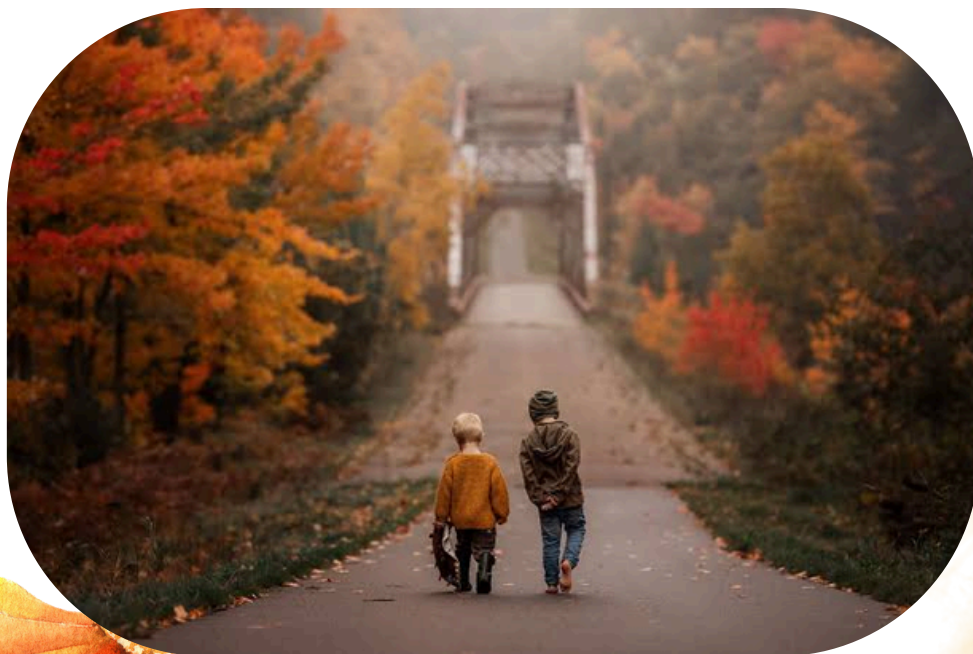


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OCT-NOV-DEC



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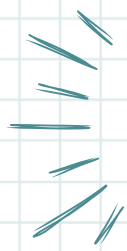


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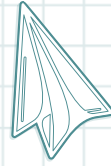


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Contact The Connect Management Team! We're here to help!



All About Me



LEXIE

This is me!

NAME: ALEXIS POWERS (I GO BY LEXIE)



My Favorite Things

MOVIE: THE WIZARD OF OZ

DRINK: PEPSI

FOOD: HOT DOGS & MEXICAN

COLOR: BLUE

BOOK: OUTLANDER SERIES



My Hobbies and Interests

OUTSIDE OF WORK, I ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY AND CREATING MEMORIES WITH MY SON. MY SON IS 11 AND GOING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR! I HAVE A PASSION FOR FLOWERS AND FLORAL DESIGN, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMER. I ALSO ENJOY GARDENING, DECORATING, READING A GOOD BOOK, AND DOING YOGA. WHEN I HAVE FREE TIME, I ENJOY BEING OUTSIDE, ATTENDING SEASONAL EVENTS LIKE BASKETBALL GAMES, MUSIC EVENTS/FESTIVALS, GOING CAMPING/KAYAKING, AND GOING TO THE BEACH.

My Work Life

I RECEIVED MY ASSOCIATES IN APPLIED SCIENCES AND RBA FROM WVU-P. MY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HAVE CENTERED ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN. THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, I HAVE WORKED AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, PRESCHOOL TEACHER, AND IN CHILDCARE SETTINGS, WHERE I GAINED EXPERIENCE CREATING ENGAGING, DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



INFANT / TODDLER TRAININGS

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
October 13 th 6:00pm-8:00pm	Online	An Introduction to the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS-3)	PL, AM Basic	Alexis Powers
October 14 th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Only You Can Prevent Suspension	CGD, ED Basic	Lea Wheeler
October 26 th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	I'm Scared! Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety	CGD, FCR Basic	Lindsey Wellman
October 27 th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Planning Your Professional Growth 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
November 16 th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	There Are No Eyes in the Back of Your Head	CGD, EC Basic	Kristin Smith
November 19 th 6:30pm-8:00pm	In Person Connect	Spreading HOPE 	CGD, FCR Basic	Lindsey Wellman
November 23 rd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Why Do You Have to Be So Mean? Bullying in Early Childhood	CGD, FCR Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 7 th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Don't Go! Taking the Separation Out of Anxiety	CGD, EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 10 th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Provider, Provider, How Do You Read?	CGD Basic	Kristin Smith
December 14 th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	What's The Meaning?	EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 17 th 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online	Utilizing the ERS 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
December 17 th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Making a Difference: Mandate to Report Child Abuse & Neglect 	HSN Basic	Lindsey Wellman

Preschool Trainings

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
October 14th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Only You Can Prevent Suspension	CGD, ED Basic	Lea Wheeler
October 21st 6:00pm-8:00pm	In Person Building Blocks Spencer, WV	Fine Motor Fun	CGD Basic	Heather Barry
October 22nd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Sailing Through the Storm	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman
October 26th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	I'm Scared! Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety	CGD, FCR, HSN Basic	Lindsey Wellman
October 27th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Planning Your Professional Growth 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
November 12th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Supportive Classroom Environments	EC Basic	Heather Barry
November 16th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	There Are No Eyes in the Back of Your Head	CGD, EC Basic	Kristin Smtih
November 19 th 6:30pm-8:00pm	In Person Connect	Spreading HOPE 	CGD, FCR Basic	Lindsey Wellman

Preschool Trainings

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
November 23rd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Why Do You Have to Be So Mean? Bullying in Early Childhood	CGD,FCR Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 7th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Don't Go! Taking the Separation Out of Anxiety	CGD, EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 10th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Provider, Provider, How Do You Read?	CGD Basic	Kristin Smith
December 14th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	What's The Meaning?	EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online	Utilizing the ERS 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Making a Difference: Mandate to Report Child Abuse & Neglect 	HSN Basic	Lindsey Wellman
December 21st 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Preschool	CGD, EC Basic	Heather Barry
December 28th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Behavior Basics	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman

AFTERSCHOOL TRAININGS

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
October 12th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Afterschool: So Fresh and So Clean, Clean	HSN Basic	Kristin Smtih
October 14th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Only You Can Prevent Suspension	CGD, ED Basic	Lea Wheeler
October 22nd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Sailing Through the Storm	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman
October 26th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	I'm Scared! Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety	CGD, FCR	Lindsey Wellman
October 27th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Planning Your Professional Growth 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
November 5th 6:00pm-9:00pm	In Person Connect	It's All Fun & Games in Afterschool	CGD Basic	Kristin Smith
November 16th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	There Are No Eyes in the Back of Your Head	CGD, EC Basic	Kristin Smtih
November 19 th 6:30pm-8:00pm	In Person Connect	Spreading HOPE 	CGD, FCR Basic	Lindsey Wellman
November 23rd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Why Do You Have to Be So Mean? Bullying in Early Childhood	CGD,FCR Basic	Lea Wheeler
November 23rd 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	A Hero's Journey: Character Development for School Age Children	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman
December 3rd 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Speak, Listen, Connect: Building Strong Relationships with Schoolers	FCR, HSN Basic	Kristin Smith

AFTERSCHOOL TRAININGS

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December 7th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Don't Go! Taking the Separation Out of Anxiety	CGD, EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 10th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Provider, Provider, How Do You Read?	CGD Basic	Kristin Smith
December 14th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	What's The Meaning?	EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online	Utilizing the ERS 	PI, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Making a Difference: Mandate to Report Child Abuse & Neglect 	HSN Basic	Lindsey Wellman
December 28th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Behavior Basics	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman

FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAININGS

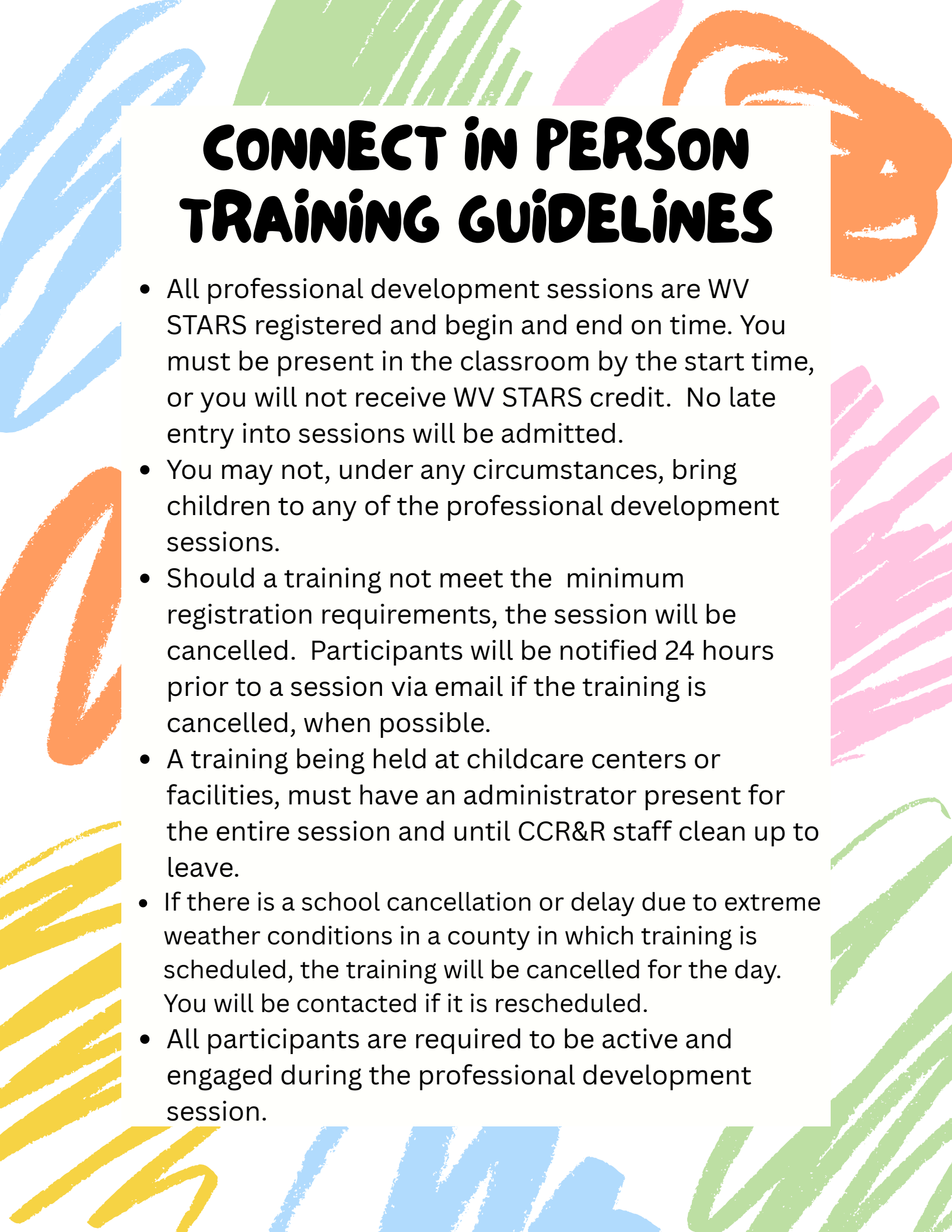
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October 27th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Planning Your Professional Growth 	PL, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
November 9th 6:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Quality Environments: FCCERS-3	EC, AM Basic	Ashley Smith
November 16th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	There Are No Eyes in the Back of Your Head	CGD, EC Basic	Kristin Smtih
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November 23rd 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	A Hero's Journey: Character Development for School Age Children	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman
December 2nd 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online	From Babysitter to Business Owner	PL Basic	Emma Shaffer
December 7th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Don't Go! Taking the Separation Out of Anxiety	CGD, EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 10th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Provider, Provider, How Do You Read?	CGD Basic	Kristin Smith

FAMILY CHILD CARE **TRAININGS**

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
December 14th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	What's The Meaning?	EC Basic	Lea Wheeler
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online	Utilizing the ERS 	PI, AM Intermediate	Emma Shaffer
December 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Making a Difference: Mandate to Report Child Abuse & Neglect 	HSN Basic	Lindsey Wellman
December 28th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Behavior Basics	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman

Director's Trainings

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCs/Level	Professional Development Provider
October 14th 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Only You Can Prevent Suspension	CGD, ED Basic	Lea Wheeler
October 22nd 6:30pm-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Sailing Through the Storm	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman
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December 28th 7:00pm-8:00pm	Online	Behavior Basics	CGD, EC Basic	Lindsey Wellman



CONNECT IN PERSON TRAINING GUIDELINES

- All professional development sessions are WV STARS registered and begin and end on time. You must be present in the classroom by the start time, or you will not receive WV STARS credit. No late entry into sessions will be admitted.
- You may not, under any circumstances, bring children to any of the professional development sessions.
- Should a training not meet the minimum registration requirements, the session will be cancelled. Participants will be notified 24 hours prior to a session via email if the training is cancelled, when possible.
- A training being held at childcare centers or facilities, must have an administrator present for the entire session and until CCR&R staff clean up to leave.
- If there is a school cancellation or delay due to extreme weather conditions in a county in which training is scheduled, the training will be cancelled for the day. You will be contacted if it is rescheduled.
- All participants are required to be active and engaged during the professional development session.

CONNECT ONLINE TRAINING GUIDELINES

- All professional development sessions are WV STARS registered and begin and end on time. You must be logged into the online training, no later than 5 minutes after the start of the training. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you will be admitted and able to attend the training; however, you will NOT receive WV STARS credit for this training.
- All online professional development sessions require participants to be active and engaged for at least 80%. Active and engaged means you must participate in polls, discussions and be available to answer questions.
- All online professional development sessions require participants to have their camera turned on throughout the entire training. Not being visible and attentive on camera or having the camera unavailable can result in participants not receiving credit for the training.
- Each participant must log in to online sessions using their own unique link from the STARS registration. Each link requires the participant to register and log in using their own email address. If you are not registered with your own link, you will not be able to receive credit.
- Child care providers will not be responsible for the care of children during any online professional development sessions.

WV CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL TRAININGS



2026-2027



July-August-September

- WVIT-I Caregiver
- The Growing Brain
- Building Strong Foundations
- Emergency Preparedness
- FCC Emergency Preparedness
- Family Child Care Positive Behavior Intervention Support
- Understanding ACES (ACES 101)
- Spreading HOPE
- Strengthening Business Practices for Centers

October-November-December

- WVIT-I Caregiver
- Mind in the Making
- Infant/Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention Support
- Spreading HOPE
- Planning Your Professional Growth
- Utilizing the ERS to Achieve Higher Program Quality
- WV Early Learning Standards Framework
- Making a Difference

January-February-March

- WVIT-I Caregiver
- Building Strong Foundations
- The Growing Brain
- Emergency Preparedness
- Afterschool Standards Overview
- WV Elements of Family Child Care
- Spreading HOPE
- Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care
- Making a Difference

April-May-June

- WVIT-I Caregiver
- Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention Support
- School Age Social Emotional Learning
- Spreading HOPE
- Understanding ACES (ACES 101)
- Making a Difference

Congratulations



JULIE JONES & JESSICA DYER

WV General Child Care Credential
Recipients



Congratulations



Connie Burdette

Maranatha Baptist Church
Daycare



Sharon Ramey

Country Kids Daycare

*WV General Child Care
Credential Recipients*



Congratulations



Charleston Child Care & Learning Center

**Kudos to you for
getting Tier II**

Connect Presents:

ALL ABOUT YOUR PARENT HANDBOOK

For FCC's

In this three-part module series, FCC Home Providers and Facility Directors will learn how to create policies and a contract, update their policies, and use their parent handbook in everyday operations. Come join us as we learn about the necessity of parent handbooks and how to utilize them to their full potential.

**Sessions will be held at the
Connect office on these dates:**

Session 1: 11/3/26 6:30pm-8:30pm

Session 2: 11/10/26 6:30pm-8:30pm

Session 3: 11/17/26 6:30pm-8:30pm

Contact to register:

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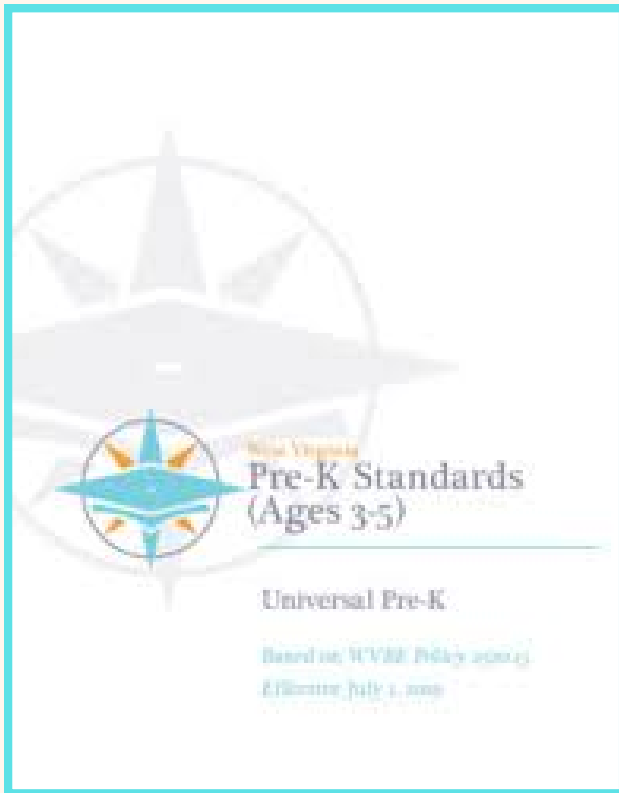




Early Childhood Credential Requirement

WV ELSF

3 Module Series



DECEMBER 2ND
DECEMBER 9TH
DECEMBER 16TH

6:30 - 8:30 pm

One Players Club Drive
Charleston

2026

Presented by:
Heather Hatcher Barry
Early Childhood Specialist
304-348-3669





Heartsaver

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Class covers adult,
child and pediatric CPR

To Register Contact:

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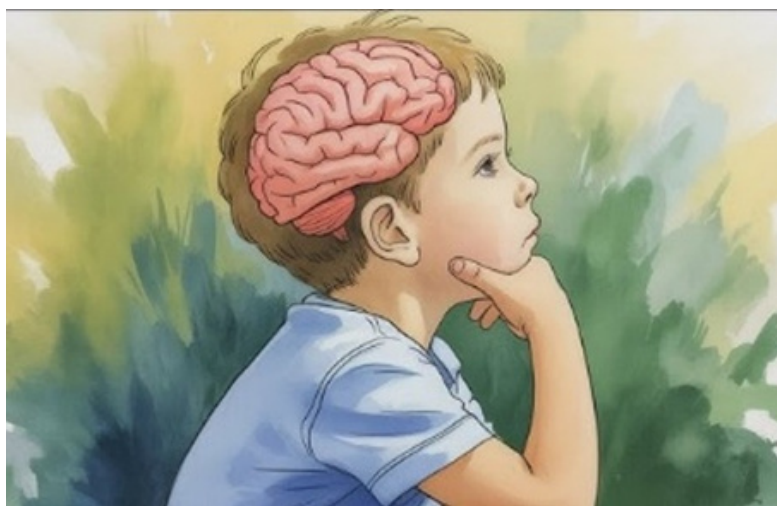
Oct. 14, 2026 5pm-9pm
Oct. 28, 2026 5pm-9pm
Nov. 4, 2026 5pm-9pm
(Jackson County)
Nov. 18, 2026 5pm-9pm
Dec. 1, 2026 5pm-9pm
Dec. 15, 2026 5pm-9pm

*Classes are \$30 - money
order or business check,
written to CAMC
Institute, due by start
of class.
WV STARS Registered
Hours*



MIND IN THE MAKING MODULE SERIES 2026 MONDAYS ~ 6:30-8:30 PM

Administrative Overview
October 12th – 1-3 pm



Module 1 – October 19
Module 2 – October 26
Module 3 – November 2
Module 4 – November 9
Module 5 – November 16
Module 6 – November 23
Module 7 – November 30



Participants must attend the first and last class.
Literary resources and STARS credit awarded
upon completion of series and technical assistance visits.



All modules held
at
Connect R&R Office
1 Players Club Drive
Charleston, WV 25311



For more information
and to register, contact:
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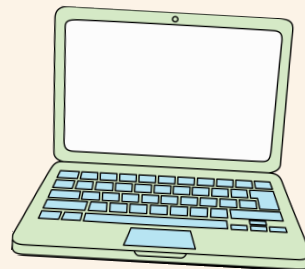
Meeting

CONNECT, COLLABORATE, CREATE

1 HOUR OF STARS CREDIT



ONLINE
MONDAY, DEC.
7TH 7PM-8PM



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WVIT-I R

All sessions will be held at Connect CCR&R

1 Players Club Dr. Charleston, WV, 25311

**Sessions noted in bold indicate mandatory attendance.

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

November 4

November 9 (Monday)

November 18

December 2

December 9

January 6

January 13

January 20

January 27

February 3

February 10

February 17

For more info or registration
please contact Lexie Powers

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Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention Support

- * Must attend all sessions in order to receive STARS credit
- * Must be in an Infant Toddler classroom
- * Must schedule and complete two classroom observations by Behavioral Consultant in order to receive STARS credit
- * Directors must attend Director's Module in order to complete module series



Director's Module
October 5, 2026
12:30-1:30 pm

Module 3
November 2, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Module 1
October 19, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Module 4
November 9, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Module 2
October 26, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Module 5
November 16, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm



Please contact Lea Wheeler

at Lea.N.Wheeler@wv.gov or call 304-348-3671 if interested in attending.

FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

Building a Firm Foundation with TRAILS

Contact Your TRAILS Specialists today!



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



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QUALITY THROUGH *Collaborations*

Featured Presenter: Jaime Price, MS
Tiered Reimbursement/QRIS Coordinator

**We will be discussing updates to the
Tiered Reimbursement application,
renewal, and system**



October 5th
11am-12pm at Connect

Register on STARS or contact
emma.l.shaffer@wv.gov





ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE SCORE

The Environment Rating Scale (ERS) is a valuable assessment tool designed to identify opportunities for enhancing classroom environments and instructional practices. Once scores are finalized following a West Virginia state evaluation, programs can review the results in partnership with a Coaching Specialist. Together, you will analyze the feedback, establish targeted action plans, and work collaboratively to achieve your program's individual goals.

- ✓ Bridge the gap of daily practice and high standards
- ✓ Discover the power of the ERS framework to transform your learning environment

✉ **Child Care Coach**
Chasity.R.Nichols@wv.gov

✉ **Infant Toddler Coach**
Holly.B.Irwin@wv.gov



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



CONNECT COMMUNITY Resource Fair

KID FRIENDLY GAMES

COME JOIN US!

OCT. 7, 2026

6:00-8:00 PM

**1 PLAYERS CLUB DR.
CHARLESTON, WV, 25311**

TRICK OR TREATING

PRIZES, CANDY, GIVEAWAYS



Welcome to our
BUSINESS CORNER

A NEW MODULE
SERIES IS COMING
YOUR WAY

FOR CENTER
ADMIN

AND FCC
HOMES &
FACILITIES

If you have been looking for ways to improve your current business practices, finally create a reliable budget, or make more money, keep an eye out for Strengthening Business Practices.

For more information contact:
Emma Shaffer
304-348-3672 emma.l.shaffer@wv.gov



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**

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!

4

REQUESTING ITEM

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

5

ENTER EMAIL

Click "Add address" and enter your email address.

6

COMPLETE REQUEST

Click "Complete Request" in the bottom right corner.

7

YOUR TOYS ARE ON THE WAY!

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

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT: 304-539-7449

STARS Policy Reminder

Beginning January 1, 2020 the following WV STARS Policy will take affect:

In order to receive training credit hours for a repeating face-to-face course, it has to have been at minimum 12 months since this course has been previously completed. *This provision is not applicable to Technical Assistance (TA) sessions offered by the Resource and Referral Agencies.* Individuals choosing to repeat a course again inside the twelve-month period will be treated as a student auditing a course and will be marked as completed but will receive

no training credit hours.

All courses offered as face-to-face or webinar courses will be subject to this change. Please note self-paced courses are not repeatable for credit.

We hope that this change will encourage the early childhood professionals of West Virginia to take intentional professional development to further their knowledge and skills.



West Virginia
STARS

To learn more about Professional
Development Opportunities, visit
www.wvstars.org



RIVER VALLEY CHILD
DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES



ACDS REGISTRATION

ABOUT ACDS

ACDS is a four 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 term starts June 1 and for the spring term November 1 each year. Interested participants should follow the outlined steps to register for class each term.

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



www.wvacds.org



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JOIN OUR LOCAL COUNCILS



Meetings

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

Members

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

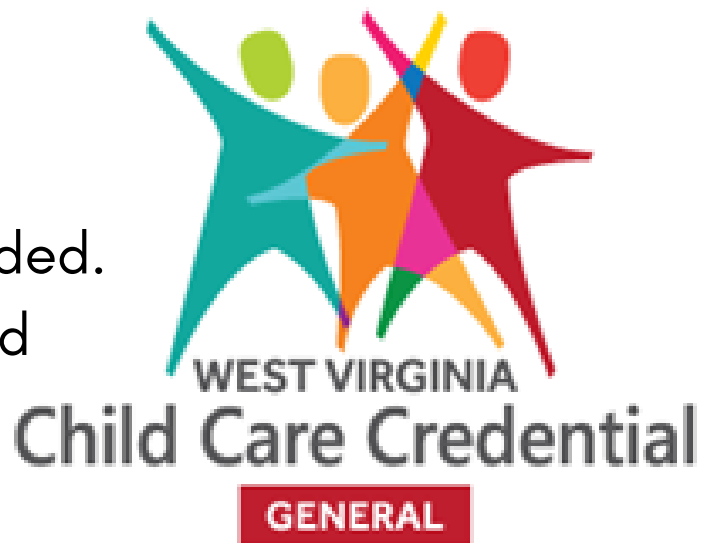


JOIN US NOW!

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.

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- Voluntary, no cost to you.
- A two-part credential:
 - General, completed first.
 - Specialization may be added.
- Based on WV STARS registered trainings already required or are currently being offered.
- Minimum of one year of employment in licensed or regulated child care within last five years for general credential.
- Renewal every 3 years.



“What’s in it for me?”

Initial bonus awarded upon completion.
 Demonstrates commitment to the profession.
 Potential for increased wages.

“What’s in it for my employer?”

Creates family and community awareness of higher quality care being offered.



**For more information contact Connect
 Child Care Resource and Referral
 304-414-4488**

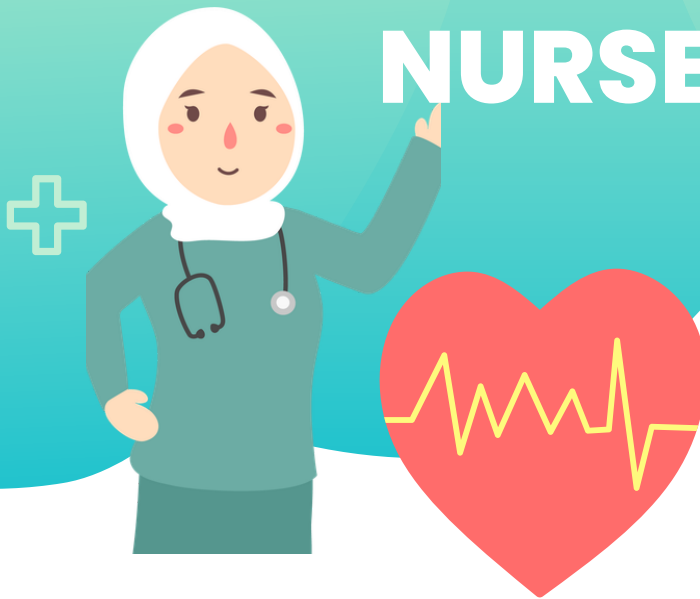


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you are a mandated
reporter.**

**If you suspect any child
abuse or neglect you
must call the
WV Child Abuse and
Neglect Hotline at:**

**1-800-352-6513
24 hours a day 7 days a
week**

MEET YOUR NURSES



Candy Morgan Nurse Health Consultant

A Child Care Nurse Health Consultant works with child care providers, directors, and/or owners to promote the health and safety of children in the child care setting.

These consultants can provide expert guidance and technical assistance on a wide range of health and safety topics.

Child Care Nurse Health Consultants have the training to access appropriate resources to assist child care providers in successfully including children with special health or medical needs.

Candy Morgan, RN – Child Care Nurse Health Consultant

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Harmony Vance Nurse Health Educator

Child Care Health Educators are great resources for free WV STARS approved trainings, educational handouts, and information regarding health, safety, and nutrition guidelines. They are educated individuals on health, safety, and nutrition topics as they relate to child care.

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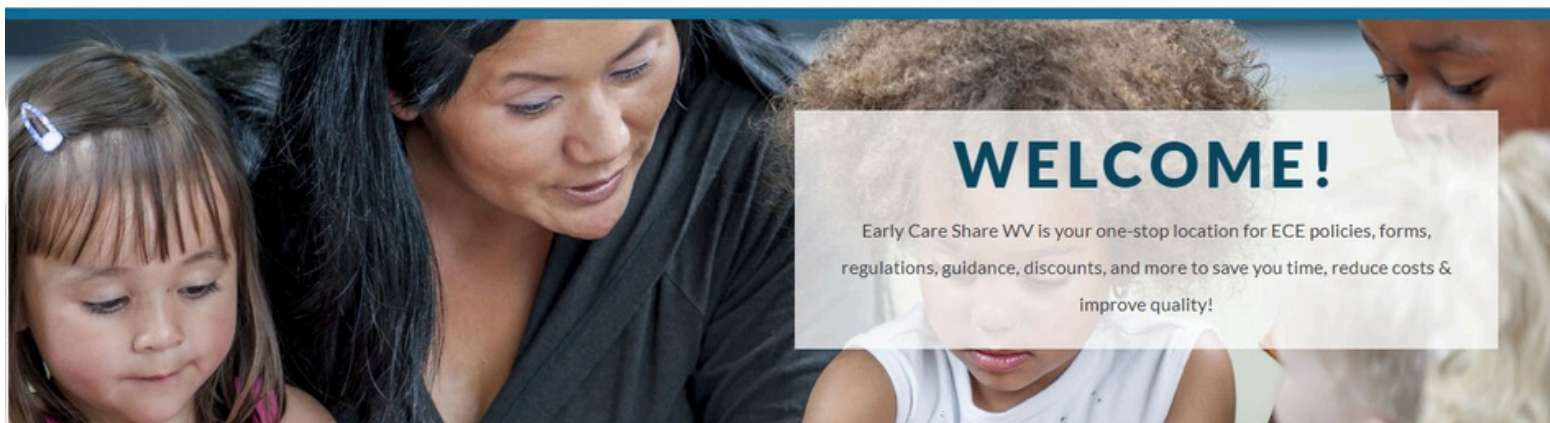
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WEST VIRGINIA CHILD CARE HEALTH EDUCATORS ONLINE TRAININGS

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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

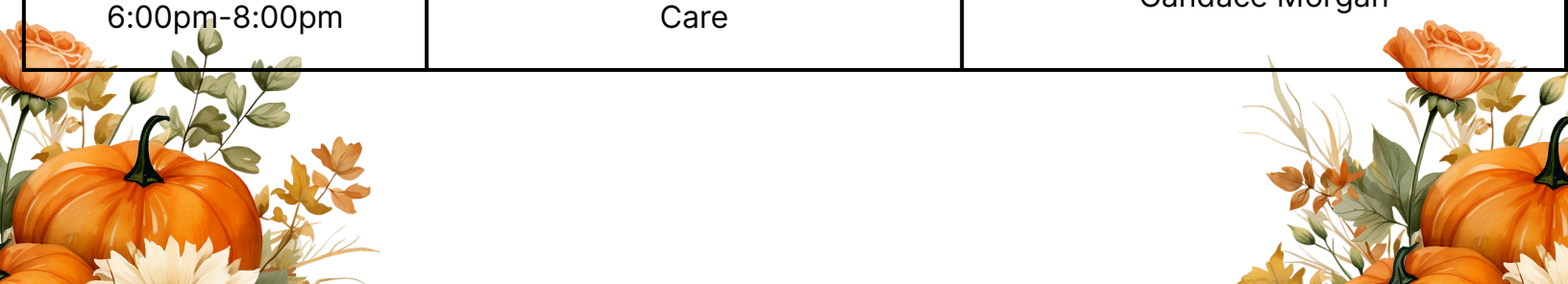




Nurse Health Consultants

Online Trainings

<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Training Topic</i>	<i>Trainer</i>
October 8th 6:00pm-8:00pm	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candance Morgan
October 14th 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
October 17th 8:00AM-11:00AM	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
October 19th 12:00pm-1:00pm	Morning Health Checks	Allison Taylor
October 22nd 6:00pm-7:00pm	Respiratory Infection in Children	Brittany Parsons
October 26th 12:00pm-3:00pm	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
November 2nd 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
November 5th 5:30pm-7:30pm	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos
November 16th 6:00pm-8:00pm	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan





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Online Trainings

<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Training Topic</i>	<i>Trainer</i>
November 18th 12:00pm-2:00pm	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos
November 18th 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
November 23rd 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos
November 30th 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
December 2nd 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
December 7th 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
December 9th 12:00pm-1:00pm	Morning Health Checks	Allsion Taylor
December 11th 12:00pm-2:00pm	All About Allergies	Kelly Amos





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Online Trainings

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December 15th 6:00pm-8:00pm	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
December 16th 12:00pm-1:00pm	Respiratory Infections in Child Care	Brittany Parsons
December 16th 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
December 21st 5:30pm-8:30pm	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos





Fall Into Learning: Health and Safety Saturday

Online Trainings
For WV Child Care Providers

Presented by:
WV Child CareNurse 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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Register for the sessions
that fit your needs.



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Course	DESCRIPTION
Afterschool: So Fresh and So Clean, Clean	Healthy environments are essential for school-age children's development. The most important part of your job is to keep children safe and healthy. In this training you will learn how to create and maintain healthy environments for all school-age children and how to address school-age children's personal health and emotional wellness. Observing children and responding to their issues help avoid problems before they occur which helps their emotional wellbeing.
A Hero's Journey: Character Development for School-Aged Children	This training will introduce participants to character development in school-aged children. Participants will learn the importance of character development and strategies for increasing self-awareness and a sense of self in school-aged children.
An Introduction to the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS-3)	This training is an overview of the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale Third edition. We will discuss assessment of program quality and work on ways to improve program scores to provide the highest quality possible for infants and toddlers in care.
Behavior Basics	Behavior Basics is a one-hour online training designed to help early childhood professionals working with pre-school or school age children build a strong foundation for understanding and responding to children's behavior. Participants will explore what behavior is, recognize when behavior becomes challenging, and learn how behavior serves as a form of communication by its function. Participants will gain practical strategies for fostering positive behavior through strong relationships and supportive classroom environments which are the first two levels Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Pyramid model. These universal practices help prevent challenging behaviors by creating positive, predictable, and engaging learning environments where all children can thrive.
Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Preschool	What does DAP look like in preschool? This training will provide tips for intentional teaching and demonstrate multiple teaching strategies that help create a developmentally appropriate environment for 3-5 year old children.

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Course	DESCRIPTION
Don't Go! Taking the Anxiety Out of Separation	Separation anxiety is hard on children as well as the adults in their lives. Don't Go! Taking the Anxiety Out of Separation will help define what separation anxiety is and review what it looks like in infants, toddlers, and preschools. It will review some ideas to help with the separation and support the families in the process.
Fine Motor Fun	This session will focus on the value of providing fine motor play for preschoolers. We will examine activities to incorporate fine motor skill practice in daily planning and discuss the lifetime benefits fine motor play can provide young learners.
From Babysitter to Business Owner	If you are a home provider and are wanting to get the most out of your Family Child Care Business, this session will give providers insight into important aspects of fine tuning the organization and operation of your Family Child Care Business.
Heartsaver CPR & First Aid	Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED provides students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid, CPR and use of an AED. This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community.
I'm Scared! Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety	This training covers how you can support young children in times of fear and anxiety. Many events transpire in our nation or even community that can be scary, especially for young children who may not understand what is going on. Fear and anxiety will be defined along with what characteristics of fear and anxiety can look like in children. The training will also explore how you can support both families and children in trying times. Developmentally appropriate vocabulary and conversation topics will also be discussed.
It's All Fun & Games in Afterschool	It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt, mad, loses or breaks materials. Play with school-age children doesn't always have to be that way. Introducing, practicing, and setting expectations for play even with school-age children is critical for success. Guidance enhances children's play by responding to their needs and interests. This training will help you prepare for play and learning new games and materials to keep your afterschool children focused and engaged.

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Making a Difference (Mandate to Report Child Abuse and Neglect)	Making a Difference: Mandate to Report, is a training session for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect. This will be the updated training information.
Only You Can Prevent Suspensions	Only you can prevent suspensions will explore why early childhood years are so important and what to teach in order to prevent suspensions in an online facilitated training. We will see the impact suspensions have on children, their families, as well as society. This training will look at ways we can change our own way of thinking in order to prevent suspension and how those positive relationships go a long way.
Planning Your Professional Growth	This training focuses on professional growth of early education providers and how to identify goals for the future.
Provider, Provider, How Do You Read?	Imagine a room filled with eager, wide-eyed children hanging on your every word. Now, compare that with the reality of squirming children, disengagement, and constant interruptions. Reading to young children in childcare should be a joyful connection, not a daily battle. This interactive, in-person training transforms your storytime from chaotic to captivating. You will discover practical strategies to manage engagement, choose the right books, and use your voice to spark deep engagement. Join us to reflect on your current practice, swap frustration for focus, and improve the way you read-aloud.
Quality Environments: FCCERS-3	This training will introduce family child care providers to the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale. The training will discuss how the FCCERS is used in classrooms, why the FCCERS and how the FCCERS relates to the Tiered Reimbursement Program in WV. Family child care providers will get a basic understanding for the FCCERS and be presented with an opportunity for further training in this area.

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Quality Through Collaborations	This training focuses on trending topics, goals, and challenges in the early childhood field faced by facility-based and center-based directors and administrators of child care programs.
Sailing Through the Storm	Children sometimes will throw a tantrum or have a behavior meltdown and it feels like you are sailing through a storm. This training will explore the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown. Participants will learn about the functions of behaviors and how to assist children through tantrums and meltdowns. The training will equip you with strategies to calm down that storm.
Speak, Listen, Connect: Building Strong Relationships with Schoolers	"I don't know how to talk to school age children". "They kind of scare me." "After School kids can be intimidating and are so opinionated." These are common things said about working with school age children and the truth is that they are still just children and the way we speak to them can influence them more than we think. Our interactions, language, active-listening, and self control can help all of this. This training will increase your awareness and understanding of how to talk with school age children. Through understanding the components of communication and how to interact and support them to help you feel more confident with after school children.
Spreading HOPE	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. The training will also include skill building exercises focusing on how to incorporate the HOPE Framework into practice. This part will be highly interactive and include breakout groups and opportunities for sharing. The session is appropriate for people working with children of all ages and their families.
Supportive Classroom Environments	This session will focus on the physical and social aspects of a preschool classroom. Discussion will include ideas to ensure classroom environments are predictable, promote interaction and learning, and are responsive to all children's needs. We will discuss the benefits and lasting effects of a supportive environment on the child, the family and teacher.

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There Are No Eyes in the Back of Your Head	Active supervision decreases injuries, enhances learning opportunities, and increases positive behaviors. We will discuss six strategies to keep students safe and engaged while under your supervision. Understanding indoor and outdoor supervision is a must to ensure safety in your program.
What's the Meaning?	This training will help define challenging behaviors and give an understanding that all behaviors have meaning. This training will also review an ACB chart and how to document behaviors and examine how to replace challenging behaviors. It will review different strategies to help with behaviors that include forming relationships and teaching emotions.
Why Do You Have to Be So Mean: Bullying in Early Childhood	This training will provide information on bullying in early childhood. By the end of this session participants will be able to define bullying, explain how bullying is developed, understand bullies, victims, and bystanders, explore ways to teach social skills, empathy, assertiveness, and problem solving.
WV Early Learning Standards Framework Modules	In this three part module series geared towards preschool 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.

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