

WV Child Care General Credential & Specializations

The Child Care Resource Center is Happy to Announce that 3 additional Child Care Providers have been approved for the WV General Child Care Credential!

General Credential

1. Jasmine Reynolds - King's Daughters Child Care
2. Connie Nutter - Morgantown ELF
3. Terra Crews - Holy Family Child Care
4. Jamie Remp - King's Daughters Child Care
5. Amanda Cronin - King's Daughters Child Care
6. Amanda Blatt - King's Daughters Child Care
7. Wendi Glover - Storybook Daycare
8. Stella Bryan - PLAYS Child Care
9. Bobbi McClelland - Storybook Daycare
10. Paula Volansky - Pleasant Day Schools
11. Shari McAllister - Little Bear Daycare
12. Ashley Cork - Little Bear Daycare
13. Sabrine Westfall - Little Bear Daycare
14. Robin Taylor - Little Bear Daycare
15. Jessica Smith - Little Bear Daycare
16. Sarah Freck - King's Daughters Child Care
17. Lindsey Kelly - Little Bear Daycare
18. Cynthia Wood - Little Bear Daycare
19. Cassandra Morell - Place of Grace ELC

General Credential Continued

20. Tiffany Gale - Miss Tiffany's School for Young Children (Facility)
21. Audra Billingsley - King's Daughters Child Care
22. Kaitlyn Harris - King's Daughters Child Care
23. Lisa Loughery - Suncrest Early Learning Center
24. Phyllis Agnew - Family Child Care
- 25. Ariel Cogar - Life Kids Child Development Center**
- 26. Tammy Cole - Learning Land Daycare & Preschool**
- 27. Julie Gale - Miss Tiffany's School for Young Children (Facility)**

Director Specialization

1. Jasmine Reynolds - King's Daughters Child Care
2. Jamie Remp - King's Daughters Child Care
3. Terra Crews - Holy Family Child Care



Infant/Toddler Specialization

1. Shari McAllister - Little Bear Daycare - Weirton



Please note that the names above may no longer be working at the child care listed. The child care next to the name is where they were working when they were approved for the credential/specialization.

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

The Marion County office is only open on

Mondays - Wednesdays and Fridays

(except on holidays)

until further notice

Tyler & Wetzel County

1236 N. State Route 2

New Martinsville, WV 26155

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Celebrating Connections Registration Opens December 2024



Join us in 2025 for information about practices, policies, planning, and research; to have the opportunity to network with other professionals; and participate in a diverse array of early childhood education discussions.



Melissa Cuppett - CCRC Behavior Consultant & Sommer Robinson - CCRC Early Childhood Specialist, will present **Creating Positive Environments to Encourage Appropriate Behaviors in Preschool Classrooms** on Wednesday, March 19th from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm -- they would love to see you there!

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center
Charleston, WV

This program is being presented with financial assistance as a grant from the West Virginia Department of Health, the West Virginia Department of Human Services, and the West Virginia Department of Education, and is administered by West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources, a program of River Valley Child Development Services.



WVIT I - R



Online

Online Classes Begin January 14, 2025

12:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Administrators Course - Online

January 9, 2025 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

AND

January 10, 2025 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Please note that WVIT Dates and/or Times may need to be rescheduled due to mandatory training/meetings for the Infant/Toddler Specialists.

Please contact:

Andrea Littleton - Infant/Toddler Specialist, if you would like to register or have questions **304-232-1603** or andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov



WVIT I or WVIT I - R is required for the WV Child Care Infant/Toddler Specialization Credential.

WVIT I - R Online Schedule

Session 1	Tuesday January 14
Session 2	Tuesday January 21
Session 3	Tuesday January 28
Session 4	Tuesday February 4
Session 5	Tuesday February 11
Session 6	Tuesday March 4
Session 7	Tuesday March 11
Session 8	Tuesday March 18
Session 9	Tuesday March 25
Session 10	Tuesday April 1
Session 11	Tuesday April 8
Session 12	Tuesday April 15
TACIT 1 Visits will occur 2-12-25 to 3-3-25	
TACIT 2 Visits will occur 4-16-25 to 5-2-25	



WVIT 2



WVIT 2 Will Be Held Virtually

If You Are A Child Care Provider In Region 1 and Meet The Requirements, You Can Participate in WVIT 2

Administrators Module:

Thursday - March 27, 2025 -- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Dates and Times for WVIT 2 to Be Announced Soon.

10 Classes in Total - No TACIT Visits

To register:

Please Contact Andrea at 304-232-1603 or andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov



Did you know most new parents return to work within the first year of their baby's life with little to no support through the breastfeeding process? The many benefits of breastfeeding for babies and mothers are immediate and long lasting. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), babies who are breastfed have a lower risk of: *Asthma Obesity - Type 1 diabetes Ear infections - Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) - Severe lower respiratory disease*

Childcare providers can play an important role in supporting a parent's choice to breastfeed. By earning the West Virginia Breastfeeding Friendly Childcare Designation, childcare providers commit to following best practices to support breastfeeding families and employees.

This program is open to all licensed childcare centers, registered facilities, and family child care providers.

Providers can receive start up materials and support from the Child Care Nurse Health Consultants, Child Care Health Educators, and Infant Toddler Coaching Specialists while completing the ten required steps for earning the designation.

After completion, each site will receive a bonus stipend and recognition at the Great Beginnings Infant/Toddler Conference or Celebrating Connections. Apply today using the QR code below!

For More Information Contact: Clarissa Wade at 304-366-3615 or clarissa.b.wade@wv.gov





Infant-Toddler PBIS Director Overview

Online



Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

If a Child Care Center Employee registers for the Infant/Toddler PBIS module series, the Center Director must attend the PBIS Director Overview

For More Information Contact:

Linda Reeves, Behavior Consultant at 304-232-1603 or linda.j.reeves@wv.gov

Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (ITPBIS)

Online

The Infant Toddler Positive Behavior Support Intervention and Support Series consists of five modules (two hours each) on social emotional development supports in all Infant Toddler child care 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 5 modules must be completed.** Upon successful completion of the modules, participants will receive classroom resources that support social emotional learning for infants and toddlers.

Open only to childcare providers in **Region I** who provide services to Infants and Toddlers (birth to 36 months)



All Classes Will Be Held

6:00 pm to 8:00pm

Session 1:	2/4/25	Tuesday
Session 2:	2/11/25	Tuesday
Session 3:	2/18/25	Tuesday
Session 4:	2/25/25	Tuesday
Session 5:	3/4/25	Tuesday

This is an **ONLINE** Training Event!

For More Information Contact:
Linda Reeves at 304-232-1603 or linda.j.reeves@wv.gov



Understanding ACEs 101

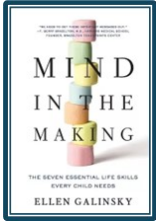
Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are potentially traumatic events that occur before a child reaches the age of 18. Such experiences can interfere with a person's health, opportunities, and stability throughout his or her lifetime. The Understanding ACEs 101 training will discuss ACEs and their impact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

Presented By: Linda Reeves, Behavior Consultant

Date: February 26, 2025 (Wednesday)

Location: Central Elementary School --- 750 Tomlinson Ave. --- Moundsville, WV

Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm



Mind In The Making! Virtual



Mind in the Making is an 8 week **ONLINE** learning process that uses research on children’s development, including classic and recent studies on how children learn and how teaching can encourage engaged learning.

Overview Session for Center and Facility Director’s

Wednesday - January 22, 2025 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

The overview session is mandatory for child care center/facility directors to attend before a staff person can attend.
All Directors sending staff to Mind in the Making Must Attend the Overview, even if you attended in the past.
Directors who sent staff to the Mind in the Making in October 2022 or after and attended the Directors Overview DO NOT need to attend.

All Classes Will Be Held 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Session 1:	1/23/25	Thursday
Session 2:	1/30/25	Thursday
Session 3:	2/6/25	Thursday
Session 4:	2/13/25	Thursday
Session 5:	2/20/25	Thursday
Session 6:	2/27/25	Thursday
Session 7:	3/6/25	Thursday
Session 8:	3/13/25	Thursday

Mind in the Making is required for the WV Childcare Preschool Specialization Credential.



For More Information or to Register:
 Contact **Katelin Flinn** at katelin.m.flinn@wv.gov
 or 304-232-1603



CCHE ONLINE

January 9	Picky Eaters 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 13	All That Sugar and Fat 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 28	Oral Health 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
February 6	Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
February 13	Let’s Move 6:30pm - 8:30 pm
February 24	Let’s Make a Menu 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 4	Identifying Environmental Hazards 1 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 13	Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 24	Identifying Environmental Hazards 2 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**

Renee Stonebraker, RS -- Child Care Health Educator
rstonebraker@rvcds.org Text/Call: 304-710-9695

CCRC Welcomes New Staff!



Infant - Toddler Specialist

Hi, my name is Tonia Ross. I have recently joined the CCRC team as the Infant Toddler Specialist. I have almost 10 years of childcare experience, WV Stars, ACDS, and WVIT I.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from Fairmont University.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and pets. I love to read, reading lets me explore places or cultures I may never get to in real life. I will always promote reading; it can be an amazing way to see the world.

I am excited to continue my career in early childhood. I am looking forward to working with providers and caregivers continuing their education in early childhood.

My office is located in Fairmont, you can reach me at (304)366-3615 or

tonia.l.ross@wv.gov



Child Care Specialist

My name is Bailey Hillegas. I grew up in Northern Virginia, right outside of Washington D.C. I came to West Virginia in 2016 to pursue my undergraduate degree in Child Development and Family Studies at West Virginia University. Since graduating in 2020, I have worked as a Pre-K teacher with Head Start as well as a Developmental Specialist with Birth to Three. I am looking forward to my new role as a Child Care Specialist in the Fairmont office.

Some of my favorite things to do are skiing, hiking, traveling, spending time with my friends, family and golden retriever, Brecken.

I am excited to join the CCRC team! I am looking forward to working with families and being a support for them.

My office is located at the Fairmont CCRC location. You can reach me at

304-366-3615 or bailey.a.hillegas@wv.gov



Child Care Specialist

Hello! My name is Ariel Cogar and I am one of the new case managers in the Fairmont office at CCRC. I studied Child Development at Fairmont State University and received both my Bachelor's and Associate's degrees in the Early Childhood field.

My career has led me to be WV PreK teacher for 8 years, an Education Program Specialist for 3 years and most recently, a Director of a child care center for the past 2 years.

My husband and I have been married for 7 years and I am a mother of 2 handsome boys. I enjoy being at the beach, all things Disney and I'm a huge fan of musicals! I look forward to working with you! You can reach me at 304-366-3615

or ariel.n.cogar@wv.gov.



Welcome
Glad you're here!



Family & Facility Professional Development PEP Club

Providers Encouraging Providers



In Person - New Martinsville Public Library

Tuesday - February 11, 2025

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

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

T.R.I.P (Traveling Resources for Infants Program)

Attention family child care providers!

We want to support you in your many roles as you care for and support infants and toddlers. The Traveling Resources for Infants Program, TRIP, is an important part of the support system created to help family child care providers across the state of West Virginia by providing high quality materials and training. Our infant toddler coaching specialist, in collaboration with your TRAILS team, is available to meet with you to discuss your needs and provide individualized support.

If you are interested in learning more about ways to support infant/toddler development, health and safety, or to access additional materials for use in your setting please reach out today!

Contact Clarissa Wade, Infant Toddler Coaching Specialist, through email at clarissa.b.wade@wv.gov or by phone at 304-366-3615.

Child Care Director Professional Development



Quality Counts

Why does high - quality childcare matter?

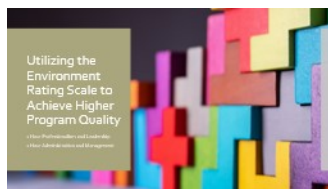
Because the need for quality childcare has never been greater!

But what does it look like in our state? And how can we help?

Through group discussion and the use of media, early childhood educators will examine program supports that are necessary to achieve and maintain quality childcare and the important role they play within the process.

Online Training

Tuesday - January 28, 2025 --- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm



Utilizing the Environment Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality

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

Online Training

Wednesday - February 5, 2025 --- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm





Emergency Preparedness Training



IN PERSON - Morgantown CCRC

Thursday - January 16, 2025 -- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

For More Information or to Register - Contact **Sommer Robinson** at 304-366-3615-1603 or sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov

IN PERSON - Fairmont CCRC

Wednesday - January 22, 2025 -- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

For More Information or to Register - Contact **Sommer Robinson** at 304-366-3615-1603 or sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov

IN PERSON - Wheeling CCRC

Wednesday - March 26, 2025 -- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

For More Information or to Register - Contact **Katelin Flinn** at 304-232-1603 or katelin.m.flinn@wv.gov

Emergency Preparedness helps individuals prepare for instances where they may need to follow emergency plans including updated emergency contact information as well as recognize the importance of including health and safety precautions in daily routines, drills, and emergency situations.

This class is required for the WV Child Care Credential Director Specialization and will consist of a One-Hour individual TA visit in order to receive credit.



Coming Soon - 2 New Professional Development Opportunities

Clarissa Wade, the CCRC Infant/Toddler Coaching Specialist is in the process of developing the **ABC's of Behavior for Infants and Toddlers**. This will be an online/virtual training.

Clarissa and Bryanna Gum, the CCRC Child Care Coaching Specialist are working on **Practice-Based Coaching**, an in-person/face to face training to be held in the Fairmont/Morgantown area.

Official Announcements about these opportunities will be posted on our Facebook page and sent out on our Listserv.

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



WV STARS Pathway to Earnings

Enrollment Opens April 1, 2025!

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 wvstars.org and click on the Earnings tab!





Training Topics Offered January - February - March



Online Professional Development

January 14, 2025 (Tuesday)	Creating An Autism Friendly Classroom	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
January 23, 2025 (Thursday)	Ready, Set, Read	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
February 6, 2025 (Thursday)	Using Natural and Logical Consequences	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
February 13, 2025 (Thursday)	Teaching Diversity & Inclusion to Preschoolers	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 12, 2025 (Wednesday)	Include Me! A Guide to Inclusive Child Care	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Training Descriptions

Creating An Autism Friendly Classroom - CG&D - Environment & Curriculum; - Basic Level -- Melissa Cuppett

This training is for early childhood educators seeking information on creating an autism friendly classroom through the use of visual schedules, social stories, calm down corners and more. This training was created for educators working with children in preschool/pre-k/school age classrooms.

Include Me! A Guide to Inclusive Child Care -- CG&D -- Environment & Curriculum -- Basic Level -- Linda Reeves

Early care & education programs provide a playful and natural environment for all children to grow and develop. The opportunity for children with disabilities to participate in these experiences with other children has great value. This training will focus on an overview of young children with disabilities, what inclusion in early care and education looks like, benefits of inclusion, working with specialists, and examples of inclusive early care and education strategies. This training is for anyone working with children birth-6 years of age in childcare settings.

Ready, Set, Read! - CG&D -- Basic Level -- Chris Gillis

Participants will learn how literacy begins to develop in the earliest years. Promoting literacy at an early age gives children the best start in their early years and is critical to developing vocabulary and building knowledge. We will discuss the benefits of early introduction to books.

Teaching Diversity & Inclusion to Preschoolers -- CG&D -- En. & Curriculum -- Basic Level-- Sommer Robinson

This two-hour online training will help preschool educators learn tips and tricks for developing a classroom that promotes Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion. Participants will gain knowledge about classroom items including books, posters, songs and activities to promote. Participants will be engaged in large group discussions as well as small breakout group activities to work with and learn from others.

Using Natural and Logical Consequences - Environment & Curriculum -- Basic Level -- Melissa Cuppett

This training was designed to help early childhood educators understand the difference between logical and natural consequences and to be able to allow children to experience natural consequences to guide them to making appropriate choices but also using logical consequences as needed to promote the social and emotional development of children while preventing future challenging behaviors.

Child Care Nurse Health Consultant Online Training

Medication Administration

Participants will be introduced to safe medication handling and administration practices. This training is required for providers to administer medication to children in the childcare setting.




January 6, 2025 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 17, 2025 (Friday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 23, 2025 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
February 3, 2025 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
February 11, 2025 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
February 19, 2025 (Wednesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 10, 2025 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 20, 2025 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 22, 2025 (Saturday)	8:00 am - 11:00 am

Child Care Nurse Health Consultant Online Training

Health & Safety

January 7, 2025 (Tuesday)	Ear Infections	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
January 21, 2025 (Tuesday)	Infection Control	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
January 22, 2025 (Wednesday)	Morning Health Checks	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
January 27, 2025 (Monday)	Communicable Diseases	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
January 30, 2025 (Thursday)	Medical Action Plans	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
February 20, 2025 (Thursday)	Ear Infections	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
February 25, 2025 (Tuesday)	Infection Control	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
February 26, 2025 (Wednesday)	Morning Health Checks	12:00 pm - 1:00pm
February 27, 2025 (Thursday)	Medical Action Plans	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
March 3, 2025 (Monday)	Communicable Diseases	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 5, 2025 (Wednesday)	Respiratory Infections	7:00 pm - 8:00pm
March 11, 2025 (Tuesday)	Ear Infections	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 18, 2025 (Tuesday)	Infection Control	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
March 24, 2025 (Monday)	Morning Health Checks	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
March 25, 2025 (Tuesday)	Medical Action Plans	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm





West Virginia Child Care Nurse Health Consultants
A Program of River Valley Child Development Services

Allison Harker - RN -- Nurse Health Consultant
aharker@rvcds.org
 Text/Call: 304-840-2482

Training Topic	Training Description
Communicable Diseases	Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.
Ear Infections	Information about why children are prone to ear infections. Signs and symptoms of ear infections and information about exclusion criteria.
Infection Control	Basic information about infection control concerns in the childcare setting. Information provided includes hand washing, sanitation and disinfection principles, and universal/standard precautions
Medical Action Plans	This training discusses the need for a document that outlines modifications that a child with special medical needs requires
Morning Health Checks	Explanation about what a morning health check is as well as how one is conducted
Respiratory Infections	Basic information about the anatomy of the respiratory system and how it functions. Also includes information relating to many common infections including colds, influenza and RSV.