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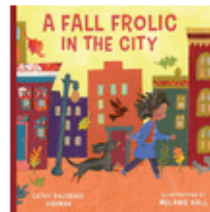
A Professional Development Calendar of Link Child Care Resource and Referral

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2026



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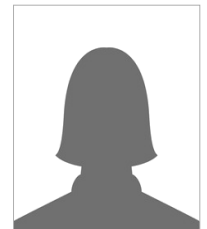
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S A R A H S P E C H T

INFANT TODDLER
SPECIALIST

My name is Sarah Specht and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Infant/Toddler Specialist for LINK. I've already met several co-workers but can't wait to meet all of you. I think this job will be a great fit for me and I'm looking forward to offering ongoing support to our littlest learners and their caregivers.

On a more personal note, I'm married with two boys and two dogs. My boys are 18 and 21 and this past year Brian (my husband) and I officially became "empty nesters." Our oldest son Max is a gas technician for Diversified Energy and our youngest son Isaac will be a sophomore at WVU and plans to major in business.

This time of year if I'm not at work you can usually find me sitting on the front porch. We live in a great neighborhood and there's nothing more relaxing than sitting outside, talking to neighbors and watching the world pass by.

I am eager to get to know each of you better as I settle into my role so please feel free to stop by and say hello!

Descriptions of Professional Development Sessions

Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving

Participants will be introduced to the definition of conflict from a child's perspective. We will discuss various struggles occurring in the classroom and problem solving strategies to assist with classroom conflicts.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) DIRECTOR OVERVIEW

This is a one hour director's overview of the Positive Behavior Intervention Supports series on social emotional development supports. The modules are based on the Pyramid Model, which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion, and intervention.

Directors are required to complete this training prior to staff participating in the ITPBIS Modules.

Container Baby Syndrome

This training explores the effects of Container Baby Syndrome, with a focus on the adverse developmental impacts it has on infants, how to prevent it and how to treat it.

Classroom Management

This training will provide five components of classroom management and review each component. In this training we will discuss different strategies to create an atmosphere that encourages a positive learning environment.

Utilizing the Environment Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality

This training is an overview of the different Environment Rating Scales, the scoring systems and how to use the information to enhance your program's quality.

Emergency Preparedness for Centers

Participants will discuss different types of emergencies that could happen, learn the importance of planning and preparing for those emergencies, and how to protect children and staff during and after events. Participants will receive support in creating the required emergency preparedness action plan.

There is a 1 hour TA visit required to receive credit for this training.

WVIT R Administrator

Administrators will receive a preview of the training caregivers will participate in throughout WVIT R Caregiver. They will also learn their role in supporting the caregivers in their professional development journey.

*Please note: registration for Professional Development training sessions will be available on WV STARS at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the session.

Descriptions of Professional Development Sessions

We Put the Care in Child Care

This training focuses on four types of care that can be used in a preschool or school age environment. Participants will define primary care, continuity of care, responsive care and individualized care. Participants will also examine the benefits of each approach and how they can be utilized with preschool and school aged groups.

Connecting Through Stories: Reading Tips for All Ages

Literacy skills begin in infancy and continue to develop through the teenage years. Reading with children of all ages supports future academic success. During this training session, participants will explore the latest research on improving language and literacy skills through reading. Participants will leave with tips for reading to children of all ages, strategies for creating an environment that encourages reading, and a list of developmentally appropriate books.

Quality Through Collaboration

This training focuses on trending topics, goals and challenges faced by administrators of facility and center based early childhood programs.

Infant/Toddler Primary Care

This two hour training explores infant/toddler primary caregiving as a proven successful system for implementing relationship based care.

It's All About Emotions: Promoting Social-Emotional Development for School Readiness and Challenging Behavior Prevention

Social Emotional competence is often overlooked as a critical school readiness skill. Preschool children with age appropriate or advanced social emotional skills usually have an easier transition to kindergarten and fewer challenging behaviors. This training examines the essential social emotional skills necessary to promote school readiness and limit challenging behaviors. Participants will identify resources available to effectively teach these skills.

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Descriptions of Professional Development Sessions

ITERS-3 Overview

This two hour training focuses on the basics of the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale third edition (ITERS-3). During this training, participants will discuss the ITERS-3 rating scale based on teacher-child interactions that affect the developmental milestones of infants and toddlers; including Language, Cognitive, Social Emotional and Physical development, while also addressing health and safety issues.

Active Supervision

This training examines active supervision as a strategy to keep children safe and prevent challenging behaviors. It covers six active supervision strategies and a variety of ways to implement active supervision in your program.

Teamwork: Let's Work Together

This session will discuss teamwork, why it is important as well as what it means to be a good team member, and how to go from being a good to great team member. This training encourages colleague interactions by having them collaborate and learn new things about each other.

Classroom Management

This training will provide five components of classroom management and review each component. In this training we will discuss different strategies to create an atmosphere that encourages a positive learning environment.

Preschool Child Portfolios

In this training, participants will learn why keeping a portfolio for each child is important. They will discover how to begin the portfolio process, track each child's development in several learning domains, and learn to stay on track with managing the portfolios. This session will also include guidelines for recording, organizing, reflecting on and using anecdotal notes.

The Exceptional Child

This session is designed for preschool and school age providers seeking to deepen their understanding of exceptionality and enhance their inclusive practices. Participants will explore the developmental milestones and identifiers for children who deviate significantly from the average in intellectual, physical, social or emotional development. This training focuses on practical, evidence based supports that ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed within their learning environment.

Appropriate Supportive Environments

The environment can play a significant role in promoting social emotional development and lessening challenging behaviors in an early childhood classroom. This training will equip early childhood professionals with the tools to set up their environment for optimal child social emotional success.

Bright from the Start, Little Steps to Big Smiles: Growing Strong Hearts & Happy Minds

This training is a brief overview of self care in early childhood programs. Participants will discuss the definition of self care, determining stressors, developing community based and individual strategies, the ARC Framework, benefits of promoting self care in children and the best strategies for implementation.

*Please note: registration for Professional Development training sessions will be available on WV STARS at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the session.

October

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Thursday October 1 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and FCR Basic Preschool, FCC, Administrators	Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving	Becky Stewart
Monday October 5 12:30 pm-1:30 pm	Online	CGD, EC, PL, and AM Basic Administrators	Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS): Director Overview	Becky Stewart
Tuesday October 6 11:00 am-1:00 pm	Online	CGD and HSN Basic Infant Toddler	Container Baby Syndrome	Claire Culver
Tuesday October 6 1:00pm-2:00 pm	Online	EC and PL Basic Preschool	Classroom Management	Erin Ritchie
Wednesday October 7 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Online	AM and PL Basic All Ages	Utilizing the Environment Rating Scale to Achieve High Program Quality	Leah McCallister
Thursday October 8 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	HSN Basic All Ages	Emergency Preparedness For Centers	Jessica Wilcoxon
Monday October 26 10:00 am-1:00 pm	Online	PL Basic Administrators	WVIT R for Administrators	Sarah Specht



November

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Thursday November 5 9:30 am-11:30 am	Online	COA and EC Basic Preschool School Age	We Put the Care in Child Care	Jessica Wilcoxon
Saturday November 7 10:00 am-11:30 am	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	CGD Basic All Ages	Connecting Through Stories: Reading Tips for All Ages	Amber Swindler
Thursday November 12 1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	AM and PL Basic Facility and Center Directors	Quality Through Collaboration	Leah McCallister
Thursday November 12 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and PL Basic Infant Toddler	Infant/Toddler Primary Care	Claire Culver
Monday November 16 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Basic Preschool and Administrators	It's All About Emotions: Promoting Social-Emotional Development for School Readiness and Challenging Behavior Prevention	Becky Stewart



December

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Tuesday December 1 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	Link CCR&R 1st Floor	CGD, COA, EC, and HSN Basic Infant Toddler	ITERS-3 Overview	Jennifer Meadows
Tuesday December 1 6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Online	HSN Basic Preschool, FCC and Administra- tors	Active Supervision	Becky Stewart
Thursday December 3 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	PL Basic All Ages	Teamwork	Amy Willis
Tuesday December 8 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Online	EC and PL Basic Preschool	Classroom Management	Erin Ritchie
Tuesday December 8 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and COA Basic All Ages	Preschool Child Portfolios	Amber Swindler
Monday December 14 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Online	CGD Basic Preschool and School Age	The Exceptional Child	Jessica Wilcoxon
Tuesday December 15 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Basic Preschool, FCC, Administrators	Appropriate Supportive Envi- ronments	Becky Stewart
Monday December 21 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD, EC and HSN Basic Preschool	Bright from the Start: Little Steps to Big Smiles, Growing Strong Hearts and Happy Minds	Amy Willis

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HOLIDAYS!

Module Series, Mini Series, & Workshops

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Age	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
See Page 12	Online	CGD, EC and PL Basic Infant Toddler	 Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (IT PBIS)	Becky Stewart
See Page 13	Forrest Burdette Children's Outreach Ministries	CGD FCR, EC and HSN Basic All	 The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old	Jessica Wilcoxon and Amy Willis
See Page 14	Online	CGD and OA Basic Infant Toddler	 Building Strong Foundations: Supporting Infants and Toddlers through the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler	Jennifer Meadows
See Page 15	Online	EC Basic Preschool	 ECERS-3	Amy Willis
See Page 16	Online	CGD FCR, EC, HSN, PL and AM Basic Infant Toddler	 WVIT R Caregiver	Sarah Specht

Things That Will Help Me Stay Calm

Toddlers

Try to **understand** what my behavior is **communicating**.

I want your attention.

I'm tired.

I need a break.

I need a diaper change.



Consistency throughout our day. Having a similar order to the day and doing activities in a similar way helps me feel safe.

- reading a book or telling stories at bedtime
- singing a song during diaper time

First
Read a book



Then
Sleep



Connect with me throughout the day: talking, smiling, hugging, singing, holding.

- Listen and respond when I try to tell you something.
 - When we play together, let me take turns with you.
 - Join in my play and follow my lead.
 - Talk about what I am doing or watching.
 - Talk and play with me at my level.
- Bring me up or lower yourself down.



Stay close in new places and with new people. I rely on you to know I am ok.



Teach me about emotions.

Name your feelings and my feelings throughout our day.



Help me prepare for new or challenging situations (e.g., talk about what will happen, give me a comfort item).



Play problem-solving games.

Pretend to forget an action or item during a part of our day and see if I remember what to do.



Provide me with **choices** throughout my day.



More family resources at ChallengingBehavior.org/Implementation/Family.html



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INFANT TODDLER PBIS

Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Series:

This ONLINE series concentrates on social and emotional supports of children in infant and toddler settings. Based on the Pyramid Model, this five-session, ten-hour course will discuss evidence-based interventions that promote social, emotional, and behavioral development.



Please Note:

Participants will need to attend all ten hours and finish a Proof of Learning at the end of the training to receive WV STARS hours.

Directors will need to complete the ONLINE Directors Overview on October 5th 12:30pm - 1:30pm prior to staff participation in these modules.

Please contact Becky Stewart to register

Meeting ONLINE

Tuesday Evenings 6pm - 8pm

**10/6/26, 10/13/26, 10/20/26,
11/3/26 & 11/10/26**

For More Information

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The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old

Professional Development for Early Childhood Professionals

Decades of research indicate that the early years of life are a period of exponential brain development, characterized by great opportunity and vulnerability dependent on the child's relationships and environment.

The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old is an innovative professional development opportunity that provides a toolkit of how the brain develops, along with ways you can encourage healthy brain development in children from birth to 5 years old.

Participants will develop skills and strategies to:

- understand the architecture and neurobiology of brain development
- support language, cognition, prosocial behavior, and social-emotional development
- reduce toxic stress that can negatively influence brain development of very young children

For more information, visit
www.zerotothree.org/growingbrain.



Make Plans Today

When: Every Tuesday starting October 6th
and ending on November 17th from
6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: Forrest Burdette Children's
Outreach Ministries
2848 Putnam Ave.
Hurricane, WV 25526

Hosted By



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The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old is brought to you by ZERO TO THREE Professional Development and Workforce Innovations. PDWI aims to elevate the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the early childhood development field.

For additional professional development resources and trainings, visit
www.zerotothree.org/PDWI.



BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

**Supporting Infants and Toddlers Through
the West Virginia Early Learning Standards
Framework: Infant/Toddler**

This is a nine-hour module series, broken into three 3-hour classes. This module series meets the criteria for the West Virginia Infant Toddler Specialization with the credentialing program. This course provides an opportunity to explore the WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Infants and Toddlers by focusing on two developmental domains each class.

1 Module 1

Monday, November 2, 2026, 5:30p -8:30p

2 Module 2

Monday, November 9, 2026, 5:30p -8:30p

3 Module 3

Monday, November 16, 2026, 5:30p -8:30p

Location:

Virtual: ZOOM

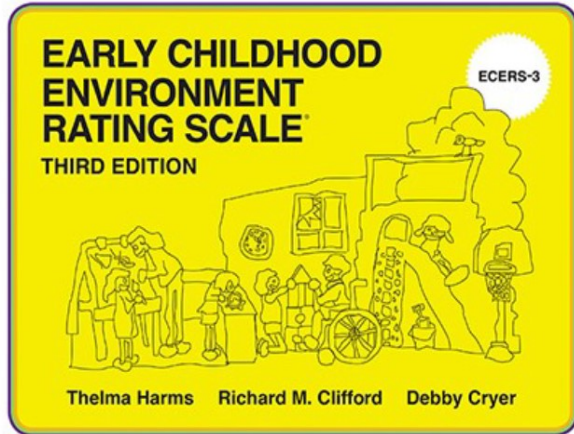
**Participants will receive
9 hours of WV STARS
credit after successful
completion of series and
proof of learning.**

For more information please contact:

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Infant/Toddler Specialist
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ECERS-3

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALE



Location: Virtual

Dates:

Monday, November 2, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Optional Technical
Assistance Follow-up

For More Information
Contact:

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Early Childhood Specialist
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This session will analyze and discuss each section of the assessment. We will practice scoring and we will discuss the importance of using this assessment rating scale. Participants will be given the opportunity to take part in activities to help them better understand what to look for when using this assessment tool.





Session 1	Tuesday November 3	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 2	Tuesday November 10	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 3	Tuesday November 17	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 4	Tuesday November 24	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 5	Tuesday December 1	Online 11:30am-3:00pm



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TACIT VISITS

Session 6	Tuesday December 22	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 7	Tuesday December 29	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 8	Tuesday January 5	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 9	Tuesday January 12	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 10	Tuesday January 19	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 11	Tuesday January 26	Online 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 12	Tuesday February 2	Online 11:30am-3:00pm

TACIT VISITS

PLEASE NOTE:

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD
 VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

SESSIONS 1, 5, AND 12 ARE
 MANDATORY

NO CLASS ON:
 DEC 8
 DEC 15
 (TACIT VISITS)

 New 
Training Session

CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES

 READING TIPS FOR ALL AGES



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
10:00AM-11:30PM

TRAINING SESSION IS 1.5 HOURS OF
WVSTARS CREDIT. PARTICIPANTS
CAN STAY FOR ANOTHER HOUR OF
WVSTARS CREDIT AFTER ATTENDING
THE NEW TRAILS TO READING
NETWORK. INFORMATION ON NEXT
FLYER.

Literacy skills begin in infancy and continue to develop through the teenage years. Come to learn about the latest research on improving language and literacy skills through reading. Participants will leave with tips for reading to children of all ages, strategies for creating an environment that encourages reading, and a list of developmentally appropriate books.

“Open a book, open their future.”



Amber Swindler
TRAILS Early Childhood Specialist
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Welcome to the NEW TRAILS TO READING NETWORK

Connect: Build your local professional network.

Learn: Get practical, all-ages reading tips.

Grow: Master the TRAILS program to boost literacy.

Share: Discover fresh classroom activities and books.

NOVEMBER 7 | SATURDAY | 10:00AM-12:30 PM | LINK CCR&R

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Connecting Through Stories Training Session (Register on WVSTARS)

- Unlock reading tips for all age groups.
- Gain strategies for creating an environment that encourages reading.
- Obtain a list of developmentally & age appropriate books,

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | New TRAILS TO READING NETWORK Launch (1 Hour of WVSTARS Credit for Professional & Leadership upon completion)

- Stay for our brand-new early childhood book club.
- Highlight seasonal & classic children's books.
- Take home ready-to-use activities to improve children's language & literacy skills.

Questions/Sign up contact:

Amber Swindler

TRAILS EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST

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Quarterly Director's Meeting

November 12th 1:30-2:30PM @ Link
Guest Speaker: Behavior Consultant
Rebecca Stewart

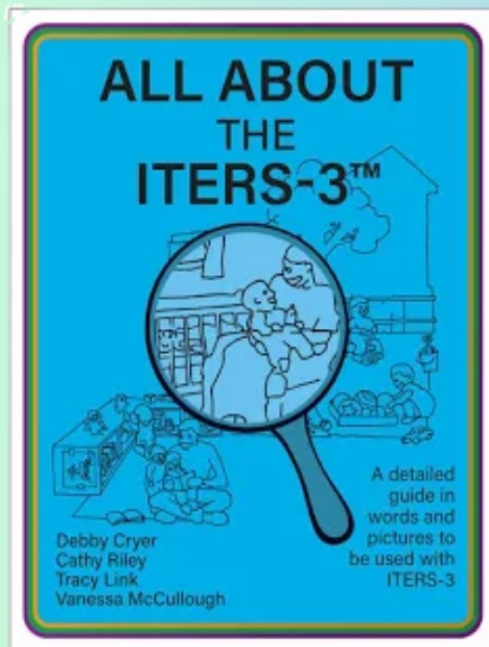


Register on WV STARS or contact leah.h.mccallister@wv.gov
For Center & Facility Directors

ITERS-3



**THIS CLASS IS DESIGNED TO
HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE
BASICS OF THE
INFANT/TODDLER
ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALE.**



**DECEMBER 1, 2026
5:00 PM**

**IN PERSON
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
LINK CHILD CARE R&R
611 7TH AVENUE
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701**



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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**

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

CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS

Little Moments, Big Possibilities: Every Interaction Matters

Experience our annual conference in a whole new way! Join us for the latest learning experiences on practices, policies, planning, and research in early childhood education. Connect and network with other professionals, and participate in a diverse array of discussions on child care, home visiting, early intervention, and early childhood education.

Registration opens December 2026!

This conference is a collaboration with WV Department of Health/OMCFH/WVBTT and WVHVP, WV Department of Human Services/BFA/ECE, and the WV Department of Education, and is coordinated by WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources, a program of River Valley Child Development Services.

March 31-April 2, 2027

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

TCR-ECE: This program is supported by federal funding passed through the West Virginia Department of Human Services. Federal award amount: \$4,727,547 (99.9% of program budget) State award amount: \$5,122 (0.1%)
TCR-OMCFH: This program is supported by state funding through the West Virginia Department of Health.
TCR-HV: This program is supported by federal funding passed through the West Virginia Department of Health. Federal award amount: \$225,000 (100% of program budget) State award amount: \$0 (0%)





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

Register Today!
www.wvstars.org

Register for the sessions
that fit your needs.



304-529-7603



www.wvearlychildhood.org



Child Care Nurse Health Consultants Trainings October 2026 - December 2026

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

CPR & First Aid Classes

This list of agencies offering First Aid and CPR is made available to you for resource purposes only.

Link CCR&R is not responsible for the following trainings or registration for these trainings.

Boone County: Kanawha Co. Red Cross: Call 340-3650 or www.redcross.org

Cabell County: Vicki Delaney: Call or Text 606-547-6144 or Email paths20@aol.com
American Red Cross: Call 304-526-2900
Cabell County EMS: Contact Lisa Cooper 304-526-9797
Salt Rock Fire Dept.: Call 304-733- 9040
Tammy Zornes Call 304-633-9003
Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc.: Contact Andrea Lupson 304-523-7461 ext.417

Lincoln County: Dorothy or William Frazier: Call 304-778-3873

Logan County: LEASA County Public Rescue: Call 304-752-0917
Logan Regional Medical Center: Contact Cindy Fleming—Education Dept. 304-831-1556

Mason County: Pleasant Valley Hospital: Call 304-675-4340

Putnam County: Active Sports Complex (aka Ayash Center): Contact Scott Nasby 304-741-4079

CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES

Available in Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan,
Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne Counties!



YOU'VE GOT TRAILS

Quarterly Tidbits From Your TRAILS Team

Back to School

Healthy Ways to Stay Fit

Eat Breakfast
You may be rushed in the morning, but breakfast helps increase your concentration, energy, and test grades.

Stay Active
Make sure to get at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day to help maintain a healthy weight.

Get Outside
Limit screen time to no more than 2 hours a day to help lower anxiety, attention problems, and risk of obesity.

Drink Water
Drinking water, instead of sugary drinks, helps almost every part of the body work at its maximum ability.

Fall Books for children

LEARNING LETTERS ACTIVITY LEAVES

Add a seasonal touch to your literacy plans for the fall.

For more fall/winter ideas, toys and books, check out our TRAILS website!

Visit linktrails.soutronglobal.net or contract your TRAILS Team!

TRAILS will be returning this fall with all our new 2026 inventory!

Be the first to request some of these amazing items!



FALL TREE art projects

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Building a Firm Foundation with TRAILS: One Block at a Time

Module 1:

How Children Grow

Module 2:

Organizing Your Home & Day

Module 3:

How Children Learn

Module 4:

Building Positive Relationships



Contact TRAILS today for more information!

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LINK CCR&R **TRAILS** *facts*



1

It's ALWAYS FREE

We never ask ANYONE to pay or replace broken, lost, ripped, or damaged items.

2

We make monthly visits

We schedule monthly visits for your county to drop off requested items and pick up current items.

3

TRAILS can be a lesson planning tool

Go to website and search for items to use for future lesson plans. Contact us for log-in information.

4

We offer Training & TA

Contact us for training or support in your environment.

**TO REQUEST TOYS,
BOOKS & OTHER
RESOURCES VISIT
LINK'S WEBSITE OR
SCAN QR CODE:**



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!

T.R.I.P.

Traveling Resources for Infants/Toddlers Program

What is T.R.I.P.?

The Traveling Resources for Infants/Toddlers Program, or T.R.I.P., is a collaborative project combining the expertise of the Infant Toddler Coaching Specialist, the TRAILS Early Childhood Specialists, and the Infant Toddler Specialists. This team works together to support Family Child Care Providers in homes and facilities caring for infants and toddlers. This support, depending on the unique needs of the providers, can include specialized training, technical assistance, outreach visits, infant/toddler resources, and more! Contact us today for more information!

The Link CCR&R T.R.I.P. Team

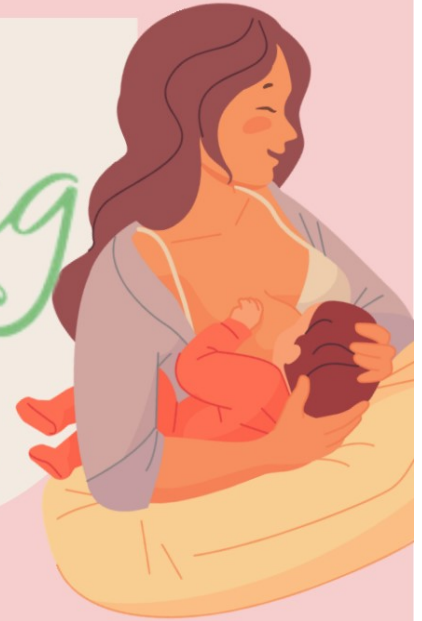
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WHY PARTICIPATE?

- *To support optimal growth and development of infants in your care*
- *To support breastfeeding families*
- *To support your breastfeeding staff*

*Programs that
complete the
BFCCD receive
a bonus
stipend!!!*

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ACDS

Who: ACDS Employers/Supervisors/Directors

What: Mandatory Self-paced Training

All employers/supervisors/directors of current ACDS students must complete a self-paced training every two years. The training is approximately one hour and explains the ACDS program policies, procedures, and employer expectations. The ACDS website, www.wvacds.org, has a brief application for employers to submit to gain access to the training. Once the application is received, ACDS will place the training on the applicant's WV STARS dashboard. If you have any questions, please email or call ACDS.



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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)

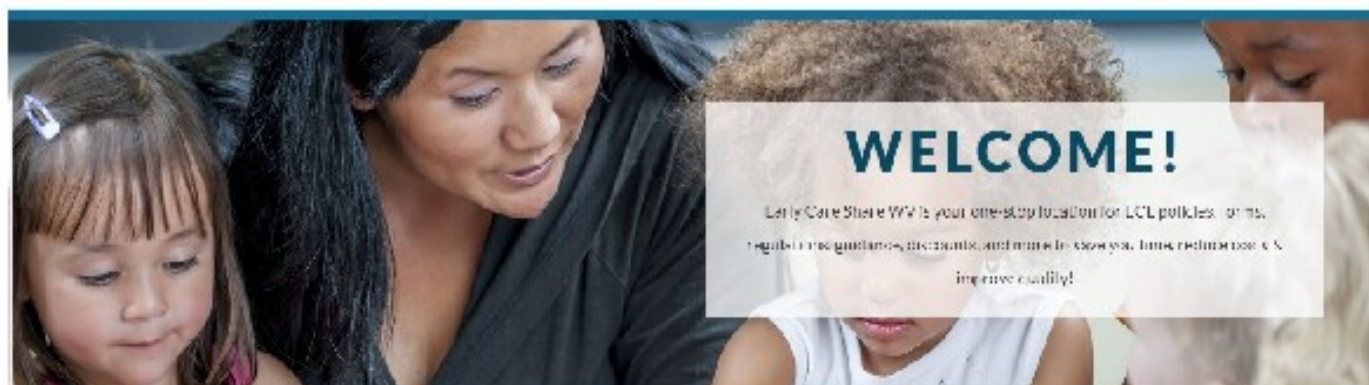
ACDS will no longer contact students requesting information to complete the registration process. Students can check on their registration status by contacting ACDS **before** the registration deadline. Any student attending class without completing the registration process will be dismissed.

ACDS

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Save Time

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Stretch your budget further by taking advantage of exclusive savings on everything from classroom and office supplies to credit card processing and job postings.

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**LINK CHILD CARE
RESOURCE &
REFERRAL**

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