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A Professional Development Calendar of Link Child Care Resource and Referral

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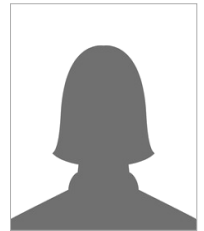
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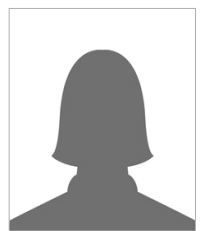
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Descriptions of Professional Development Sessions

Communicating with Families: More than Just Words!

This session will help participants become better communicators with the families of the children in their care. Participants will learn that communication involves not only conversations but also written and multimedia forms, and that many factors must be considered when communicating. By gaining specific information about the family they will be able to determine which form is the best option.

Teachable Moments: Beyond Questions

Teachable moments happen every day in your environment beyond asking questions. In this one-hour training session participants will discover these moments happen through establishing a positive relationship with children, creating an effective daily schedule, and facilitating learning experiences through daily interactions.

Coping: Young Children and Emotional Distress

Emotional distress in young children may appear differently than it does in adults. Identifying the typical emotional development of young children and stressors young children may face. This training outlines how stress reactions look in early childhood. Coping strategies which can be implemented to assist children and the adults caring for them will be highlighted.

Let's Tell It Again! The Importance of Retelling Stories!

This session will focus on the art of storytelling and the importance of fostering retelling skills in young children to develop good oral language, vocabulary and comprehension.

Sensory Processing Difficulties and the Impact on Classroom Behavior

This training introduces the 8 common sensory systems humans use to learn about the world. We will look at how difficulties with these systems can impact child behavior in the classroom setting. We will provide examples of classroom and instructional adaptations and modifications to help children with sensory difficulties succeed in a classroom setting.

Let's Get Ethical

Using the NAEYC Code of Ethics, participants will explore what it means to be a professional caregiver. Through sample scenarios participants will discuss how ethics play an important role in interactions with children, families, colleagues, and the community.

Classroom Management

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

*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

Appropriate Supportive Environments

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

Quality Through Collaboration

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.

Literacy: Reading, Writing and Props!

This training will give participants a better understanding of literacy and why early literacy is so important. We will discuss emergent literacy skills and other areas of literacy development. Teachers will also learn ways they can help develop literacy skills and how to incorporate props with hands-on activities.

Communicating with Parents in Family Child Care

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about the importance of regular, respectful and effective communication with the families in their programs.

Understanding ACES: ACES 101

Participants will be introduced to the concept of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). ACEs will be defined, the overall impact they have on children and adults, the 10 types of ACEs and ways to overcome ACEs will be covered.

The Importance of Developmentally Appropriate Practice

This session will help participants better understand Developmentally Appropriate Practice. They will also be given information on the 12 Principles of Child Development and Learning, 5 Guidelines for Effective Teaching, the 10 Effective DAP Teaching Strategies as well as what DAP looks like for each age group.

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.

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Descriptions of Professional Development Sessions

Relationship Building: The Key to Success

This training will discuss strategies to help early education professionals to build strong, nurturing, and positive relationships with the preschool and school aged children in their program.

Expectations and Guidance Versus Rules and Punishments

When faced with challenging behavior in an early childhood classroom, the first instinct is to enact rules and punishments. The approach of teaching expectations and providing positive guidance offers an alternative to the frustration of the rule and punishment cycle. We will look at the expectation and positive guidance approach for preventing challenging behaviors in the early childhood classroom. Strategies for teaching engagement and pro-social skills will be covered along with methods to determine the functions of challenging behaviors.

ITERS-3 Overview

This two-hour online training focuses on the basics of the Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale third edition (ITERS-3). ITERS-3 training focuses on responding to the needs of infants and toddlers while providing a framework for improving program quality. During the training, a discussion will be led on the ITERS-3 rating scale based upon teacher-child interactions that affect the broad developmental milestones of infants and toddlers; including Language, Cognitive, Social-Emotional, and Physical Development, while also addressing Health and Safety.

RR Spreading HOPE

The HOPE training will cover the effects of the 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 Exceptional Child

This training will explore who exceptional children are and the various supports that educators can offer.

Family Child Care Emergency Preparedness

This in-person session will provide guidance to WV Family Child Care providers (FCC) and WV Family Child Care facilities on how to respond to disasters that may affect them in West Virginia. The provider will receive information on how to become prepared for different types of emergencies using documents required by the WV Department of Human Services using an ongoing cycle that includes four phases: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. There is a required TA visit participants will complete as part of the course

Block Play: Building Up the Whole Child

This session offers participants the opportunity to learn the importance and value of block play in early childhood as well as some creative DIY ways to make their own blocks.

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July

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Thursday July 2 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	FCR Intermediate All Ages	Communicating with Families: More than Just Words!	Amy Willis
Thursday July 9 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Online	E&C Basic All Ages	Teachable Moments: Beyond Questions	Amber Swindler
Thursday July 16 12:00 pm-2:00 pm	Online	CGD and HSN Basic Preschool	Coping: Young Children and Emotional Distress Why and How to Help	Becky Stewart
Monday July 20 6:00pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Basic All Ages	Let's Tell it Again! The Importance of Retelling Stories	Melisa Dennison
Thursday July 23 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Basic Preschool, FCC, Administrators	Sensory Processing Difficulties and the Impact on Classroom Behavior	Becky Stewart
Tuesday July 28 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Online	PL Intermediate All Ages	Let's Get Ethical	Amy Willis
Tuesday July 28 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Online	EC and PL Basic Preschool	Classroom Management	Erin Ritchie

August

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Tuesday August 4 12:00 pm-2:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Basic Preschool FCC Administrators	Appropriate Supportive Environments	Becky Stewart
Wednesday August 5 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 August 6 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	CGD Basic Preschool	Literacy: Reading, Writing and Props!	Amy Willis
Monday August 10 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Online	FCR, PL, and AM Basic All Ages	Communicating with Parents in Family Child Care	Melisa Dennison
Tuesday August 11 6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Online	CGD and FCR Basic All Ages	 Understanding ACES: ACES 101	Becky Stewart
Tuesday August 18 1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Online	EC and PL Basic Preschool	Classroom Management	Erin Ritchie
Tuesday August 18 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online	CGD and EC Intermediate Preschool	The Importance of Developmentally Appropriate Practice	Amy Willis
Wednesday August 26 6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Online	CGD Basic All Ages	Connecting Through Stories: Reading Tips for All Ages	Amber Swindler

September

Date & Time of Session	Location of Session	Core Comp Tier Target Group	Title of Session	Professional Development Provider
Wednesday September 9 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Online	CGD Basic School Age	Relationship Building	Jessica Wilcoxon
Thursday September 10 12:30 pm-2:30 pm	Link CCR&R 1st Floor	CGD, FCR, and EC Basic Preschool and Administrators	Expectations and Guidance Versus Rules and Punishments	Becky Stewart
Tuesday September 15 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Online	CGD and COA Basic Infant Toddler	ITERS-3 Overview	Claire Culver
Thursday September 17 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Online	CGD and FCR Basic All Ages	RR Spreading HOPE 	Becky Stewart
Monday September 21 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Online	CGD Basic Preschool and School Age	The Exceptional Child	Jessica Wilcoxon
Tuesday September 22 5:00 pm-7:30 pm	Link CCR&R 1st Floor	HSN, PL, and AM Basic FCC	Family Child Care Emergency Preparedness 	Amber Swindler
Tuesday September 22 6:15 pm-8:15 pm	Lincoln Day- care and En- richment Center	CGD and EC Basic All Ages	Block Play: Building Up the Whole Child	Melisa Dennison

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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 11	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	CGD, FCR, EC, HSN, PL, and AM Basic Infant Toddler	WVIT R Caregiver 	Jennifer Meadows
See Page 12	Link CCR&R 1st Floor	CGD and COA Basic Infant Toddler	Building Strong Foundations: Supporting Infants and Toddlers Through the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler 	Claire Culver
See Page 13	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	CGD, FCR, COA, EC, and PL Basic All Ages	Mind in the Making 	Jessica Wilcoxon
See Page 14	Online	CGD and COA Advanced Infant Toddler	WVIT II: Relationship Based Care 	Bethany Houchins
See Page 17	Link CCR&R 2nd Floor	AM and PL Intermediate Directors/Assistant Directors	Strengthening Business Practices 	Leah McCallister

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

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| ☐ GO TO THE BEACH | ☐ GO TO THE ZOO |
| ☐ VISIT A MUSEUM | ☐ GO TO STORY TIME |
| ☐ EXPLORE AN AQUARIUM | ☐ WATCH FIREWORKS |
| ☐ TAKE A HIKE | ☐ GO ON A ROAD TRIP |
| ☐ PLAY IN A SPLASH PAD | ☐ WATCH A BASEBALL GAME |
| ☐ PICNIC IN THE PARK | ☐ GO ON A BOAT RIDE |
| ☐ PLAY AT THE PLAYGROUND | ☐ EAT FROM A FOOD TRUCK |
| ☐ BACKYARD WATER PARK | ☐ BLOW BUBBLES |
| ☐ DRAW WITH SIDEWALK CHALK | ☐ EAT AN ICE CREAM CONE |
| ☐ FIND A COOL MURAL | ☐ HAVE A CAMP FIRE |
| ☐ GO TO AN OUTDOOR CONCERT | ☐ GET MESSY! |
| ☐ GO TO A PETTING ZOO OR FARM | |
| ☐ GO TO A GARDEN OR NATURE CENTER | |
| ☐ GO TO AN ORCHARD OR FARMER'S MARKET | |





Session 1	Thursday July 2	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 2	Thursday July 9	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 3	Thursday July 16	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 4	Thursday July 23	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 5	Thursday July 30	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm



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TACIT VISITS

Session 6	Thursday August 20	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 7	Thursday August 27	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 8	Thursday September 3	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 9	Thursday September 10	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Session 10	Thursday September 17	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm
Sessions 11 & 12	Thursday September 24	LINK 2 nd Floor 11:30am-3:00pm

TACIT VISITS

PLEASE NOTE:

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN
THE LINK 2ND FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM

SESSIONS 1, 5, AND 12 ARE
MANDATORY

NO CLASS ON:
08/06
08/13
(TACIT VISITS)



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

Tuesday, July 7th 12:00p -3:00p

2 Module 2

Tuesday, July 14th 12:00p - 3:00p

3 Module 3

Tuesday, July 21st 12:00p - 3:00p

Location:

Link CCR&R

611 7th Avenue

Huntington, WV 25701

1st Floor Conference Room

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

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Mind in the Making

Building essential life skills in children
by transforming groundbreaking
research into practice



MITM'S SEVEN ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS

Helps adults understand and encourage important executive function-based skills children need to thrive.

1. Focus and Self Control – Children need this skill to achieve goals, especially in a world filled with distractions and information overload. This includes paying attention, exercising self-control, remembering the rules, and thinking flexibility.

2. Perspective Taking – This involves understanding what others think and feel, and forms the basis for children's understanding of the intentions of parents, teachers and friends. Children with this skill are less likely to get involved in conflicts.

3. Communicating – Much more than reading, writing and speaking, communicating is the skill of determining what one wants to communicate and realizing how it will be understood by others. It is the skill teachers and employers feel is most lacking today.

4. Making Connections – This involves deciphering what's the same, what's different, and sorting them into categories. Making unusual connections is at the core of creativity and moves children beyond knowing information to using information well.

5. Critical Thinking – This skill helps children analyze and evaluate information to guide their beliefs, decisions and actions. Children need critical thinking to make sense of the world around them and to solve problems.

6. Taking on Challenges – Children who take on challenges instead of avoiding or simply coping with them achieve better outcomes in school and in life.

7. Self-Directed, Engaged Learning – By setting goals and strategies for learning, children become attuned and better prepared to change as the world changes. This helps children foster their innate curiosity to learn and helps them realize their potential.

What is Mind in the Making?

Mind in the Making (MITM), a program that shares the science of children's learning through innovative in-depth training and materials geared for action.

****Director's Overview: Site Director AND participant(s) must attend this overview session for participants to receive credit for attending series.**

Dates: Wednesday, July 8th - Overview
Wednesday, July 15th - Module 1
Wednesday, July 22nd - Module 2
Wednesday, July 29th - Module 3
Wednesday, Aug. 5th - Module 4
Wednesday, Aug. 12th - Module 5
Wednesday, Aug. 19th - Module 6
Wednesday, Aug. 26th - Module 7

Location: Link CCR&R
611 7th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

***** Registration closes a week prior to the start of the Overview**

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The WVIT II Administrator Session gives 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. Administrator Session is required prior to sending staff to WVIT II.

Administrator Session:
Monday July 20, 2026
5:00-7:00pm

**CAREGIVER
SESSIONS
5:00-8:30PM**

- Session 1: July 27
- Session 2: July 29
- Session 3: August 3
- Session 4: August 5
- Session 5: August 10
- Session 6: August 12
- Session 7: August 17
- Session 8: August 19
- Session 9: August 24
- Session 10: August 26

Class maximum of 30.

Maximum 2 participants per site.

Please note:
Caregivers must have completed WVIT I or WVIT I-R to enroll in WVIT II.

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30TH TO REGISTER**

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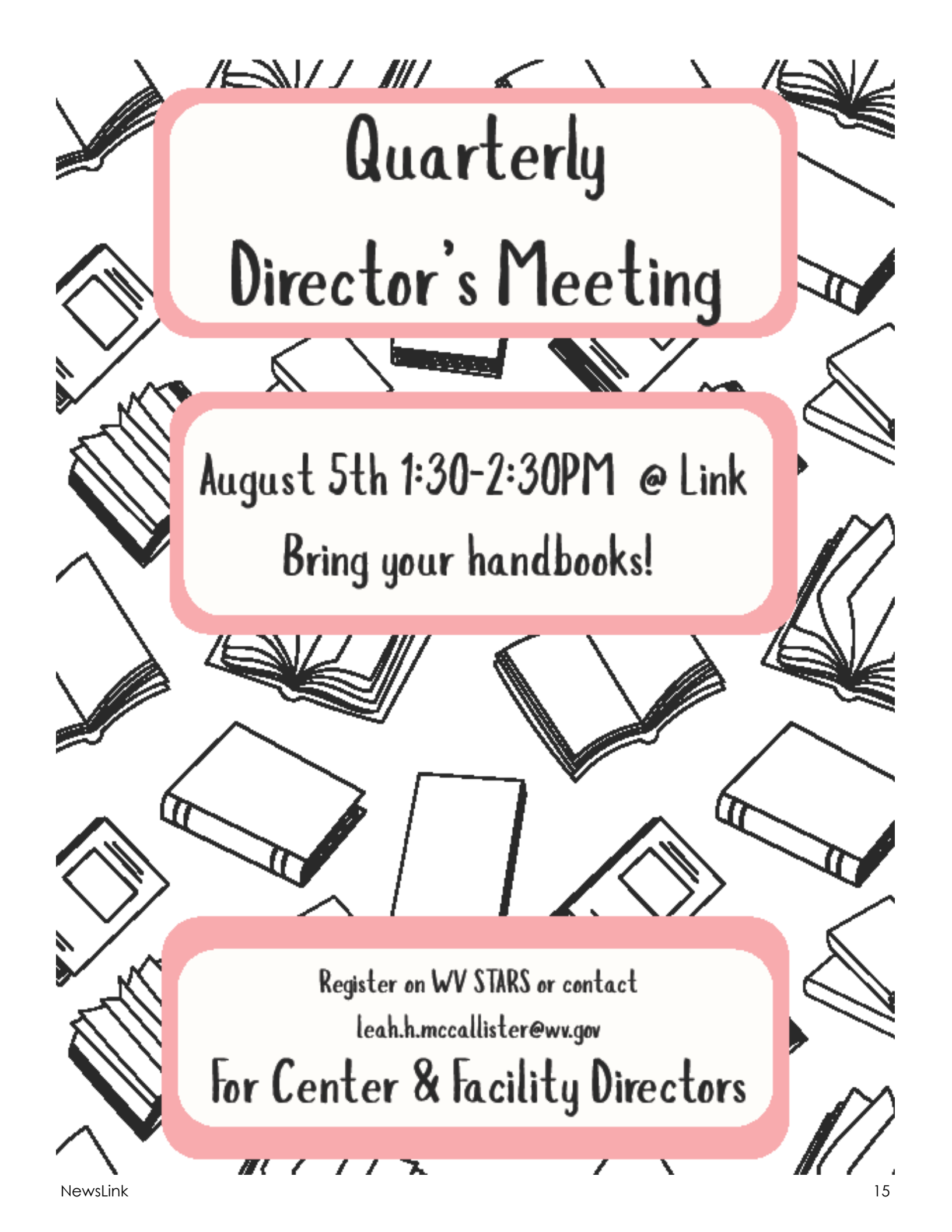
Call: 304-707-2912 or 681-238-6448

PRESENTED VIRTUALLY STATEWIDE WEST VIRGINIA INFANT/TODDLER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WVIT II



Caregiver Modules are for child care professionals working with infants and toddlers 35 months and younger. Caregivers learn about their role in building respectful, nurturing relationships with children, families and colleagues. Information and strategies from relationship-based resources such as the Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) and the Pyramid Model.





Quarterly Director's Meeting

August 5th 1:30-2:30PM @ Link
Bring your handbooks!

Register on WV STARS or contact
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For Center & Facility Directors

✱ New Online ✱
Training Session

CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES

★ READING TIPS FOR ALL AGES



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26, 2026
6:00PM-7:30PM**

SPACE IS LIMITED

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 your future.”



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NEW MODULE TRAINING!

STRENGTHENING BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

This training content and activities are designed to strengthen childcare providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations. There are two versions of this series: one for center-based providers and one for family childcare-based providers (coming soon!).

Four-part module series:

Module 1: Budgets, Projections, and Planning

Module 2: Financial Reports and Internal Controls

Module 3: Marketing for Child Care Programs

Module 4: Staff Recruitment and Retention (center-based only)



- ✔ Each module is 3 hours and participants must complete all modules to receive WV STARS credit.
- ✔ Participants are required to bring childcare business information/documents to each class for specific activities.

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Training Dates, Time, and Location:

September 9th, September 16th,

September 23rd, September 30th

9:00-12:00PM

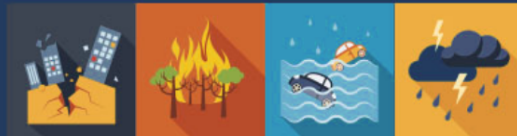
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Effective July 1, 2026, this module series will replace the Director's Toolbox for the WV Child Care Credential-Director Specialization module based professional development requirement. Any Director's Toolbox module series completed prior to July 1, 2026 still satisfies this professional development requirement for the WV Child Care Credential-Director Specialization.



Emergency Preparedness in Family Child Care

ARE YOU READY?



**Special training session for Family Child Care Providers!
Come to learn about planning for an emergency in your
home business!**

**Thursday
September 22, 2026
6:00pm-8:30pm
Link CCR&R-1st Floor Conference Room
611 7th Ave
Huntington, WV 25701**

***Emergency Preparedness requires an additional 1 hour
Technical Assistance visit as the proof of learning for the
course.***

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The Magic of Play



2026

Family Child Care

Conference

SAVE THE DATE



**SOUTH CONFERENCE:
OCTOBER 17, 2026**

**NORTH CONFERENCE:
NOVEMBER 7, 2026**



Contact your TRAILS team for more information.

Child Care Nurse Health Consultants Trainings July 2026 - September 2026

Date and Time	Training Topic	Trainer
7/9/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos
7/14/26 7:00-8:30 PM	Seizure Disorders	Kelly Amos
7/21/26 6:00-7:30 PM	First Aid for Minor Injuries	Brittany Parsons
7/22/26 5:30-8:30PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
7/25/26 8:00-11:00 AM Saturday Morning	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
7/27/26 12:00-2:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Summertime Safety	Allison Taylor
7/28/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases	Candace Morgan
7/29/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
8/4/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases	Candace Morgan
8/6/26 5:30 PM-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Kelly Amos
8/13/26 7:00-8:30 PM	Seizure Disorders	Kelly Amos
8/17/26 6:00-7:30 PM	First Aid for Minor Injuries	Brittany Parsons
8/19/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Summertime Safety	Allison Taylor
8/22/26 8:00-11:00 AM Saturday Morning	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
8/26/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
8/31/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor
9/3/26 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases	Candace Morgan
9/10/26 12:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Morning Health Checks	Allison Taylor
9/15/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
9/16/26 12:00-1:30 PM Lunchtime Learning	First Aid for Minor Injuries	Brittany Parsons
9/28/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
9/30/26 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Allison Taylor

Child Care Nurse Health Consultants Trainings July 2026 - September 2026

New

Training Topic	Summary
Communicable Diseases	Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.
First Aid for Minor Injuries	Kids frequently experience bumps, scrapes, and falls during active play/exploration. This presentation includes some basic first aid instructions for those minor injuries as well as when you should seek professional medical treatment.
Diabetes in Child Care	This training includes information from American Diabetes Association Safe at School campaign regarding the basic needs that children with diabetes need throughout the day.
Summertime Safety	This training includes information about sun, water, and bug safety.
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 child-care setting.
Seizure Disorders	Information about the different types of seizures and how to assist someone who is having a seizure.
Morning Health Checks	Explanation about what a morning health check is as well as how one is conducted.



ONLINE TRAININGS

WEST VIRGINIA CHILD CARE HEALTH EDUCATORS



Oral Health

July 7th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Steps to Keeping Classrooms Healthy & Clean (Part1)

July 16th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Steps to Keeping Classrooms Healthy & Clean (Part 2)

July 23th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Infant Feeding

July 29th 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Picky Eaters

Aug 3rd 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Indoor and Outdoor Safety

Aug 11th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Safe Sleep

Aug 20th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



REGISTER NOW!

Go to www.wvstars.org to register





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



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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!



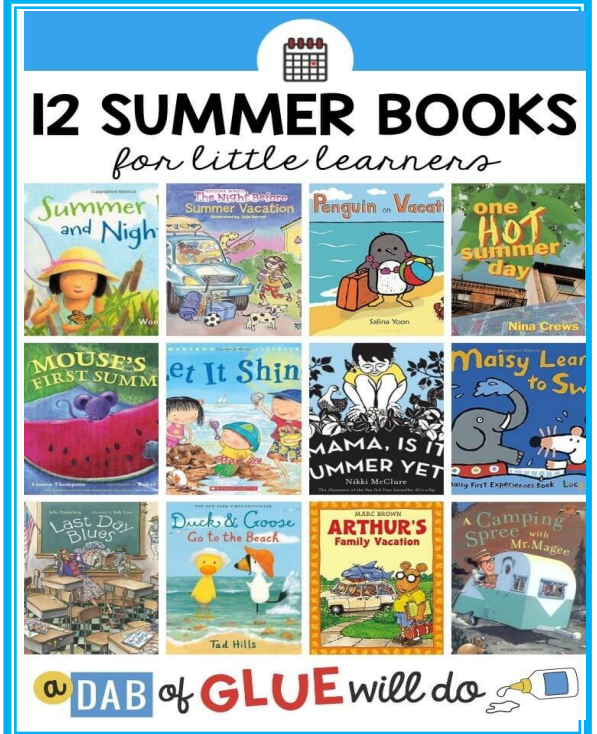
YOU'VE GOT TRAILS

Quarterly Tidbits From Your TRAILS Team

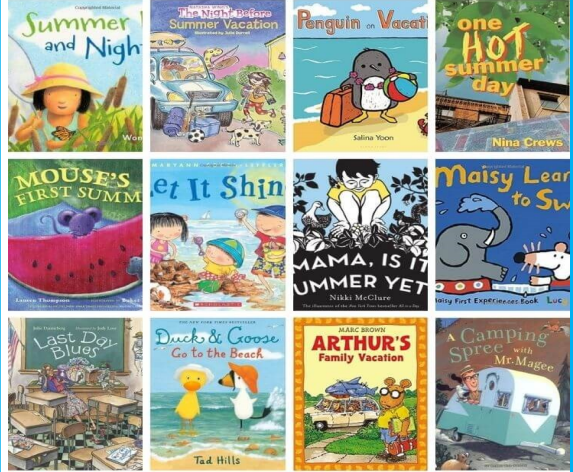


5 Ways to Keep Your Kids Safe This Summer

- 1 Water safety**
Maintain constant eye contact on kids in or around water, without distraction.
- 2 Child safety helmet**
Make sure your kids wear a properly fitted bike or multi-sport helmet every time they ride.
- 3 Hydration**
Encourage children to stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during and after play.
- 4 Playground safety**
Visit parks with impact-absorbing material under equipment, and actively supervise them while they play.
- 5 Hot cars**
Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.



12 SUMMER BOOKS for little learners



a DAB of GLUE will do

WATER BLOCKS



Put a new spin on block play this summer by using our water blocks in your water table!

Contact TRAILS to borrow them!



OCEANbottle

2 parts water
1 part baby oil
3 drops blue food coloring



Longfellow the Whale helps kids learn to

"Do your part, be water smart!"

Drowning is a leading cause of death for children.

Together, we can change that.

For more information, activities and ideas, visit

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety.html>

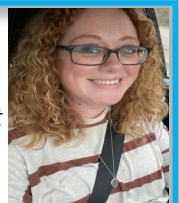


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Your TRAILS Team

We're here to help!

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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.

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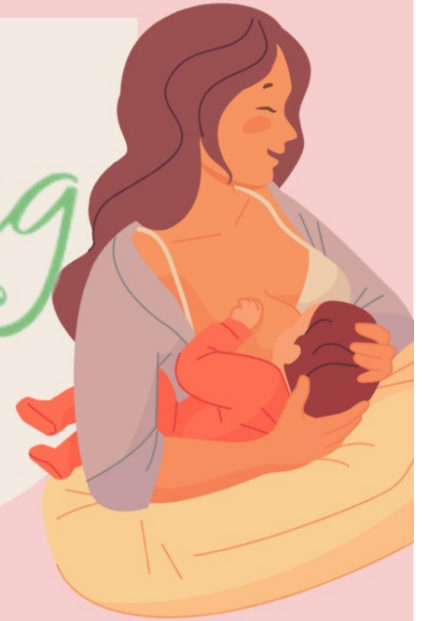
COMPLETE REQUEST

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!



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!!!*

For more information, please contact:

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Infant Toddler Coaching Specialist
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Reminder

Please be sure to update your WV STARS profile with current employment information as well as contact information, including a valid email address

Why is this important?

To receive confirmation that you are registered for a training.

To receive training handouts, resources, and links for virtual platforms.

To receive notifications regarding registration changes as well as cancelations.

To receive notification on additional training requirements.

For questions or assistance, please contact a member of the Professional Development Team or the WV STARS office.

Phone: 304-523-9540

Website: <https://www.linkccrr.org/>

FOOD REIMBURSEMENT



For information about enrolling in the Family Child Care Food Program to help with the costs of meals and snacks you serve the children in your care, please contact the following agency:



Central Child Care

Serving Boone & Logan Counties
(304) 382-0797

River Valley Family Child Care Food Program

Serving Cabell, Lincoln, Mason, Mingo,
Putnam & Wayne Counties
(304) 523-3417 ext.3446 or 1-304-751-5253

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CABELL WAYNE FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION



The Cabell Wayne Family Child Care Association would like to invite ALL providers from ALL counties to join. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Kathy Baker, President, at 304-638-7578, or email her at mrskathys@comcast.net so you can start receiving information about the Association and other helpful information. They would like to have all providers' email addresses, so please email Kathy at the address above to be added to the listserv. They hope to see lots of new providers at the meetings.



Are you interested in making \$6 more per child per day? If so, contact Kathy Baker at 304-638-7578 or email at mrskathys@comcast.net for more details.



ATTENTION CHILD CARE PROVIDERS & DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS:

The Authorization and Release for Protective Services Record Checks must be completed every 5 years.

Centers – all staff must have a current one on file
FCC – owner/operator and any staff must have one on file

The correct form must be used or it will be returned.
Your licensing or regulatory specialist can provide the correct form. You can also reach out to Cristie.R.Dunbar@wv.gov for a copy.

If you are unsure of your due date(s), contact your licensing or regulatory specialist.

**LINK CHILD CARE
RESOURCE &
REFERRAL**

Link Child Care Resource & Referral is a program of River Valley Child Development Services, Inc. and is being presented with financial assistance as a grant from the West Virginia Department of Human Services.

Visit us on the web:
www.linkccrr.org or
www.rvcds.org

COME SEE US!



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