of the most important topics in early childhood development. Research on the topic is exploding, underscoring the need for early childhood professionals OVERVIEW: to stay up to date on brain development and strategies to best support the growing brains of children, birth to 5 years old, in their care.

If you would like to attend please contact:

Lena Graham. Lena.D.Graham@wv.gov





Are behaviors
stressing you out?

TRAUMA How can I help?

Expulsions?????
Suspension???
HELDI

SAVE THE DATE

Where's my Support System?!

Behavioral Summit

Date: May 4th, 2024

Time: 9a-4p

Location: Cranberry Daycare Center

201 Cranberry Dr. Beckley, WV 25801

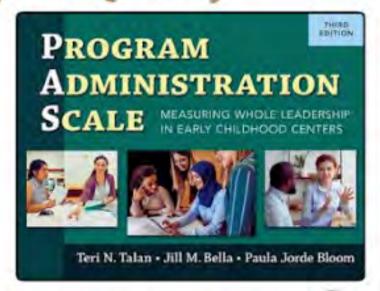
Presented by: MountainHeart Community Services

More information coming soon!

Save the Date Leadership Summit:



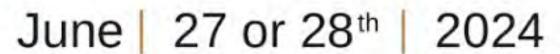
- Approved for Tier II applications and renewals.
- This summit is for child care center administrators only.
- Registration information coming this spring.





Presented by the Quality Improvement Specialist Network

One day summit, your choice in date. Space will be limited for each date.



Bridgeport Conference Center 300 Conference Center Way Bridgeport, WV 26330

WV Quality Tiered Reimbursement System



- CHILDCARE HOMES, FACILITIES, & CENTERS.
- MUST HAVE A 2-YEAR OPERATING LICENSE.
- MUST BE IN OPERATION
 FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.
- MUST HAVE A CURRENT PROVIDER SERVICE AGREEMENT.
- MUST ENROLL CHILDREN WHO RECIEVE SUBSIDIES FOR CARE.



The WV Tiered Reimbursement System is a quality initiative that offers subsidy payments to childcare programs who demonstrate that they meet higher standards of care.



- GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
- . MARKETING TOOL
- INCREASED WAGES
- . HIGHER QUALITY CARE
- PAYMENT BONUS



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WV Child Care Credential



The Division of Early Care and Education understands the importance of the work you do, and it wants to help produce the best caregivers and childcare programs possible for West Virginia families. With that in mind, the Division of Early Care and Education has created a voluntary program, the West Virginia Child Care Credential, that recognizes individual childcare providers who go beyond the requirements of State licensing and registration regulations for training, education, and experience.

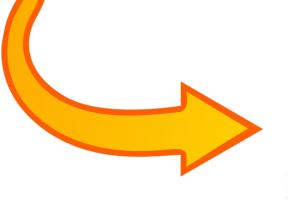
The four major goals of the Credential Program are to:

- Help develop a professional workforce qualified to provide care for young learners
- Improve your status and compensation
- Recognize your professional learning and ongoing education toward new innovations in child care and early learning
- Give you a structure for growth

Here is the list of trainings for the general credential:

- ⇒ The Growing Brain
- ⇒ Early Learning Standards Framework Overview Or WV Early Learning Standards Framework Overview
- ⇒ Pre-Service Training- Basic Health and Safety in Childcare
- ⇒ Making a Difference: Mandated to Report: Responsibility to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect (must have been attended after 2018)
- ⇒ WVIT Professional Development Program: Ethics (*onDemand course*)
- ⇒ Medication Administration (must have attended in the last three years)
- ⇒ Understanding ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) ACEs 101
- ⇒ RR Spreading HOPE: Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences

If you see this symbol next to a listed training, it indicates that the training meets the requirement for the Child Care Credential. Specific requirements are necessary to receive the credential.







Toddlers

NEWS ALERT/ Credential Specializations



The Division of Early Care and Education is pleased to announce West Virginia Child Care Credential Specialization! Once you have attained your West Virginia Child Care General Credential, providers can continue their journey with a Specialization in the following areas:

Director's Specialization – for child care program directors

Infant Toddler Specialization – for caregivers working with Infants and

Preschool Specialization – for caregivers working with Preschoolers

Family Child Care Specialization – for Family Home Child Care providers

Once you achieve your specialization credential status, a bonus of \$250.00 is available through submission of verification to your local Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

For more information about this exciting new initiative, please contact the following MountainHeart Child Care Resource and Referral Offices: Beckley Ragland Rd. 253-7654 Beckley Kanawha Plaza (Professional Development) 681-238-6448 Princeton 425-3669 Matheny 682-8271 Lewisburg 647-3800 Summersville 872-9200 Thank you for all that you do for West Virginia families and your communities. Your service is greatly appreciated!





APRIL

Bed Bugs and Beyond 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

18

APRIL Understanding Special Dietary Needs 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

APRIL

29

All that Sugar and Fat 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MAY

Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MAY

16

Oral Health 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MAY

121

Fun and Healthy Snacks 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

JUNE

Let's Move 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

JUNE

Picky Eaters 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

JUNE

Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Pathway to Earnings

Increase your Earnings

Available to child care providers and directors working in a licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or registered family child care home.



WV Elements of Family Child Care Series	\$75
Mind in the Making	\$100
WVIT1	\$100
WVIT II	\$250
CDA	\$500
ACDS Dept. of Labor Certificate	\$500
AA or AAS in ECE* Degree	\$1000
BA or BS or Regents in ECE*	1500
MA or MS in ECE* Degree	1750
Ph. D. or Ed. D. in ECE* Degree	2000

* See reverse for details

Awarded Based on Funding Availability

Phone: 304-522-7827

Email: scholarship@rvcds.org

www.wvstars.org

Pathway to Earnings Criteria

Please note you must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive the Pathway to Earnings Payment:	
 Currently working in a WV licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or family child care home, serving subsidized children as one of the following: Teacher/Assistant Teacher/Teacher's Aide Director/Assistant Director Family Child Care Provider 	
 □ Has worked for 12 consecutive months prior to application within the field of early car and education as outlined above for a minimum of one of the following: □ 20 hours per week if working as a director/assistant director/teacher/assistant teacher/teacher's aide with no more than a 45 day employment lapse □ 20 hours per week if working as a family child care provider with no more than 90 day employment lapse 	
☐ Has an active Career Pathway Credential	
□ Has earned a qualifying degree or certificate (please note degrees must be earned from a Regionally Accredited Institution): Degree or Certificate □ WV Elements of Family Child Care Series (must be working as a family child care provider to claim) □ Mind in the Making □ WVIT I (must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim) □ WVIT II (must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim) □ CDA (current) □ ACDS Department of Labor Certificate □ AAS/AA in ECE* □ BA/BS in ECE* or RBA with ECE emphasis □ MA/MS/M.ED in ECE* □ Ph.D. or Ed. D. in ECE* * Accepted ECE Degree Programs include: Child Development; Child Development & Family Studies; Early Childhood Special Education	
If this is not the first time you have applied for and received the WV STARS Pathway to Earnings payment for this degree or certificate you must also have met one of the following in the past months. I has completed 18 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working Licensed Child Care) Has completed 11 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working as Family Child Care Home or Family Child Care Facility) Has completed one college credit course toward a higher degree in ECE in the last 1 months (must submit documentation confirming completion)	in in/

This program is being presented with financial assistance as a grant from the WV

Department of Health and Human Resources and is administered by WV Early Childhood Training

Connections and Resources, a program of River Valley Child Development Services.



RIVER VALLEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ACDS REGISTRATION

ABOUT ACDS

ACDS is a 4 semester apprenticeship program for individuals working directly with children birth to age 12 for a minimum of 20 hours a week. Classes are one evening a week for 15 weeks a semester. Virtual classes are available for counties that do not offer an in-person option.

PARTICIPATION

Registration for the Fall 2023 semester will open June 1 and run through the first of August. For the Fall 2023 class schedule and program information, visit the ACDS website.

REGISTRATION



STEP ONE

Visit the WV STARS training calendar and search self-paced courses for all ACDS orientations.



STEP TWO

Complete registration that is linked at the end of each orientation.



STEP THREE

Submit \$25.00 registration fee to ACDS program. Checks and cards are accepted. Credit card form is on ACDS website.



304-523-0433



wvacds@rvcds.com



JOIN OUR LOCAL COUNCILS



Meetings

Small groups meet twice a year to discuss the implementation of ACDS in their counties.



Members include directors, child care resource & referral, BOE, head start, instructors journeypersons, and family child care providers.



NOW!

To find out more information about the local council in your area, visit the ACDS website and go to the local council page under resources.

www.wvacds.org





Are your kids 1755-COVERED? W. Medicaid and CHIP offers free or low-cost health

WV Medicaid and CHIP offers free or low-cost health insurance for children and teens up to age 19.

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Hospital care



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Follow these easy steps to ensure your kids have health coverage:

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- Click "Apply Now"
- 3. Update and confirm your contact info

Renew your Medicaid or CHIP coverage today!

Make Sure Your Coverage Continues.

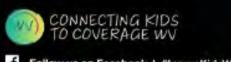
Millions of families may lose their Medicaid and CHIP insurance coverage just because they didn't update their mailing address. To stay informed of the changes and to keep your insurange coverage, make sure your contact information is up to date.



If you are not sure which coverage you have ... We're here to help.

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