



# The Quality Times

2nd Quarter Fall Edition - 2023/2024



**REGISTER NOW**

## Great Beginnings

INFANT/TODDLER CONFERENCE

**Thursday - Friday - Saturday**  
**September 28th - 29th - 30th**  
**Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place**  
**Two Waterfront Place - Morgantown, WV 26501**  
**304-296-1700**

### What You Need to Know:

All sessions and presenters will be in person. Anyone working with the infant/toddler age group is welcome to attend including Child Care Providers, Early Head Start, WV Birth to Three, WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association members and WV Home Visitation Program.

Licensed child care programs, regulated facilities and family child care providers may be eligible to receive resources from the Model Rooms when attendance requirements are met.

A variety of sessions are offered for the newest of providers to the more seasoned providers.

Many sessions may be of particular interest to Directors & Administrators.

Please contact your local Infant/Toddler Specialist or the WV Infant/Toddler Specialist Network for more information:

#### Wheeling Area

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#### Morgantown/Fairmont Area

**Tiffany Kiess**

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[www.wvitt.org](http://www.wvitt.org)



## Family Child Care Conference

**Saturday - November 4, 2023**

**Robert H. Mollohan Research Center**

**1000 Galliher Drive - Fairmont, WV 26554**

**REGISTER NOW!**



### TOPIC: The Key to Quality: Quality Through the Use of a Curriculum

\* Attendees Must be a Family Child Care Provider or Facility Staff

\* This Event Meets the Requirement for Tier 2 Reimbursement Status

\* You Will Receive 7 WV STARS Hours if You Attend the Entire Day of Training

\* The Conference will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm -- Lunch Provided

**Registration Deadline is Monday - October 30, 2023**

**Please contact your local TRAILS Team for More Information:**

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### 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**

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**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

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# West Virginia Association for Young Children

## Directors' Retreat

November 9th & 10th, 2023

Stonewall Resort

940 Resort Drive - Roanoke, WV 26447

304-269-7400

Registration Opens  
Friday, September 8th

### Top 6 Reasons to Attend the WVAYC Directors' Retreat

- 1. Connect:** Join your peers and network with others in the early childhood field. Connect through shared experiences and build lasting professional relationships.
- 2. Learn:** Attend sessions led by experienced early care and education professionals on topics related to managing and working in high quality child care programs.
- 3. Get A Headshot:** Get a FREE professional headshot! Your headshot can be used to update your program's website, social media and program employee bulletin boards.
- 4. Meet Leadership:** Meet the President, Board of Directors and Executive Director of the West Virginia Association for Young Children and learn how you can get involved!
- 5. Join Us:** Your Directors' Retreat registration fee includes an annual membership to the West Virginia association for Young Children and the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
- 6. Relax & Reflect:** The retreat takes place at a beautiful waterfront location surrounded by nature. Take time to enjoy what our wonderful state has to offer.



For More Information Please Visit the  
West Virginia Association for Young Children website,  
[www.wvayc.net](http://www.wvayc.net) or like them on Facebook at  
West Virginia Association for Young Children



### Save the Date!

#### Celebrating Connections 2024

April 24, 25, 26 - 2024

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center Charleston, WV



#### Registration Opens January 2024

Join us for a great lineup of speakers from across the country and right here in West Virginia,  
Registration for Celebrating Connections will be electronic,  
therefore no programs will be mailed out without a specific request.

## WV STARS Pathway to Earnings Enrollment Opens October 1, 2023!



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](http://wvstart.org) and click on the Earnings tab!

## WVIT II

### Morgantown/Fairmont

WVIT II will be held **IN PERSON** at the Morgantown CCRC Office

Administrators Course - Tuesday, November 21, 2023 ---- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Caregiver Course Begins - Tuesday, November 28, 2023 ---- 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Please contact **Tiffany Kiess - Infant/Toddler Specialist**, if you have questions or to place yourself or a staff member on the waitlist **304-366-3615** or [tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov](mailto:tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov)

## WVIT I - R

Online

*January 2024*

Caregiver Course Begins - Wednesday, January 10, 2023 ---- 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Please contact **Andrea Littleton - Infant/Toddler Specialist**, if you have questions or to place yourself or a staff member on the waitlist **304-232-1603** or [andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov](mailto:andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov)

**Additional Information Will Be Shared In the Winter Newsletter Available December 1, 2023**

## WVIT II

Online

*January 2024*

Caregiver Course Begins - Monday, January 22, 2023 ---- 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Please contact **Andrea Littleton - Infant/Toddler Specialist**, if you have questions or to place yourself or a staff member on the waitlist **304-232-1603** or [andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov](mailto:andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov)

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## Family Child Care & Facility Providers

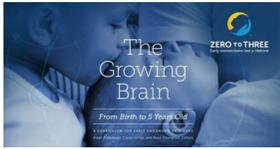
Please Join Us on Tuesday, December 19th -- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Topic of Discussion/Training: Infant-Toddler Development**

This is an In Person Training being held at the Child Care Resource Center

Contact Chris Gillis  
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# The Growing Brain Module Series Training In Person CCRC - Wheeling Office



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

### All Classes Will Be Held 12 to 3 pm

<b>Session 1:</b>	10/5/23	Thursday
<b>Session 2:</b>	10/12/23	Thursday
<b>Session 3:</b>	10/16/23	Monday
<b>Session 4:</b>	10/26/23	Thursday
<b>Session 5:</b>	11/2/23	Thursday
<b>Session 6:</b>	11/6/23	Monday
<b>Session 7:</b>	11/13/23	Monday

**This is an In-Person Training Event!**



### For More Information

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**PLEASE NOTE**



The Growing Brain module series has replaced Mind in the Making for the WV Childcare General Credential beginning October 2023. Mind in the Making will be required for the WV Childcare Preschool Specialization Credential which is yet to be released.



## CCRC Welcomes Subsidy Case Manager to the Fairmont Office!

Howdy! My name is Stacy Wilson. I am a proud mom to a five-year-old year super star, named Olivia. My best friend is my husband, Rob and we have a crazy doggo, Tommy.

We live in Fairmont, WV.

I joined CCRC as a subsidy Case Manager, on 07/24/2023. Before joining this line of social work, I was a Vocational Director for six years; our mission was to help individuals with unique abilities, find employment and meaningful activities in their daily lives.

I obtained a BFA in Theater- Acting and Directing and an MA in Leadership Studies: Public Sector, both from Marshall University. I have a passion for helping people, (as we all do from time-to-time) and after joining AmeriCorps's in 2010, I realized I also wanted to be part of an organization that helps the community. I'm very happy to have found my place here.

My office is located in Fairmont. You can reach me at 304-366-3615 or [stacy.a.wilson@wv.gov](mailto:stacy.a.wilson@wv.gov)



**Stacy Wilson**



# WV Child Care Credential



The Division of Early Care and Education understands the importance of the work you do, and it wants to help produce the best caregivers and child care programs possible for West Virginia families. With that in mind, the Division of Early Care and Education has created a voluntary program, the **West Virginia Child Care Credential**, that recognizes individual child care providers who go beyond the requirements of State licensing and registration regulations for training, education, and experience.

**The four major goals of the Credential Program are to:**

- Help develop a professional workforce qualified to provide care for young learners
- Improve your status and compensation
- Recognize your professional learning and ongoing education toward new innovations in child care and early learning
- Give you a structure for growth

If you see this symbol next to a listed training, it indicates that the training meets the requirement for the Child Care Credential

Specific requirements are necessary to receive the credential -- For more information please visit our website at [ccrcwv.org](http://ccrcwv.org)

Click on the Providers Tab, then click on the Child Care Credential Tab

## October, November, December Training Calendar

To register please visit [www.wvstars.org](http://www.wvstars.org)

### Online Professional Development

	October 10, 2023 (Tuesday)	Natural vs Logical Consequences	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
	October 24, 2023 (Tuesday)	Spreading HOPE	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
	November 14, 2023 (Tuesday)	Teamwork! Working Together to Make it Work	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
	November 29, 2023 (Wednesday)	Understanding ACEs 101	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
	December 12, 2023 (Tuesday)	Surviving Holiday Stress with Young Children	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
	December 19, 2023 (Tuesday)	Creating a Self-Care Plan for YOU!	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



### Emergency Preparedness Training December 2023

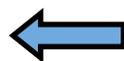
More Information Will Be Shared As It Becomes Available

### 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



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



# Training Topics Offered October - November - December



## **Creating a Self-Care Plan for YOU! - HSN/Prof. & Leadership --Basic Level -- Melissa Cuppett**

Self-Care is more than just taking a bubble bath or going for a walk, it is the practice of taking an active role in one's own well-being and happiness, especially during times of stress. This two-hour training will help early childhood educators understand the different types of self-care and how to put a self-care plan into place while at home and work.

## **Natural vs Logical Consequences - Environment & Curriculum -- Basic Level -- Melissa Cuppett**

This is a training for early childhood educators wanting to better understand the differences between logical and natural consequences and how to use them in a child care setting.

## **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.

## **Surviving Holiday Stress with Young Children - CG&D; F&CP -Basic Level -- Linda Reeves**

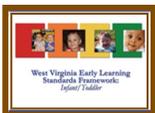
The holiday season can be a happy and exciting time, especially with young children. But for many people, both young and old, the holidays can also be very stressful and overwhelming. This online training will explore strategies for childcare providers (centers, facilities and family childcare homes) and families to have a simpler and happier holiday season with young children. Open to all who provide services to children and families in early care and education settings.

## **Teamwork! Working Together to Make it Work! - Envir. & Curriculum/CGD --Basic Level -- Melissa Cuppett**

This training is for beginning early childhood educators looking for tips, tricks, and positive ways to work together in Child Care Centers. During this two-hour training the presenter and participants will discuss the importance of professionalism, self-care, and ways to build strong relationships with coworkers

## **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 Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler with Lesson Planning Online Training**



This is a six-hour module series, broken up into 3, 3-hour classes. This course will provide an opportunity to explore the WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Infants & Toddlers by focusing on two developmental domains each class. Each class will discuss the purpose, content, application and benefits of the learning standards, as well as, how to incorporate each domain into a lesson plan. By the end of the module series, you will have a detailed explanation of how the early learning standards work and how to incorporate them into a complete lesson plan for infants and toddlers. Upon completion you will be eligible for resources directly linked to the WV ELSF for Infants and Toddlers.

### **Participant Sessions**

Tuesday - December 5	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tuesday - December 12	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tuesday - December 19	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

For More Information or to Register,

please contact

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*This training will be required if you plan to apply for the WV Child Care Infant/Toddler Specialization Credential*

# Child Care Nurse Health Consultant & Child Care Health Educator Online Trainings

Nurse Health Consultant = NHC    Child Health Educator = CCHE

## Health & Safety Training

October 2, 2023 (Monday)	Medical Action Plans	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	NHC
October 3, 2023 (Tuesday)	Bed Bugs & Beyond	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE
October 12, 2023 (Tuesday)	Oral Health	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
October 17, 2023 (Tuesday)	Understanding Special Dietary Needs	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHC
October 19, 2023 (Thursday)	Communicable Disease	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	NHC
October 23, 2023 (Monday)	Infection Control	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
October 25, 2023 (Wednesday)	All That Sugar & Fat	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHC
November 7, 2023 (Tuesday)	Oral Health	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
November 28, 2023 (Tuesday)	Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	CCHE
November 29, 2023 (Wednesday)	Beans...More than Just Cute Songs	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE
December 4, 2023 (Monday)	Communicable Disease	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	NHC
December 5, 2023 (Tuesday)	Identifying Environmental Hazards 1	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE
December 6, 2023 (Wednesday)	Medical Action Plans	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	NHC
December 7, 2023 (Thursday)	Oral Health	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC

## Medication Administration - NHC

## Super Saturday - Online November 4, 2023

October 4, 2023 (Wednesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
October 16, 2023 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
October 26, 2023 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
November 6, 2023 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>November 18, 2023 (Saturday)</b>	<b>5:30 pm - 8:30 pm</b>
November 30, 2023 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
December 12, 2023 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Communicable Diseases	8:00 am - 10:00 am	NHC
Ear Infections	10:15 am - 11:15 am	NHC
Dealing with Lice	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	NHC
Let's Move	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	CCHE
Oral Health	3:15 pm - 5:15 pm	CCHE



## Lunchtime Learning



November 1, 2023 (Wednesday)	Medical Action Plans	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	NHC
November 14, 2023 (Tuesday)	Infection Control	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	NHC
November 15, 2023 (Wednesday)	Picky Eaters	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	CCHE
December 13, 2023 (Wednesday)	Nutrition Basics	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	CCHE
December 14, 2023 (Thursday)	Infection Control	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	NHC
December 20, 2023 (Wednesday)	Identifying Environmental Hazards 2	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	CCHE



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**Renee Stonebraker, RS -- Child Care Health Educator**  
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## Training Available From the WV Child 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 Stonebraker at: 304-710-9696 or  
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Concerned about your  
 child's development?

**Get help early!**

Call 1-866-321-4728  
[www.WVDHHR.org/Birth23](http://www.WVDHHR.org/Birth23)



Services are provided in the child's natural  
 environment & at no cost to families.  
 Eligibility is not based on income.

WV Birth to Three RAU-I is a program of: Catholic Charities West Virginia

WV Birth to Three services and supports are provided under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and administered through the WV Department of Health and Human Services Office of Maternal Child and Family Health.

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**The CCRC Satellite Offices Have REOPENED In Hancock & Marshall Counties**

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100 Municipal Plaza - Weirton  
 Wednesday Only  
 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Marshall County DHHR**

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 Wednesday Only  
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Please Contact the Wheeling CCRC Office If You Have Questions**



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 Wheeling, WV 26003