



Celebrating Connections

Wednesday - Thursday - Friday

April 24th, 25th & 26th

2024!

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

Charleston, West Virginia

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 Child Care Credential & Specializations



The Division of Early Care & Education is pleased to announce West Virginia Child Care Credential Specializations!

Once you have attained your West Virginia Child Care General Credential, child care providers can continue their journey with a Specialization in the following areas:

- Director's Specialization – for child care program directors/administrators
- Infant Toddler Specialization – for caregivers working with Infants and Toddlers
- Preschool Specialization – for caregivers working with Preschoolers
- Family Child Care Specialization - for Family Home Child Care providers

If you are applying for a Specialization, you need a total of 18 months employment in the Specialization you are applying for. For example, if you are applying for the Director Specialization, you must have worked at least 18 months as a Director or Administrator in a Child Care Setting.

The Division of Early Care and Education understands the importance of the work you do, and they want to help produce the best caregivers and child care programs possible for West Virginia families.

CCRC would also like to Congratulate the 19 Child Care Providers who have applied and been approved for the WV Child Care General Credential!



For More Information:

Please Contact Cathy Knox - Professional Development Team Supervisor at cathy.j.knox@wv.gov or 304-232-1603

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

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WVIT I - R

Both Wheeling & Morgantown/Fairmont Classes Will Be Held Online

Wheeling

Administrators Module -- Must Attend Both Sessions

Thursday - January 4, 2024 -- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday - January 5, 2023 -- 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

WVIT I - R

First Class - Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 12:00 pm ~ 3:30 pm

12 Classes in Total with 2 TACIT Visits

For the full schedule, or to register

Please Contact Andrea at 304-232-1603 or

andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov

Morgantown/Fairmont

Administrators Module -- Must Attend Both Sessions

Tuesday- January 23, 2024 -- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursday - January 25, 2024 -- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

WVIT I - R

First Class - Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 4:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

12 Classes in Total with 2 TACIT Visits

For the full schedule or to register

Please Contact Tiffany to Register 304-366-3615 or

tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov

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 -- Must Attend Both Sessions

Thursday - February 1, 2024 -- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday - February 2, 2024 -- 9:00 am to 11:00 am

WVIT 2

First Class - Monday, February 5, 2024 - 12:00 pm ~ 3:30 pm

10 Classes in Total - No TACIT Visits

For the full schedule, or to register

Please Contact Andrea at 304-232-1603 or

andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov

CCRC Welcomes Lacy Gaston as the Quality Improvement Specialist!



Hello! My name is Lacy Gaston. I joined the CCRC team on November 6th, 2023, as the Quality Improvement Specialist. I am married and have a daughter.

Before coming to CCRC, I have been working with children and families for the last 10 years as a Family Resource Advocate and a Program Coordinator.

I am excited to be a part of the CCRC team and I am looking forward to meeting everyone!

I will be located at the CCRC Wheeling office.

You can reach me at 304-233-1603 or lacy.j.gaston@wv.gov



Family Child Care & Facility Providers



Providers Encouraging Providers

In Person - Marion County!

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

CCRC Office --- 320 Adams Street, Suite 106 - Fairmont

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

Our new Quality Improvement Specialist, Lacy Gaston, will be the special guest

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

Receive 1 hour of WV STARS Credit

Quality Environments: FCCERS 3 - Overview Online



Thursday, March 7, 2024

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

This training will introduce family child care providers to the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale. The training will discuss how the FCCERS-3 is used in environments, why WV uses the scale and how it relates to the Tiered Reimbursement Program in WV. Family Child Care providers will get a basic understanding of the FCCERS and be presented with the opportunity to further training in this area

Contact Chris Gillis for more information or to register 304-232-1603 or chris.l.gillis@wv.gov

Receive 2 hours of WV STARS Credit

Infant-Toddler Developmental Milestones & Activities Online

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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.

Receive 2 hours of WV STARS Credit

For More Information or to Register
Please Contact One of The CCRC Team Members:

Chris at 304-232-1603 or chris.l.gillis@wv.gov

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

Tiffany at 304-366-3615 or
tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov



Education begins the moment we see children as innately wise and capable beings.

Only then can we play along in their world.

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Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

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 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 Infants and Toddlers (birth to two years)

All Classes Will Be Held

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Session 1:	2/27/24	Tuesday
Session 2:	3/5/24	Tuesday
Session 3:	3/12/24	Tuesday
Session 4:	3/19/24	Tuesday
Session 5:	3/26/24	Tuesday

This is an ONLINE Training Event!

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



This training is a requirement for the WV Child Care Credential Infant/Toddler Specialization



PBIS Director Overview

Online



Tuesday, February 20, 2024

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

If a Child Care Center Employee registers for the Infant/Toddler PBIS or 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

For More Information Contact:

Linda Reeves, Behavior Consultant at 304-232-1603 or linda.j.reeves@wv.gov or
Melissa Cuppett, Behavior Consultant at 304-292-7357 or melissa.a.cuppett@wv.gov

Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (ECPBIS)

IN PERSON - CCRC Morgantown

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 Infants and Toddlers (three to five years)

All Classes Will Be Held

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Session 1:	3/12/24	Tuesday
Session 2:	3/19/23	Tuesday
Session 3:	3/26/24	Tuesday
Session 4:	4/224	Tuesday
Session 5:	4/9/24	Tuesday

This is an IN PERSON 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



Emergency Preparedness Training IN PERSON – All 3 Locations

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’s Specialization and will consist of individual TA visits in order to receive credit.



CCRC Morgantown	January 18, 2024	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CCRC Wheeling	February 29, 2024	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CCRC Fairmont	March 2024	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
	Date To Be Announced	



WV Child Care General 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 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 contact Cathy Knox - Professional Development Team Supervisor at 304-232-1603 or cathy.j.knox@wv.gov

Director Information

Please watch your emails for information about upcoming trainings. As soon as our new Quality Improvement Specialist, Lacy Gaston is trained and becomes more familiar with the Director’s trainings you will be notified by email on what is 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



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 January - February - March



Online Professional Development



January 24, 2024 (Wednesday)

Spreading HOPE

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



February 28, 2024 (Wednesday)

Understanding ACEs 101

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Training Descriptions

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

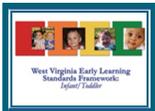
Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are potentially traumatic events that occur before a child reaches the age of 18. Such experiences can interfere with a person’s health, opportunities, and stability throughout his or her lifetime. The Understanding ACEs 101 training will discuss ACEs and their impact 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!



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

Monday, March 11, 2024	4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Monday, March 18, 2024	4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For More Information or to Register,
please contact

Tiffany Kiess at 304-366-3615 or
tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov



This training is a requirement for the WV Child Care Credential Infant Toddler Specialization

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

Nurse Health Consultant = NHC Child Care Health Educator = CCHE

Medication Administration - NHC

January 4, 2024 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 16, 2024 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 29, 2024 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
February 12, 2024 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

February 29, 2024 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<u>March 9, 2024 (Saturday)</u>	<u>8:00 am - 11:00 am</u>
March 19, 2024 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Health & Safety Training

January 8, 2024 (Monday)	Let's Make a Menu	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	CCHE
January 9, 2024 (Tuesday)	Ear Infections	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
January 23, 2024 (Wednesday)	Safe Sleep Practices	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE
January 25, 2024 (Thursday)	Infection Control	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
February 1, 2024 (Thursday)	New Recipe Ideas 1	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHC
February 6, 2024 (Tuesday)	Communicable Disease	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	NHC
February 8, 2024 (Thursday)	Respiratory Illnesses	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
February 15, 2024 (Thursday)	Ear Infections	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
February 27, 2024 (Tuesday)	New Recipe Ideas 2	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHC
March 4, 2024 (Monday)	Stress Management	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE
March 12, 2024 (Tuesday)	Communicable Disease	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	NHC
March 14, 2024 (Thursday)	Respiratory Illnesses	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	NHC
March 26, 2024 (Tuesday)	Breastfeeding Basics	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	CCHE



Lunchtime Learning



January 18, 2024 (Thursday)	What Can A Child Care Nurse Health Consultant & a Child Care Health Educator Do for You?	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	NHC/CCHE
January 23, 2024 (Tuesday)	Respiratory Illnesses	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	NHC
January 31, 2024 (Wednesday)	Infant Feeding	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	CCHE
February 21, 2024 (Wednesday)	Childhood Obesity	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	CCHE
February 28, 2024 (Wednesday)	Infection Control	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	NHC
March 5, 2024 (Tuesday)	Ear Infections	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	NHC
March 20, 2024 (Wednesday)	Indoor & Outdoor Safety	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	CCHE



Crystal Harclerode, RN, -- Nurse Health Consultant
 WV Early Childhood Training Connections & Resources
 Bridgeport, WV
crystal.harclerode@rvcds.org Text/Call: 304-840-2482



Renee Stonebraker, RS -- Child Care Health Educator
 WV Early Childhood Training Connections & Resources
 Bruceton Mills, WV
rstonebraker@rvcds.org Text/Call: 304-710-9695

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



West Virginia
Child Care Health
Educators

To request a specific training, please contact
Renee Stonebraker at: 304-710-9696 or

rstonebraker@rvcds.org

Concerned about your
child's development?

Get help early!

Call 1-866-321-4728
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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