



# The Quality Times

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## Professional Development & Continuing Education

Did you know that many professions require continuing education?

Continuing Education is a form of education that most professionals need to pursue in order to have the most updated knowledge in their field of expertise. For example doctors, nurses and health care specialists need to stay current in improving the welfare of everyone. The same thing applies to lawyers, scientists, professors, social workers, teachers and many more experts.

When you think about your professional development and continuing education, don't think of it as something you "have" to do because WV Childcare Licensing requires it, think about it as an opportunity to gain valuable insight and information that will increase your abilities as a professional. Caring for children is the most important thing that anyone can do. Professional childcare providers use the best standards, practices, strategies, resources and materials available.

Plan in advance. To get the most out of the professional development training you attend, spread the trainings out over time. Don't wait until the last minute and try to take all the training hours at once. Take advantage of the module series that are offered, like The Director's Toolbox, WVIT I-R & WVIT II, Mind In The Making & Understanding Pre-Schoolers, just to name a few. Attend trainings that are specific to the age group you work with and are relevant to the work you do. Attending an approved conference is also a great way to acquire your required training hours.

Learning is a lifetime process, so make the most of it by taking advantage of the different sources and platforms for your continuing education.

**We Hope to See You Soon at an Upcoming Training!**



# We're Moving!



## The Morgantown CCRC Office is Moving Locations

The Morgantown CCRC Office will be relocating to

**20 Scott Avenue Morgantown, WV 26508**

*\*The former Ramada Inn*

We expect to be open for business at the new location on

Monday April 4, 2022.

If you have questions give us a call at 304-292-7357

For updates about our move

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### CCRC Office Locations

**Hancock County - Satellite Office**  
*Temporarily Closed*

#### **Ohio & Marshall County**

2000 Main Street, Suite 100  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
304-232-1603 or 800-585-1603

**Marshall County - Satellite Office**  
*Temporarily Closed*

#### **Monongalia County**

965 Hartman Run Rd., Suite 1103  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
304-292-7357 or 888-272-7357

#### **Marion County**

118 Adams Street - Suite 101  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
304-366-3615

#### **Tyler & Wetzel County**

1236 N. State Route 2  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
304-455-0920



Visit our website at:  
<http://www.crcwv.org/>

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Tiffany Kiess

## CCRC Welcomes Infant/Toddler Specialist



Hi! My name is Tiffany Kiess and began working at CCRC in January of 2022. I graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Science, Birth to Pre-K. Upon completion of my bachelor's degree, I worked in the I/DD waiver field for 16 years, working with children and adults with developmental disabilities in Morgantown, WV. I moved back to my hometown of Elkins, WV and took a job as an Infant/Toddler Specialist at MountainHeart North in 2017. I have since moved back to Morgantown to continue working as an Infant/Toddler Specialist with CCRC. During my five years, I have received training certification through the Program for Infant/Toddler Care, became a member of the West Virginia Infant Toddler Mental Health Association and look forward to more opportunities in the future.

I am located in the Fairmont CCRC office and can be reached by phone at 304-366-3615 or [tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov](mailto:tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov).

## CCRC Welcomes Provider Support Specialist



Sommer Robinson

My name is Sommer Robinson. I am the Provider Support Specialist for the Child Care Resource Center. I am here to help individuals who wish to become childcare providers. I can assist with the paperwork that goes along with becoming a provider, learning and understanding Licensing Regulations through the WV DHHR, as well the background checks that go through WV CARES. I am also available to assist current providers with maintaining WV CARES background checks.

I have been working in the field of childcare since 2005, and have had experience as an administrator since 2012. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Child Development and Family Studies from WVU.

I am happy to help out anyway that I can and look forward to working with you!  
Please email me at [sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov](mailto:sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov) or call 304-366-3615 if you have questions.



**Fun Fact: Sommer is the very first Provider Support Specialist at CCRC!**



## CCRC Celebrates Week of the Young Child April 2 - 8, 2022

- April 2 -- Kick Off Saturday
- April 4 - Music Monday
- April 5 - Tasty Tuesday
- April 6 - Work Together Wednesday
- April 7 - Artsy Thursday
- April 8 - Family Friday



To receive updates and notifications of scheduled events

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You can find more information about Week of the Young Child on the NAEYC website

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>



### WVIT II

Tentatively Schedule to Begin in April, 2022 --- Presented by Tiffany Kiess

### WVIT I-R

Wheeling Area -- Tentatively Schedule to Begin in July 2022 --- Presented by: Andrea Littleton

Morgantown Area -- Tentatively Schedule to Begin in August 2022 --- Presented by: Tiffany Kiess



For More Information or to place you or your staff on the waitlist  
Contact Andrea at: 304-232-1603 or [andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov](mailto:andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov) or  
Tiffany Kiess at: 304-366-3615 or [tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov](mailto:tiffany.r.kiess@wv.gov)



# Professional Development Opportunities

## Celebrating Connections



CCRC's  
TRAILS EC Specialist, Chris Gillis  
will be presenting  
**Movin' & Groovin' with TRAILS**  
training at  
Celebrating Connections!  
Look for her training  
in the Conference Program!



Celebrating Connections 2022  
April 5-7, 2022  
Virtual Conference

Join us for a great lineup of speakers from across the country and  
right here in West Virginia

**Registration Closes on March 20, 2022 - 6:00 pm**

For up-to-date Celebrating Connections 2022 conference information, please  
visit <https://www.eventsquid.com/event/13333>

## Child Care Director Professional Development

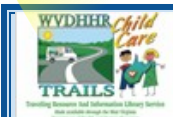
**Make Plans to Attend One or All of the Upcoming Director Events**



**April 13, 2022 - Wednesday**  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Virtual Event  
**Developing People in Early Childhood Organizations:  
Selecting Staff**  
Learn & Share Information On How To Hire & Develop  
Quality People In Early Childcare  
*1hr Prof. & Leadership - 1hr Admin. & Man.*



In the  
**Spotlight**



**May 25, 2022 - Wednesday**  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Virtual Event

**Join Us To Hear About All The Wonderful  
Things the TRAILS Program Has to Offer**

Chris Gillis - TRAILS Specialist &  
Ashley Long - TRAILS Associate  
will be the Guest Speakers

*.5 hrs Prof. & Leadership - .5 hrs Admin. & Man.*



**June 15, 2022 - Wednesday**  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Virtual Event

**Join Us To Hear How You Can Help  
Children/Families That Might Be  
Interested In Becoming A Mentor/Mentee**

Janel Taylor - YSS Program Coordinator  
will be the Guest Speaker

*.5 hrs Prof. & Leadership - .5 hrs Admin. & Man.*

# Professional Development Opportunities

## Nurse Health Consultant Online Trainings

### Medication Administration



April 19, 2022 (Tuesday)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May, 12, 2022 (Thursday)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
June 16, 2022 (Thursday)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Don't Wait  
Register  
Today!

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 Child Care Nurse Health Consultant  
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### Other Online Trainings

April 13, 2022 (Wednesday)	Communicable Diseases	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 21, 2022 (Thursday)	Oral Health	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
April 26, 2022 (Tuesday)	Seizure Disorders	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 10, 2022 (Tuesday)	All About Allergies	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 17, 2022 (Tuesday)	Indoor/Outdoor Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 19, 2022 (Thursday)	Dealing with Lice	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 24, 2022 (Tuesday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
June 8, 2022 (Wednesday)	Medical Action Plans	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
June 14, 2022 (Tuesday)	Understanding Special Dietary Needs	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
June 22, 2022 (Wednesday)	Ear Infections	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 28, 2022 (Tuesday)	Oral Health	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



### WV Child Care Health Educator Trainings

Renee Y. Stonebraker, RS  
 WV Child Care Health Educator  
 15599 North Preston Highway  
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Healthy Children Learn Better



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



April, May June Training Calendar  
 To register please visit [www.wvstars.org](http://www.wvstars.org)

## Online Professional Development

April 11, 2022 (Monday)	Music Matters!	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
April 12, 2022 (Tuesday)	Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 27, 2021 (Wednesday)	Social Emotional Learning It's Not Just for Kids!	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
May 17, 2022 (Tuesday)	Indoor and Outdoor Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 23, 2022 (Monday)	Improving Playground Safety and Supervision	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
May 24, 2022 (Tuesday)	WV Early Learning Standards for Infants and Toddlers	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
May 25, 2022 (Wednesday)	How To Teach Kids About Their Awesome Brain and BIG Emotions	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
June 13, 2022 (Monday)	Beyond the Hokey Pokey! Movement Activities for Our Preschoolers	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 14, 2022 (Tuesday)	Understanding Special Dietary Needs	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Building A Better Mousetrap - Professionalism Module Series

This online module series is for the Pre-K Practitioners interested in increasing their professionalism skills in the Pre-K setting. Each module is one 1/2 hour credit in Professionalism and Leadership with a total of six modules and a total module series credit of 3 hours for a completed series.

\*\*\*Participants must take at least 2 modules to gain WV STARS Credit

\*\*\*Modules need to be completed in order due to the nature of the content

**New Module Series!**

### April 25, 2022 - Monday

Module I - Developing & Building Connections --- 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Module II - Reflections on Practice --- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### May 9, 2022 - Monday

Module III - Discovering Your Superpower! --- 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Module IV - Using Your Superpowers --- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### June 15, 2022 - Wednesday

Module V - Communication - The Art of Tongue Fu!™ --- 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Module VI - Communication Station Tools for Success --- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Contact Amy McMillan at

304-232-1603

or

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



Making a Difference: Mandate to Report, Responsibility to ....

Get Item

This training is offered online/on demand and is the approved course for child care 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.

## April - May - June Training Descriptions



### **Beyond the Hokey Pokey! Movement Activities for Our Preschoolers** - Envir. & Curriculum - *Basic Level* - *Melissa Cuppett*

This online training will discuss the benefits and importance of movement activities in the preschool classroom. The presenter will review several movement activities including the life skills children will gain by trying the activity, materials needed, directions and possible adaptations/extensions for the activities. ***This training has been created for children ages 3-5 and would best suit teachers that work with this age group on a regular basis.***

### **How to Teach Kids About Their Awesome Brain & BIG Emotions** - *Child Growth & Development* - *Basic Level* -- *Linda Reeves*

Sometimes our brains are overwhelmed with strong emotions and feelings, creating confusion for children and adults. Giving children and adults a vocabulary to understand experiences can help adults to know how to respond when children need help. This 1.5 hour online training will discuss how to talk to children about their brains and emotions in a playful and simple way, especially when they “flip their lids”! ***"The training is appropriate for anyone working with children 3 years and older."***

### **Improving Playground Safety & Supervision** - *Environment & Curriculum; HSN* - *Basic Level* -- *Melissa Cuppett*

Many of the injuries that occur in childcare settings happen while outside on the playground. This training will provide participants with multiple way to improve playground supervision/safety while working to decrease the number of incidents occurring on the playground. ***While this training is useful to any professional in the field, it is targeted toward those in the preschool and after-school programs as the children in their care will utilize the playground equipment often than our infant and toddlers.***

### **Indoor and Outdoor Safety** - *Environment & Curriculum; HSN* - *Basic Level* - *Renee Stonebraker*

Reviews common injuries for children, including falls and poisonings, preventive measures to reduce the risk of injury, and playground safety.

### **Music Matters!** - *CG&D; Environment & Curriculum* - *Basic Level* - *Melissa Cuppett*

This 2 hour online training will give early childhood educators a better understanding and appreciation for the importance of music in the classroom. The training will discuss the benefits of music in each of the developmental domains, music/movement activities to utilize across various area (ie.-music and science, music and math) and how to create a music center in the classroom or improve the music center if one already exists. ***This training is intended and geared toward Preschool/Pre-K teachers it does not incorporate information for children under the age of 3.***

### **Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating** - *HSN ; Child Growth & Dev.* - *Basic Level* - *Renee Stonebraker*

Benefits of gardening, different types of gardens, how to grow food in a container, and garden food safety will be discussed.

### **Social Emotional Learning - It's Not Just for Kids!** - *CGD; Environment & Curriculum* - *Basic Level* -- *Linda Reeves*

SEL=Social Emotional Learning! It's the buzzword in education today, especially since the pandemic. This 1.5 hour online training will look at what is SEL and why it's so important and beneficial for all of us, children and adults. Strategies and materials to promote SEL for all ages in the childcare setting and at home will be discussed. ***The training is appropriate for anyone working with children birth-12 years.***

### **Understanding Special Dietary Needs** - *HSN* - *Basic Level* - *Renee Stonebraker*

Types of special dietary needs, including food allergies and celiac disease, symptoms, menu adjustments and menu activity will be discussed.

### **WV Early Learning Standards for Infants and Toddlers** - *CGD* - *Basic Level* - *Tiffany Kiess*

This session provides an overview of the WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Infant/Toddlers. Participants working with the infant/toddler age group will discover why standards are used in everyday life. An in-depth examination of the document will follow with participants becoming familiar with the layout and the how and why of using it with young children, It will address the following key concepts: Identifying the purpose and benefit of having early learning standards; identifying relationship between standards and successful Infant/Toddler professionals; identifying specific components of WV ELSF:I/T; identifying approaches to using the WV ELSF:I/T for individualize purposeful planning and identifying specific steps to implement the WV ELSF:I/T. It will also review the new training tool for WV ELSF:I/T.

# Professional Development Opportunities



## Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist

### ACDS Virtual Classes

ACDS now has both in-person and virtual classes. Areas that do not offer in-person classes have priority in registering for virtual classes. Students attending virtually will attend either a live 2.5 hour session with their instructor or a 1 hour session and take the course content on WV STARS. All students complete the same registration process.

#### To register for class:

- I. Complete the orientation that corresponds to the semester you want to register for. All four semesters have an orientation. The orientations can be found by searching self-paced courses on the WV STARS training calendar.
- II. Submit \$25.00 registration fee. ACDS accepts checks, money orders, debit and credit cards. Checks and money orders are made payable to RVCDS. To pay with a card you must complete a credit card transaction form that is on the ACDS website, [www.wvacds.org](http://www.wvacds.org). This completed form can be mailed or emailed.

Both steps of the registration process need completed by the registration deadline date, which is determined before each semester. For more information please contact the ACDS office.

The counties below have priority in registering for virtual ACDS classes. For registration deadline dates contact

Pendleton	Tucker	Preston	Randolph
Pocahontas	Tyler	Ritchie	Gilmer
Calhoun	McDowell	Monroe	Wyoming

Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist  
Phone: 304-523-0433  
Email: [wvacds@rvcds.org](mailto:wvacds@rvcds.org)  
Website: [www.wvacds.org](http://www.wvacds.org)  
Address: 611 7th Avenue Huntington, WV 25701

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

## For Family Child Care Providers Only!

We are excited to offer a 3 - Part Module Series based on the book *Family Engagement in Early Childhood Settings* by Mary Muhs. This discussion will be for both the new and experienced family childcare provider. If you are interested in learning effective ways to build & strengthen relationships with the families you serve, this Module Series is for you!

**Partnering  
with Families  
in Childcare  
Today!**



#### **May 3, 2022 - Tuesday**

Module I - Beginning the Partnership  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

#### **May 10, 2022 - Tuesday**

Module II - Communicating with Families  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### **May 24, 2022 - Tuesday**

Module III - Supporting Families  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Participants attending all three modules will be eligible for free resources.

**We have 10 spaces available for this training.**

**Call TRAILS today to register.**

**304-232-1603**



## **Family/Facility Childcare Providers Only!**

### **PEP Club!**

*Providers Encouraging Providers*

**April 12th --- Tuesday --- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

It's My Business: Contracts and Policies -- Part II

Please join us to learn how to create or update contracts and policies for your childcare business.

Contact Chris Gillis if you have questions

304-232-1603 or [chris.l.gillis@wv.gov](mailto:chris.l.gillis@wv.gov)



## **Health & Safety Grants**

Health and safety grant applications are available through CCRC to family child care providers and family child care facilities in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzell, Tyler, Monongalia, and Marion Counties.

The grants can be used to assist these home providers with meeting health and safety requirements as well as to reward them for completing the requirements to move up a tier on the tiered reimbursement program.

Providers are eligible for up to \$250 for registered home providers and up to \$500 for family child care facilities once a year.

If you have not received a health and safety grant for this year (starting July 1, 2021) and are interested in receiving free health or safety items for your home please contact your local CCRC office to request a grant application.



Child Care Resource Center  
2000 Main Street - Suite 100  
Wheeling, WV 26003

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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