

Celebrating Connections



Celebrating Connections 2024
Building Lifelong Learners: Constructing Solid Foundations for Young Children

April 24-26, 2024
Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center
Charleston, WV

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/20792>

REGULAR REGISTRATION RATES:

March 1 - March 31, 2024

Full Conference - \$250.00

Two Days - \$175.00

One Day - \$100.00

LATE REGISTRATION RATES:

April 1 - April 20, 2024

Full Conference - \$300.00

Two Days - \$225.00

One Day - \$150.00

Register at:

<https://www.eventsquid.com/>

[event.cfm?event_id=20792](https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?event_id=20792)

CCRC Office Locations

Hancock County -- DHHR Office

100 Municipal Plaza Weirton, WV

Wednesday Only - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Contact the Wheeling Office for Questions

Ohio & Marshall County

2000 Main Street, Suite 100

Wheeling, WV 26003

304-232-1603 or 800-585-1603

Marshall County - DHHR Office

400 Teletech Dr. Moundsville, WV

Wednesday Only - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Contact the Wheeling Office for Questions

Monongalia County

320 Scott Avenue

Morgantown, WV 26508

304-292-7357 or 888-272-7357

Marion County

320 Adams Street - Suite 106

Fairmont, WV 26554

304-366-3615

Tyler & Wetzel County

1236 N. State Route 2

New Martinsville, WV 26155

304-455-0920

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Friday - June 14th -- Behavioral Summit




ATTENTION CHILCARE WORKERS *save the date*

BEHAVIORAL SUMMIT

Presented by: **Child Care Resource Center**
Friday JUNE 14th All Day

Are behaviors stressing you out???

Expulsions... Suspensions... **HELP!!!!**

TRAUMA!! How can I help??!!?

Where's my support system?

STAY TUNED

More information coming soon on Time, Location, & Registration
Open to ALL child care providers in Region One
SPACE IS LIMITED



PEP Club

Providers Encouraging Providers
In Person - Wetzel County!



Wednesday - April 10, 2024

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

New Martinsville Library --- 160 Washington Street, New Martinsville

PEP Club is the place to be for Facility & Family Child Care Providers to meet, share ideas, participate in training and support one another!

Contact our TRAILS Department to register at 304-232-1603 or chris.l.gillis@wv.gov

Receive 1 hour of WV STARS Credit



Leadership Summit



Save the Date
Leadership Summit:
Program Administration
Tools for Higher Quality

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

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SCALE
MEASURING WHOLE LEADERSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS
Tari N. Tolan • Jill M. Belli • Paula Jordan Rhoads

Presented by the Quality Improvement Specialist Network

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

June | 27 or 28th | 2024

Bridgeport Conference Center
300 Conference Center Way
Bridgeport, WV 26330

This Summit is for
Child Care Center Directors/Administrators Only!

This is a One (1) Day Summit, you choose the date you want to attend.

Registration is **FREE**,
Space is Limited.

Additional Information will be coming in April.

Thursday, June 27th
OR
Friday, June 28th

Please Join Us

Child Care Director Professional Development



Wednesday - May 8, 2024

11:00 am to 12:00 pm --- Online

Quality Counts is an in depth look at program supports that are necessary to achieve and maintain quality childcare and the important role early childhood educators play within the process.

.5 hr Professionalism & Leadership --- .5 hr Administration & Management



Wednesday - May 15, 2024

11:00 am to 1:00 pm --- Online

Planning Your Professional Growth during this in-person, face to face training you will learn:

- Professional Development as it relates to Quality Child Care
- The Importance of Professional Development and Individual Planning
- Understanding WV Core Knowledge and Competencies
- How to make Professional Development Planning work for you

1 hr Professionalism & Leadership --- 1 hr Administration & Management



Wednesday - May 22, 2024

11:00 am - 1:00 pm --- Online

Utilizing the Environment Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality

is an overview of the newest versions of the Environmental Rating Scales, the scoring system, and how to use the information from the ERS self-assessments to enhance your program's quality.

1 hr Professionalism & Leadership --- 1 hr Administration & Management



If you are interested in attending one or all of these trainings, or have any questions, contact Lacy Gaston at 304-232-1603 or lacy.j.gaston@wv.gov



The Growing Brain Module Series Training In Person



This innovative training focuses on giving trainers evidence-informed strategies with which to prepare early childhood providers for their vital role in building healthy brains. The curriculum fills a unique niche by providing a comprehensive understanding of how the brain develops, along with ways the provider can encourage healthy brain development in children from birth to 5 years old.

Participants will learn skills and strategies for:

1. Teaching early childhood providers about brain development (architecture and neurobiology) to inform their practice.
2. Supporting language, cognition, prosocial behavior, and social-emotional development.
3. Reducing toxic stress that can negatively influence brain development of very young children.

The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old is comprised of seven 3-hour units.

- Unit 1: Brain Basics
- Unit 2: Factors Affecting Brain Growth and Development
- Unit 3: Communication and Language Development
- Unit 4: Cognition and Executive Function
- Unit 5: Social–Emotional Development
- Unit 6: Understanding Behavior
- Unit 7: The Everyday Play

Marion County CCRC

320 Adams Street, Suite 106
Fairmont

Hancock County Little Bear Millsop Gymnasium

1400 Legion Road
Weirton

All Classes Will Be Held 1- 4 pm

Session 1:	4/25/24	Thursday
Session 2:	5/2/24	Thursday
Session 3:	5/9/24	Thursday
Session 4:	5/16//24	Thursday
Session 5:	5/23/24	Thursday
Session 6:	5/30/24	Thursday
Session 7:	6/13/24	Thursday

This is an In-Person Training Event!

For More Information Please Contact

Sommer Robinson at

sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov or

304-366-3615



**These Classes Have Limited
Space Available!**

All Classes Will Be Held 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Session 1:	4/30/24	Tuesday
Session 2:	5/7/24	Tuesday
Session 3:	5/15/24	Wednesday
Session 4:	5/21/24	Tuesday
Session 5:	5/28/24	Tuesday
Session 6:	6/11/24	Tuesday
Session 7:	6/18/24	Tuesday

This is an In-Person Training Event!

For More Information Please Contact

Andrea Littleton at

andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov or

304-232-1603



CCRC Welcomes New Staff!



Early Childhood Specialist

Hi my name is **Katelin Flinn**. I joined the CCRC team on December 4th, 2023, as the Early Childhood Specialist. Before coming to CCRC, I worked in a child care center working mostly with school age. Upon graduating with my Bachelors in Child Development I became the director for the center I was employed. I stayed there for 7 years, but I ended up relocating to the Wheeling area after becoming engaged. I am excited to be a part of the CCRC team and I am looking forward to improving child care quality for my home state.

I will be located at the CCRC Wheeling office.
You can reach me at 304-232-1603 or katelin.m.flinn@wv.gov



Subsidy Child Care Specialist

Hi my name is **Sam Karrasch**. I joined the CCRC team on December 4th, 2023, as a Subsidy Child Care Specialist Case Worker. Before coming to CCRC I was a teacher at Sargus Juvenile Detention Center. I enjoy staying active and taking trips in the summer with friends and family. I also have a seven-year-old daughter who keeps me busy as she is involved with cheer and gymnastics. I am excited to be part of the CCRC team and look forward to getting to meet and know everyone.

I will be located at the CCRC Wheeling office.
You can reach me at 304-232-1603 or samuel.j.karrasch@wv.gov



Administrative Assistant

My name is **Stephanie Neyman** and I am very pleased to join the team in Morgantown as the Administrative Assistant. I have a degree in Accounting and Finance from Fairmont State University, and I have an 18 year old son and an almost 11 year old daughter. I am an animal lover and have 3 cats, 1 dog, and 2 guinea pigs. My daughter is a competitive dancer for Mindy's School of Dance and that takes up the majority of my time. I am looking forward to learning as much as possible from all of you.

I am located at the CCRC Morgantown office.
You can reach me at 304-292-7357 or stephanie.y.neyman@wv.gov



Making the Switch!



Provider Support Specialist

In February 2023 Carrie Gourley, now known as **Carrie Young**, *she recently got married*, joined the CCRC team as a Subsidy Child Care Specialist Case Worker. After learning more about CCRC and the different positions within the agency, Carrie decided to apply for the Provider Support Specialist position in October 2023. Carrie will assist individuals who wish to become child care providers. She will be able to help providers in understanding WV Child Care Licensing Regulations as well as background checks that go through WV CARES. Carrie will also be available to assist current child care providers with maintaining WV CARES background checks. Carrie will continue to assist the Subsidy Team with Case Management duties as needed.

Carrie is located at the CCRC Wheeling office.
You can reach her at 304-232-1603 or carrie.l.young@wv.gov

Family Child Care & Facility Providers

West Virginia Elements of Family Child Care Series

Beginning Thursday - April 18, 2024 -3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Child Care Resource Center - 2000 Main Street - Wheeling

In Person - Face to Face Training



The WV Elements of Family Child Care Series is a 7 week course that focuses on best practice, child development, organizing your home and day, as well as developing individual goals. This series is for family child care providers and facilities.

Participants will learn to implement the Creative Curriculum and evaluate their environment using the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale. Chris Gillis will also provide onsite Technical Assistance (TA).

Participants will receive 37 hours of WV STARS training credit.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS & DATES

Building a Firm Foundation - Thursday - April 18th

Participants will learn about the importance of using quality curriculum and how to evaluate the family child care environment. Each participant will learn how to develop a professional portfolio and will have the opportunity to build that portfolio throughout the course.

Knowing How Children Learn - Thursday - April 25th

This module will provide participants an overview of how children develop and learn from birth through three years.

Activities will be used to engage participants in learning developmental milestones and to learn about what to expect during these years.

Organizing your Day - Thursday - May 2nd

The purpose of this module is to help family child care providers create a developmentally appropriate program that meets the need of all children in the program. It will show participants how to organize and prepare their home and develop and plan their weeks.

What Children Are Learning (Part 1) - Thursday - May 9th

This module will discuss what kinds of experiences to offer children at each stage of development. It will specifically look at positive approaches to learning, language and literacy skills, mathematical relationships and exploring science.

What Children Are Learning (Part 2) - Thursday - May 16th

This module will specifically look at positive approaches to learning social studies and creative arts. Integrating learning with studies will also be discussed.

Caring & Teaching - Thursday - 23rd

This session will build upon prior modules and will present sound strategies for building relationships with children and families and guiding children's learning and behavior. Social/emotional development strategies will be covered along with ways to foster strong positive guidance.

Building a Partnership with Families - Thursday - May 30th

The purpose of this module is to present practical ideas to help family child care providers build and improve strong partnerships with families.

This Training Series is REQUIRED for the FAMILY CHILD CARE SPECIALIZATION

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 10 Participants!

Participants Completing the Series will Receive a Set of The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care



**For More Information or to
304-232-1603 or**

The Creative Curriculum®
for Family Child Care



**Register Contact Chris Gillis at
chris.l.gillis@wv.gov**

Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

PBIS Director Overview

Online



Wednesday - April 24, 2024

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

If a Child Care Center Employee registers for the Early Childhood PBIS module series, the Center Director must attend the PBIS Director Overview

A maximum of 2 employees per center will be permitted to register at this time -- I waitlist will be utilized if needed

For More Information Contact:

Melissa Cuppett, Behavior Consultant at 304-292-7357 or melissa.a.cuppett@wv.gov

Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (ECPBIS)

Online

The Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support Intervention and Support Series consists of five modules (two hours each) on social emotional development supports in all Early Childhood settings. The modules are based on the Pyramid Model, which follows the public health model of prevention, promotion, and intervention.

To receive ten hours of WV STARS credit, **all modules must be completed.**

Open only to **CHILD CARE Centers in Region I** who provide services to children (three to five years)

All Classes Will Be Held

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Session 1: 5/1/24 Wednesday

Session 2: 5/8/24 Wednesday

Session 3: 5/15/24 Wednesday

Session 4: 5/23/24 Thursday

Session 5: 5/29/24 Wednesday

This is an Online Training Event!

For More Information - Contact Melissa Cuppett, Behavior Consultant at 304-292-7357 or melissa.a.cuppett@wv.gov



This training is a requirement for the WV Child Care Credential Pre-School Specialization



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Tentatively Schedule to Begin in July 2024

For More Information or to place you or your staff on the waitlist, please contact Andrea Littleton at 304-232-1603 or andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov

This Training Series is **REQUIRED** for the **INFANT/TODDLER Specialization**



Making A Difference: Mandate to Report, Responsibility to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect



This training is offered online/on demand and is the approved course for childcare providers in recognizing, reporting and preventing child abuse and neglect.

Log on to your WV STARS account

Click on Course Catalog -- on the right side of the page there is a search box, type in **MANDATED REPORTER**



Making a Difference: Mandate to Report, Responsibility to

Get Item

This logo will pop-up, click on "Get Item" and follow the instructions to obtain the training.





Training Topics Offered April - May - June



Online Professional Development



April 24, 2024 (Wednesday)	Spreading HOPE	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
May 9, 2024 (Thursday)	ITERS-3 Overview	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 22, 2024 (Wednesday)	Understanding ACEs 101	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
May 23, 2024 (Thursday)	Infant/Toddler Creative Curriculum Overview	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 13, 2024 (Thursday)	Infant/Toddler Developmental Milestones	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



For Family Child Care & Facility Only

In Person Professional Development

WHEELING ---- May 14, 2024 (Tuesday)	Infant Feeding	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
MORGANTOWN ---- June 27, 2024 (Thursday)	Infant Feeding	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Training Descriptions

Infant Feeding - HSN - Basic Level -- Renee Stonebraker

This training discusses infant meal planning and how to introduce solid foods to infants

Infant/Toddler Creative Curriculum Overview - Environment & Curriculum - Basic Level -- Andrea Littleton

This training will provide a basic overview of the Infant/Toddler Creative Curriculum.

Infant/Toddler Developmental Milestones & Activities - CGD - Basic Level -- Andrea Littleton

In this training you will review developmental milestones of infants and toddlers and learn some new ways to interact and have fun with the children based on their level of development.

ITERS 3 Overview - CG&D - Environment & Curriculum - Basic Level -- Andrea Littleton

The Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-3 is designed to assess group programs for children Birth to 2 1/2 years of age. This training will provide an overview of the ITERS-3. **This training is geared to Center Directors and providers working with Infants and Toddlers**

Spreading Hope - CG&D; F&CP - Intermediate Level -- Linda Reeves

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.

Understanding ACEs 101 - CG&D - Basic Level -- Linda Reeves

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are potentially traumatic events that occur before a child reaches the age of 18. Such experiences can interfere with a person's health, opportunities, and stability throughout his or her lifetime. The Understanding ACEs 101 training will discuss ACEs and their impact on children and adults, introduce ways to overcome ACEs through resilience, and introduce strategies to prevent ACEs by shedding light on potential risk factors.

WV STARS Pathway to Earnings Enrollment Opens April 1, 2024!

Pathway to Earnings is a wage incentive program available to child care providers and directors working in a licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or registered family child care home. To view a listing of the certifications/degrees and award amounts please visit the WV STARS website <https://wvstars.org/>, click on the Earnings tab and then on the flyer. Applicants are eligible to apply once a year and after their initial award, are required to meet a renewal requirement. Pathway to Earnings is awarded based on funding availability.



To apply for Earnings, go to wvstart.org and click on the Earnings tab!

Child Care Nurse Health Consultant Online Training Medication Administration



April 2, 2024 (Tuesday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 April 8, 2024 (Monday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 April 22, 2024 (Monday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

May 23, 2024 (Thursday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 June 5, 2024 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 June 20, 2024 (Thursday) 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

SATURDAY TRAINING - May 4, 2024 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Health & Safety Training

April 3, 2024 (Wednesday)	Communicable Disease in Child Care	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 11, 2024 (Thursday)	Infection Control	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
April 16, 2024 (Tuesday)	Rashes & Scratches	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 8, 2024 (Wednesday)	Seizures	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 14, 2024 (Tuesday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 21, 2024 (Tuesday)	Communicable Disease in Child Care	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 11, 2024 (Tuesday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
June 18, 2024 (Tuesday)	Seizures	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 25, 2024 (Tuesday)	Communicable Disease in Child Care	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Karen Gilbert, RN, -- Nurse Health Consultant
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Lisa Galford, MSN, RN -- Nurse Health Consultant
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Renee Stonebraker, RS -- Child Care Health Educator
rstonebraker@rvcds.org Text/Call: 304-710-9695

CCHHE ONLINE TRAININGS

APRIL 4	Bed Bugs and Beyond 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Renee Stonebraker</small>
APRIL 18	Understanding Special Dietary Needs 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Renee Stonebraker</small>
APRIL 29	All that Sugar and Fat 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum</small>
MAY 7	Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Renee Stonebraker</small>
MAY 16	Oral Health 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum</small>
MAY 22	Fun and Healthy Snacks 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM <small>Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum</small>
JUNE 4	Let's Move 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Renee Stonebraker</small>
JUNE 13	Picky Eaters 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Renee Stonebraker</small>
JUNE 24	Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM <small>Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum</small>

Additional Training Available From the WV Child Care Health Educator

All That Sugar and Fat	Let's Move
Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs	New Recipe Ideas 1
Bed Bugs and Beyond	New Recipe Ideas 2
Being A Good Role Model	Oral Health
Breastfeeding Basics	Picky Eaters
Identifying Environmental Hazards 1	Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating
Identifying Environmental Hazards 2	Safe Sleep Practices
Indoor/Outdoor Safety	Stress Management
Let's Make a Menu	Understanding Special Dietary Needs

To request a specific training, please contact Renee

