

FALL

Training Calendar
October-December
2026





Get Ready for Fall Training!

MountainHeart Region VI

Professional Development Opportunities Are Here!

This Fall, we're offering a variety of **online and face-to-face training sessions** across multiple locations and times. Don't miss your chance to grow, connect, and learn in person!

Register Now

Visit www.wvstars.org to sign up through your WVSTARS account.

Stay Informed

Make sure your contact information is up to date so you don't miss any important updates!

RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR CHILD CARE REGION 6

<https://www.mthtwv.com/mcs/child-care-resource-referral-region-vi/resource-directory-for-child-care-region-6/>

Alphabetical List of Training Topics for October-December 2026

*This Fall quarter some professional development sessions will be face to face.
Registration information can be found at www.wvstars.org/*



Topic: Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support (ECPBIS)

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *1 hr. Professionalism and Leadership, 3.25 hrs. Environment and Curriculum & 5.75 hrs. Child Growth and Development*

WVELSF: All Domains **Target Audience:** PreK-Afterschool **Tier:** Advance

Summary: The ECPBIS modules consist of 5, 2-hour sessions focusing on social and emotional support in all early childhood settings. The modules are based on the Pyramid which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion, and intervention. To receive 10hrs. of STARS credit, all modules must be completed. **This training will be virtual.**

Topic: Leadership in the Classroom

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *2 hrs. Professionalism and Leadership*

WVELSF: Social Emotional Development **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Intermediate

Summary: As teachers in the classroom, you are one of the many examples that children see and learn from. In this professional development session participants will take time to reflect and see the importance of their leadership in the environments they teach. We will also learn ways to support leadership in the children they teach. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Instructional Support (ITPBIS)

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *4 hrs. Child Growth and Development, 1 hr. Professionalism and Leadership, & 5 hrs. Environment and Curriculum*

WVELSF: Social Emotional Development **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Intermediate

Summary: The ITPBIS modules consist of four, 2-hour sessions focusing on social and emotional support in all infant toddler settings. The modules are based on the Pyramid model, which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion and intervention. To receive 10hrs. of STARS credit all modules must be completed. **This training will be virtual.**





Topic: Planning Your Professional Growth

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *1 hr. Professionalism and Leadership & 1 hr. Administration and Management*

WVELSF: All Domains

Target Audience: Adults

Tier: Intermediate

Summary: This training focuses on professional growth of early education providers and how to identify goals for the future. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Taming the Tantrums of Toddlers Module Series

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *5 hrs. Environment and Curriculum & 3 hrs. Child Growth and Development*

Target Audience: Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Tier: Basic

Summary: In this four part module training explores the underlying issues of tantrums of infants and toddlers from birth to the age of 35 months. Topics that will be covered in this series are: Social/Emotional Development, Temperament, Responding to Behaviors, Guiding and Supporting Positive Behaviors. **This training will be virtual.**

Topic: The Growing Brain Modules

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *16 hrs. Child Growth and Development, 3 hrs. Health, Safety and Nutrition, .5 hr. Family and Community Relationships, 1.5 hrs. Environment and Curriculum*



WVELSF: All Domains

Target Audience: Adults

Tier: Intermediate

Summary: 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 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. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: The Roar Behind the Behavior

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *2 hrs. Child Growth and Development*



WVELSF: All Domains

Target Audience: Adults

Tier: Advanced

Summary: This training uses *Roaring Mad Riley* to explore big emotions in young children. Participants will reflect on current practices, learn about social-emotional development and early behavior cues, and create take-home tools to support children in managing their feelings. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: Utilizing the Environmental Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *1 hr. Professionalism and Leadership & 1 hr. Administration and Management*

WVELSF: All Domains **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Intermediate



Summary: This session will include an overview of the most recent versions of the Environment Rating Scales as well as information on how to use the information from the self-assessment to improve program quality through goal setting and the creation of action plans and professional development plans. This training will be applicable to staff and administrators of childcare centers, facilities, and family child care home programs. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework for Infants and Toddlers

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *9 hrs. Child Growth and Development*

Target Audience: Adult Caregivers for Infant and Toddlers **Tier:** Basic



Summary: This is a 9-hour module series, broken up into three two-hour classes and 3 hours of homework. 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, and how to incorporate each domain into a lesson plan. **This training will be virtual.**

Topic: West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework Pre-K with Lesson Planning Module

Core Knowledge and Competencies: *2 hrs. Child Growth and Development, 2 hrs. Child Observation and Assessment, and 2 hrs. Environment and Curriculum*

WVELSF: All Domains **Target Audience:** Adults **Tier:** Intermediate



Summary: In this 3-part module series geared towards Pre-K teachers, you will receive an in-depth look at the WV Early Learning Standard Framework. You will learn about each of the content areas, domains, clusters, and standards and then how to connect them to a lesson plan. As a group, we will brainstorm ways teachers can meet the goals in the standards. At the end of the series, teachers will have a completed lesson plan to take with them to reference when planning future lessons and activities. **This training will be in person.**

Topic: WVI/T 1-R Professional Development Program: Caregiver Modules

Core Knowledge and Competencies: 16.5 hrs. *Child Growth and Development*, 5.25 hrs. *Family and Community Relationships*, 2 hrs. *Child Observation and Assessment*, 9 hrs. *Environment and Curriculum*, 3 hrs. *Health Safety and Nutrition*, 12.25 hrs. *Professionalism and Leadership* & 1 hr. *Administration and Management*

Target Audience: Adult Caregivers of Infant & Toddlers **Tier:** Basic

Summary: West Virginia Infant/Toddler Professional Development Program: Caregiver Modules Revised is a comprehensive, competency-based program developed for caregivers to improve the quality of early care and education for our state's youngest children. The fifty-four and a half hour training program is research-based and rooted in best practices emphasizing teamwork among families, caregivers, administrators, and the Infant/Toddler Specialist. **This training will be in person.**

Learning Nugget: Fall Nature Hunt



Go outside and look for:

- A colorful leaf
- An acorn
- A pinecone
- Something orange

Children learn:

- Observation
- Vocabulary
- Appreciation of nature

Professional Development Calendar October-December 2026 Face to Face Training

Mercer County Office/MountainHeart Office, 1411 N. Walker Street, Princeton, WV 24740

**December 16th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Topic: The Roar Behind the Behavior**

Nicholas County/MountainHeart Office, 1020 Broad St, Summersville, WV 26651

**September 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th, October 5th, 26th, 28th, November 2nd, 4th,
16th, 18th, 23rd
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Topic: WVIT 1-R**



**Nicholas County/Friends R Fun Child Development Center, 70 Friends R Fun Dr,
Summersville, WV 26651**

**November 3rd
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Topic: Leadership in the Classroom**

Raleigh County Office, 300 N. Kanawha Street, Suite 100, Beckley, WV 25801

**December 9th, 16th, January 6th, 13th, 20th, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
March 2nd, 9th & 16th
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Topic: WVIT 1-R**



**Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Monroe, Pocahontas, Summers, Webster and Wyoming Counties.
See Trainings for other counties.**

Online Training

October 2026:

6th, 13th, 20th, 26th
November 3rd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Infant Toddler Positive
Behavior Support Module
(ITPBIS)

October 2026:

8th, 15th, 22nd
29th
November 5th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Early Childhood Positive
Behavior Support Module
(ECPBIS)

November 2026:

3rd, 4th & 5th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



West Virginia Early Learning
Standards Framework Pre-
K with Lesson Planning
Module Series

November 2026:

5th, 12th & 19th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



West Virginia Early Learning
Standards Framework for
Infants and Toddler Module
Series

November 2026:

30th,
December 7th,
14th, 21st

1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

Taming the Tantrums of
Toddlers Module Series

December 2026:

2nd

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Emergency Preparedness

8th

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Planning Your Professional
Growth

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Utilizing the Environment
Rating Scales



How To Use Soutron

Lets work together, learn how your local TRAILS team uses Soutron to help you.

- Learn how to log in
- Shop the inventory
- How to tell what is on your van
- How to add and complete an order
- 1 hour WVSTARS
- Offered 2 dates
- Virtual

September 8
and the 15th

6:00pm-7:00pm



More Details

Mary Evans TRAILS ECS
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SUMMER SAFETY ONLINE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 16 6-7 PM
SEPTEMBER 23 12-1 PM
1 Hour WV STARS Credit!

This training is for in-home providers and facilities caring for Infants/ Toddlers ages 0-35 months!

Focusing On:

- Importance of Sunscreen
- Ticks
- Dehydration
- Water Play
- Vehicular Stroke

REGISTER NOW!

 Pam Nelson, I/T Coach
 304-228-9542
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WEST VIRGINIA INFANT/TODDLER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM- REVISED WVIT I-R



The WVIT I-R Administrator Modules give administrators tools to support infant/toddler caregivers. The training explains the administrator's role in guiding caregivers, reinforcing their learning, and promoting professional development for long-term success.

**PRESENTED IN PERSON
1020 BROAD ST. SUMMERSVILLE
WV**

**Administrator Sessions
will be Sept. 14th and 16th
from 2:00-5:00pm**

**CAREGIVER
SESSIONS
4:00-7:30PM**

- Session 1: Sept. 21
 - Session 2: Sept. 23
 - Session 3: Sept. 28
 - Session 4: Sept. 30
 - Session 5: Oct. 5
 - Session 6: Oct. 26
 - Session 7: Oct. 28
 - Session 8: Nov. 2
 - Session 9: Nov. 4
 - Session 10: Nov. 16
 - Session 11: Nov. 18
 - Session 12: Nov. 23
- Make Up Sessions**
- Oct. 7
 - Oct. 12
 - Oct. 14
 - Nov. 30
 - Dec. 2
 - Dec. 7
 - Dec. 9

TACIT visits will be individually scheduled after session 5 and session 12

**REGISTER
BY 9/1/26:**

Bethany Houchins
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Caregiver Modules are for child care professionals working with infants and toddlers. Caregivers learn about their role in child development, the value of self-care, how family and culture affect their work, creating safe and healthy environments, building family partnerships, understanding typical and atypical development, strategies for learning, lesson planning, and creating quality programs.





THE GROWING BRAIN



From
1:00 PM
to
4:00 PM
In-person
300 N. Kanawha
Street, Suite 102
Beckley, WV

DATES

Session 1: Sep 29
Session 2: Oct 01
Session 3: Oct 06
Session 4: Oct 08
Session 5: Oct 13
Session 6: Oct 15
Session 7: Oct 27

OVERVIEW:

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 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:

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**REGISTER
NOW**

WEST VIRGINIA ELEMENTS FAMILY CHILD CARE

Open For Registration

- OCTOBER 1ST
- OCTOBER 6TH
- OCTOBER 8TH
- OCTOBER 13TH WITH TA VISIT ALSO THIS WEEK
- OCTOBER 20TH
- OCTOBER 22ND
- OCTOBER 27TH
- OCTOBER 29TH
- WITH TA VISITS BEING THE WEEK
- OF NOVEMBER 2-6TH.
- ALL CLASSES START AT 4:30-7:30

MORE INFORMATION

HIGHLIGHTED BENEFITS:

- Building a Firm Foundation
- How Children Learn and Develop
- Partnership with Families
- Room Arrangement
- Caring

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Learn. Connect. Grow.

Infant & Toddler Positive Behavior Support Module Series

Training

Stronger
Caregivers.
Brighter
Futures.



YOU'LL GAIN:



The ITPBIS modules consist of 5, 2-hour sessions focusing on social and emotional support in all early childhood settings. The modules are based on the Pyramid which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion, and intervention. To receive 10hrs. of STARS credit, all modules must be completed.

Practical guidance for early years caregivers



Oct. 6, 13, 20, 26
Nov. 3, 2026
6:00 PM– 8:00 PM



Online training: TEAMS

For childcare providers, teachers,
and early years caregivers

All experience levels welcome!

Maxann Weese (304) 872-9200
maxann.e.weese@wv.gov





Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support Module Series

The ECPBIS modules consist of 5, 2-hour sessions focusing on social and emotional support in all early childhood settings.

The modules are based on the Pyramid which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion, and intervention. To receive 10hrs. of STARS credit, all modules must be completed. Assignments must be completed for proof of learning before credit can be granted.

OCTOBER 8TH, OCTOBER 15TH
OCTOBER 22ND, OCTOBER 29TH, AND
NOVEMBER 5TH



BETWEEN 5P-7P

Online



For more information,
please contact Kaylyn
Jennings at 304-425-3669
ext. 103





Family Childcare CONFERENCE



The Magic of Play

- APPROVED TIER 2 CONFERENCE
- 7.5 HOURS OF WV STARS CREDIT

SAVE THE DATE

Contact your TRAILS team for more information.



**SOUTH CONFERENCE:
OCTOBER 17, 2026**

**NORTH CONFERENCE:
NOVEMBER 7, 2026**



**COMING
SOON...**

Great Beginnings

INFANT/TODDLER
CONFERENCE



A FREE 3-day event for early childhood professionals caring for infants and toddlers—packed with expert insights, practical tools, and meaningful connections.



THURSDAY - SATURDAY
22 OCTOBER 2026



WATERFRONT HOTEL
2 WATERFRONT PLACE
MORGANTOWN, WV

REGISTRATION COMING SOON



SAVE THE DATE

DIRECTORS' RETREAT

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2026
STONEWALL RESORT

West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework Pre-K with Lesson Planning Module

In this 3-part module series geared towards Pre-K teachers, you will receive an in-depth look at the WV Early Learning Standards Framework. You will learn about each of the content areas, domains, clusters, and standards and how to connect them to a lesson plan. As a group, we will brainstorm ways teachers can meet the goals in the standards. At the end of the series, teachers will have completed a lesson plan to take with them to reference when planning future lessons and activities.

Online Training

November 3, 2026 11:00am-1:00pm

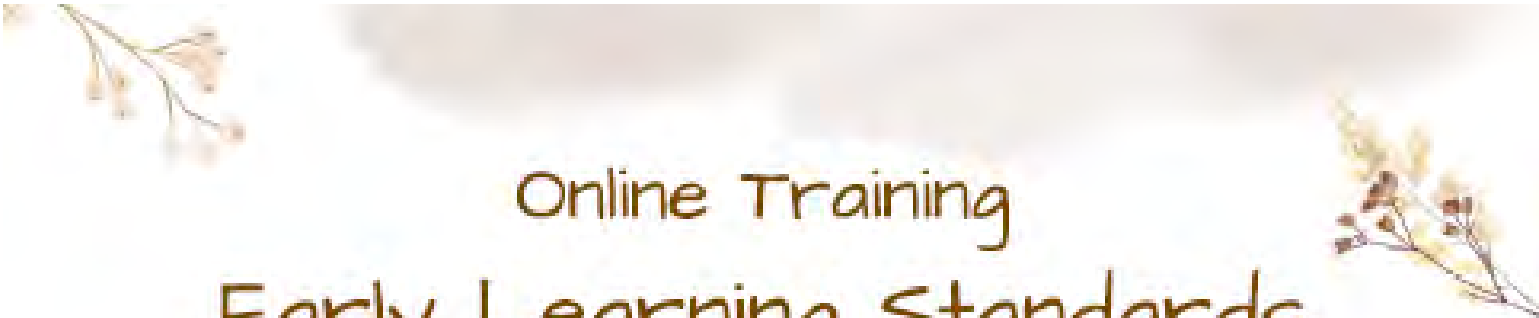
November 4, 2026 11:00am-1:00pm

November 5, 2026 11:00am-1:00pm

6 hours WVSTARS credit

Register on www.wvstars.org or
Contact: Ashley White @
ashley.l.white@wv.gov or
681-238-6448 ext: 207





Online Training Early Learning Standards Framework Infants and Toddlers Three Module Series

WVLSF for Infants & Toddlers: Applies the process of observation, assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation to support children's growth through developmentally appropriate practices. All participants will receive classroom resources upon completion.

November 5th, November 12th, & November 19th

From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

with homework assignment

9hrs WVSTARS

To register email: katherine.milam@wv.gov

or

go to www.wvstars.org



Fall Into Learning: Health and Safety Saturday

Online Trainings
For WV Child Care Providers



Presented by:

WV Child Care Nurse Health Consultants
and WV Child Care Health Educators

Schedule

8:00am-9:00am	Infection Control
9:15am-10:15am	Childhood Obesity
10:30am-12:00pm	Leading by Example
12:00pm-12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm-1:30pm	Morning Health Checks
1:45pm-2:45pm	Respiratory Infections
3:00pm-4:00pm	Ear Infections

Event Details:



November 14, 2026



8:00am-4:00pm



Online

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www.wvstars.org

Register for the sessions
that fit your needs.



304-529-7603



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Date and Time	Training Topic	Trainer
10/8/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
10/14/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
10/17/26 8:00-11:00 AM Saturday Morning	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
10/19/26 12:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Morning Health Checks	Allison Taylor
10/22/26 6:00-7:00 PM	Respiratory Infections in Children	Brittany Parsons
10/26/26 12:00-3:00 PM Midday Session	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
11/2/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
11/5/26 5:30-7:30 PM	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos
11/14/26 8:00-3:00 PM Super Saturday	Infection Control Ear Infections Respiratory Infections in Children Morning Health Checks	CCNHC & CCHE Teams
11/16/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
11/18/26 12:00-2:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos
11/18/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
11/23/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos
11/30/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
12/2/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
12/7/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
12/9/26 12:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Morning Health Checks	Allison Taylor
12/11/26 12:00-2:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos
12/15/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
12/16/26 12:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Respiratory Infections in Children	Brittany Parsons
12/16/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
12/21/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos

Training Topic	Summary
Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.
All About Allergies	Information about managing allergies in childcare settings, including food, insect, and seasonal allergies.
Respiratory Infections in Children	Information about the anatomy of the respiratory system and how it functions. As well as information about common respiratory illnesses affecting children.
Medication Administration	Participants will be introduced to safe medication handling and administration practices. This training is required for providers to administer medication to children in the childcare setting.
Morning Health Checks	Explanation about what a morning health check is as well as how one is conducted.



Emergency Preparedness

You will learn and discuss the types of emergencies that have and can occur while children are in your care. You will learn the planning needed to keep children and workers safe during those events. You will receive support in creating the required emergency preparedness action plan.

Online Training
December 2, 2026
1:00pm–4:00pm
3 hours WVSTARS credit

Register on www.wvstars.org or Contact: Ashley White @
ashley.l.white@wv.gov or 681-238-6448 ext: 207





UTILIZING THE ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALE TO ACHIEVE HIGHER PROGRAM QUALITY

This session will include an overview of the most recent versions of the Environment Rating Scales as well as information on how to use the information from the self-assessment to improve program quality through goal setting and the creation of action plans and professional development plans. This training will be applicable to staff and administrators of childcare centers, facilities, and family child care home programs.



Date: December 8th



Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Virtual/TEAMS



2 hrs. WVSTARS



Contact Maxann Weese



Phone Number:
304-872-9200



Register@
<https://www.wvstars.org/>

PLANNING YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

2 HRS.
WVSTARS

December 8th 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

VIRTUAL

**REGISTER
NOW**

This training focuses on professional growth of early education providers and how to identify goals for the future.

CONTACT

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**West Virginia
Infant/Toddler
Professional
Development
Program-Revised
WVIT I-R**

Caregiver sessions
will be in-person from
5:00PM to 8:30PM
at 300 N.Kanawha St.
Suite 102



Administrator sessions
will be On-line
Dec 3rd & Dec 4th
from
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

SESSION 1: Dec 09
SESSION 2: Dec 16
SESSION 3: Jan 06
SESSION 4: Jan 13
SESSION 5: Jan 20
1st TACIT: Jan 26-Jan 29
SESSION 6: Feb 03
SESSION 7: Feb 10
SESSION 8: Feb 17
SESSION 9: Feb 24
SESSION 10: Mar 03
SESSION 11: Mar 10
SESSION 12: Mar 17
Final TACIT: Mar 23-Mar 26

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Contact Kathy Milam at : katherine.milam@wv.gov
Or call: 681-238-6448 ex: 208



Online

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER TRAINING DAY!



HEALTHY HOMES HAPPY KIDS!

Discover fun,
practical strategies
to encourage
healthy eating,
active play, and
lifelong healthy
habits.

August, 29, 2026

- ✦ 8:00am-10:00am
Let's Move
- ✦ 10:15am-11:15am
Nutrition Basics
- ✦ 11:30am-12:30pm
Beans...More Than Just Cute
Songs



**REGISTER
NOW!**

<https://forms.office.com/r/kU8SwMvUci>

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ONLINE TRAININGS

WEST VIRGINIA CHILD CARE HEALTH EDUCATORS



Childhood Obesity

Aug 26th 12:30pm - 1:30pm



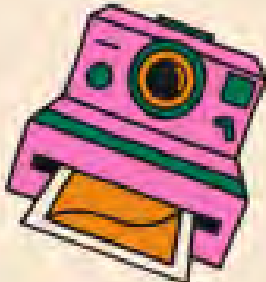
Let's Make a Menu

Sept 1th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating

Sept 11th 12:30pm - 2:30pm



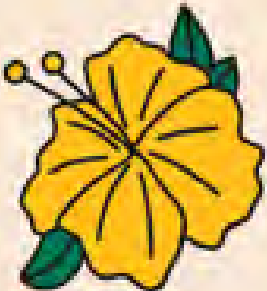
Understanding Special Dietary Needs

Sept 17th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Beans...More than Just Cute Songs

Sept 21st 12:30pm - 1:30pm



REGISTER NOW!

Go to www.wvstars.org to register

WEST VIRGINIA CHILD CARE HEALTH EDUCATORS ONLINE TRAININGS

REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.WVSTARS.ORG

OCTOBER

- 7TH BREAST FEEDING BASICS
12:30PM-1:30PM
- 15TH BED BUGS AND BEYOND
6:00PM-8:00PM
- 19TH LEADING BY EXAMPLE
6:00PM-7:30PM
- 26TH LET'S MOVE
6:00PM-8:00PM



DECEMBER

- 2ND NUTRITION BASICS
12:30PM-1:30PM
- 17TH SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES
6:00PM-8:00PM



NOVEMBER

- 4TH FUN AND HEALTHY
SNACKS
12:30PM-1:30PM
- 17TH NEW RECIPES IDEAS 1
6:00PM-8:00PM
- 24TH NEW RECIPE IDEAS 2
6:00PM-8:00PM



FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!



Building a Firm Foundation with TRAILS



One Block at a Time



- 1- How Children Grow Block
- 2 - Organizing Your Home & Day Block
- 3 - How Children Learn Block
- 4 - Building Positive Relationships Block

Must complete all four sessions to receive 8hrs. of
WVSTARS credit.

Contact Your TRAILS Specialists today!

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Raleigh, Mercer,
McDowell, Wyoming
Counties

HOW TO SEARCH SOUTRON



- Click the QR Code above or go to <https://mthrtsouthtrails.soutrnglobal.net/Portal/Beckley>

- Search for items by either typing in key words or searching by interest area (NOTE: **Please do not choose items beginning with "000" as we do not have access to those**)

- Go to the left side of the portal, find "Location", **click Beckley/ Beckley Kanawha**, and apply filters (it may already have the appropriate location set)

- Contact TRAILS to let us know what items you are interested in, and we will schedule a date to deliver the items to you, if available.

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Work: (681) 238-6448 ext. 202
Cell: (304) 228-9018

Child Care Providers in Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Summers, and Webster Counties.

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Sandra Cox, TRAILS Associate
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HOW TO REQUEST FROM SOUTRON



1

LOG INTO SOUTRON

Log into Soutron using the username and password provided by TRAILS.

2

SEARCH FOR TOYS

Search for toys by either typing in key words or searching by interest area. Bonus tip: You can also filter results by age!

3

CHECK THE BOX

Click the box to the right of the desired item. If item says "1 copy currently available," then we have it in stock right now!

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REQUESTING ITEM

Click "Actions" in the left corner, then click "Request." A new screen will load.

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ENTER EMAIL

Click "Add address" and enter your email address.

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COMPLETE REQUEST

Click "Complete Request" in the bottom right corner.

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YOUR TOYS ARE ON THE WAY!

TRAILS will deliver your requested items (if available) at your next visit!

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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.





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 Toddlers



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, and Summersville 872-9200 Thank you for all that you do for West Virginia families and your communities. Your service is greatly appreciated!



ACDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Late registrations will not be accepted.

ACDS will no longer accept late or incomplete registrations. Registration deadlines are shared on the home page of the ACDS website and on the ACDS Facebook page. It is the responsibility of each student to complete the registration process by the deadline. Registration requirements are:

- Orientation (semester the student is entering only, i.e. semester 2)
- Semester Application form (formerly known as registration form)
- Participation Fee (\$25.00 submitted via PayPal by student/employer)

ACDS will no longer contact students requesting information to complete the registration process. Students can check on their registration status by contacting ACDS **before** the registration deadline. Any student attending class without completing the registration process will be dismissed.

ACDS

304-523-0433

vvacds@rvcds.org





Important Announcement!



WV STARS Pathway to Earnings

WV STARS is updating how Pathway to Earnings applications are processed beginning with the April 2026 enrollment period. These changes are intended to ensure fairness and consistent distribution of available funding.

What's Changing

- **Denied applications cannot be resubmitted during the same enrollment period.** Denied applicants will be placed on a list in the order their original application was submitted.
- **If funding remains at the end of the enrollment period, WV STARS will begin contacting denied applicants – following the original submission order- to allow them an opportunity to submit a corrected application.**
- Applicants contacted during this phase will have **72 hours** to fix errors and resubmit all required documentation.
- This process will continue until **all funds are depleted**. WV STARS will notify all denied applicants once funding is exhausted.

What This Means for Applicants

- **Submit a fully complete application the first time.**
Double check that the application is signed, that you have submitted the right documentation, and that your renewal requirements have been met.
- **If your application is denied, prepare your corrections immediately.**
Review your denial email carefully so you can resolve any issues and be ready if you receive a chance to resubmit. Review Pathway to Earnings resources, how-to guides, and checklists for additional guidance.
- **If contacted to resubmit your application, act fast!**
You have just 72 hours to submit a completed application and documentation. Failing to respond will forfeit the opportunity and you will need to wait until the next enrollment period.
- **Denied applicants will be contacted once funds are fully depleted.**
At this point, all denied applicants will be eligible to reapply during the next enrollment period.

Additional Help

A step-by-step photo how-to guide and example documentation are already available at www.wvstars.org/earnings, and WV STARS will release additional resources in the coming weeks.

West Virginia State Training and Registry System

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Pathway to Earnings

Enrollment Periods are April 1st and October 1st

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.



**Awarded Based on
Funding Availability**

WV Elements of Family Child Care Series	\$75
Mind in the Making	\$100
The Growing Brain	\$100
WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Endorsement..	\$200
WVIT I	\$100
WVIT I Revised	\$150
WVIT II	\$250
CDA	\$500
ACDS Dept. of Labor Certificate	\$500
AA or AAS ECE* Degree	\$1000
BA or BS or Regents ECE* Degree	\$1500
MA or MS ECE* Degree	\$1750
Ph.D or Ed.D ECE* Degree	\$2000

* Accepted ECE Degree Programs include: Child Development; Child Development & Family Studies; Early Childhood; Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Education; Early Childhood Special Education

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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 care 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 a 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 I - Revised (*must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim*)
- ☐ WVIT II (*must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim*)
- ☐ WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Endorsement
- ☐ 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; Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Education; 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 12 months.

- ☐ Has completed 18 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working in Licensed Child Care)
- ☐ Has completed 11 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working in/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 12 months (must submit documentation confirming completion)

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