



The Quality Times

4th Quarter Spring - 2026
April - May - June 2026



WV Child Care General Credential & Specializations

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that the child care providers listed below have met all the requirements for both the WV Child Care General Credential and a WV Child Care Specialization.

The CCRC proudly recognizes your dedication to professional development and your commitment to providing high-quality early care and education for West Virginia's children.

General Credential



- Jasmine Reynolds - King's Daughters Child Care
- Connie Nutter - Morgantown ELF
- Terra Crews - Holy Family Child Care
- Jamie Remp - King's Daughters Child Care
- Amanda Cronin - King's Daughters Child Care
- Amanda Blatt - King's Daughters Child Care
- Wendi Glover - Storybook Daycare
- Stella Bryan - PLAYS Child Care
- Bobbi McClelland - Storybook Daycare
- Paula Volansky - Pleasant Day Schools
- Shari McAllister - Little Bear Daycare
- Ashley Cork - Little Bear Daycare
- Sabrina Westfall - Little Bear Daycare
- Robin Taylor - Little Bear Daycare
- Jessica Smith - Little Bear Daycare
- Sarah Freck - King's Daughters Child Care
- Lindsey Kelly - Little Bear Daycare
- Cynthia Wood - Little Bear Daycare
- Cassandra Morell - Place of Grace ELC
- Tiffany Gale - Miss Tiffany's School for Young Children (Facility)
- Audra Billingsley - King's Daughters Child Care
- Kaitlyn Harris - King's Daughters Child Care
- Lisa Loughery - Suncrest Early Learning Center
- Phyllis Agnew - Family Child Care
- Ariel Cogar - Life Kids Child Development Center
- Tammy Cole - Learning Land Daycare & Preschool
- Julie Gale - Miss Tiffany's School for Young Children (Facility)
- Elizabeth Goff - Miss Tiffany's Early Childhood Education House (Facility)
- Aleah Webster - Miss Tiffany's Early Childhood Education House (Facility)

General Credential Continued

- Ginger Aulick - Sikora Montessori
- Rachel Carney - Family Child Care
- Josephine Dutton - Holy Family Child Care
- Megan Tomlin - Holy Family Child Care
- Melissa Cutrone - Little Rascals Child Care
- Ashley McCoy - Wild & Wonderful Kids
- Beth Hinebaugh - Noah's Ark Child Care & Learning Center
- Monica Clark - Glen Dale Child Development Center
- Andrea Moore - Glen Dale Child Development Center
- Callie McDonald - Wild & Wonderful Kids
- Debra Sauriol - Glen Dale Child Development Center
- 41. Deborah Anderson - Wild & Wonderful Kids**
- 42. Jennifer Riley - Newbridge Academy for Kids**
- 43. Belinda Barkhurst -- Little Bear Daycare - Weirton**
- 44. Brittany Taylor - Wild & Wonderful Kids**
- 45. Shelby Paul - Mimi's Daycare (Facility)**

Director Specialization

- Jasmine Reynolds - King's Daughters Child Care
- Jamie Remp - King's Daughters Child Care
- Terra Crews - Holy Family Child Care
- Beth Hinebaugh - Noah's Ark Child Care & Learning Center
- Melissa Cutrone - Little Rascals Child Care



Infant/Toddler Specialization

- Shari McAllister - Little Bear Daycare - Weirton
- Lisa Loughery - Suncrest Early Learning Center
- Lindsey Kelly - Little Bear Daycare - Weirton
- Robin Taylor - Little Bear Daycare - Weirton
- 5. Monica Clark - Glen Dale Child Development Center**



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

Monongalia County
20 Scott Avenue - Suite 302
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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CCRC encourages all child care providers to apply for the WV Child Care General Credential and, upon acceptance, a Specialization.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Cathy Knox, Professional Development Team Supervisor, to ensure that you have the most current information before you begin the application process.

You can reach Cathy at: cathy.j.knox@wv.gov or 304-232-1603

CCRC Welcomes New Team Member!



Hi, my name is Amand Blatt. I am excited to join the CCRC team as the Early Childhood Coaching Specialist. I am a graduate of West Liberty University and I have been working with children and families for over 17 years! I have worked in every position that child care has to offer and I love assisting providers, children, and families! When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my two children and many pets. Some of my hobbies include: gardening, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and reading.

I am located at the CCRC Wheeling Office.

You can reach me at 304-232-1603 or amanda.j.blatt@wv.gov



Making the Switch!



In June 2024 Bryanna Gum joined the CCRC team as the Child Care Coaching Specialist. After learning more about CCRC and the different positions within the agency, Bryanna decided to apply for the Subsidy Child Care Specialist Case Worker position in Fairmont.

Bryanna will officially begin her new position on March 9, 2026.

Bryanna is located at the CCRC Fairmont office.

You can reach her at 304-366-3615 or bryanna.n.gum@wv.gov



WV Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler with Lesson Planning ON-LINE Training



This is a nine-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 - June 16, 2026 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday- June 23, 2026 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday - June 30, 2026 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

For More Information or to Register,
please contact

Tonia Ross at 304-366-3615 or
tonia.l.ross@wv.gov

Creative Curriculum Infants, Toddlers & Twos

Online Training – Attend One Session or All Four



Contact Andrea Littleton For More Information or To Register
304-232-1603 or andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov

Tuesday - June 2, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

This one-hour course will explore the contents of the Creative Curriculum Infants, Toddlers, and Twos' Vol 1: 3rd ED guidebook for **Foundation and Framework**.

We will outline key parts of the text.

Thursday - June 11, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

This one-hour course will explore the contents of the Creative Curriculum Infants, Toddlers, and Twos' Vol 1: 3rd ED guidebook for Routines and Experiences. We will outline key parts of the text and how it supports caregiver implementation in routines and experiences.

Thursday - June 18, 2026

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

This course will explore the contents of the Creative Curriculum Infants, Toddlers, and Twos' Vol 3: 3rd ED guidebook for Objectives for Development and Learning.

We will cover key parts of the system to better understand the guidebook and objectives for learning. We will discuss areas of development, observation, properly documenting which skill level a child is meeting, and the connections to the WV Early Learning Standards Framework: Infants/Toddlers. Practice scenarios and leveling will aid participants in accurately marking children's skill levels and areas of development.



**Notice
Time
Change**

Thursday - June 25, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

This one-hour course will explore the contents of the Creative Curriculum Infants, Toddlers, and Twos' **Planning Forms and Tools** available in the kit. We will use samples and practice scenarios to form activities and lessons for individual children and groups.



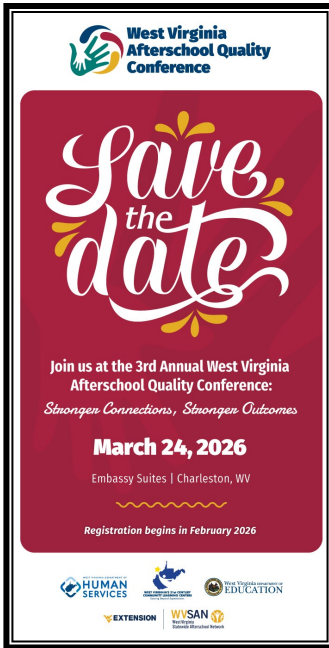
WVIT I-R

July -- In-Person - Fairmont CCRC Office - Presented By: Tonia Ross - 304-366-3615 or tonia.l.ross@wv.gov

August -- In-Person - Wheeling CCRC Office - Presented By: Andrea Littleton - 304-232-1603 or andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov

If you are interested in attending WVIT I-R, please contact the Infant/Toddler Specialist in your area to register

Professional Development Opportunities



2026 West Virginia Afterschool Quality Conference

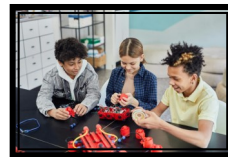
Stronger Connections, Stronger Outcomes

Tuesday - March 24, 2026

This event is designed to support and educate afterschool and summer learning providers through the sharing of best practices and innovative approaches. The conference is open to professionals who serve school-age youths in school-based programs, childcare centers, licensed out-of-school time programs, and community and faith-based programs.

Join us on March 24, 2026 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV.

*This Conference Meets the requirement for
TIER II & The West Virginia Child Care General Credential*



Quality Improvement Specialist Network

Leadership Summit Presents: Transform Your Team

Saturday - April 18, 2026
Courtyard by Marriott
30 Shaner Drive, Bridgeport, WV



Registration Deadline:
Friday - April 3, 2026

Space is Limited

Register Now Using the QR Code



If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lacy Gaston at 304-232-1603 or lacy.j.gaston@wv.gov

Quality Improvement Specialist Network

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Presents: Transform Your Team

Join us for a full-day leadership experience designed for early childhood education program directors who are ready to move their teams forward with clarity, confidence, and consistency. Beth Cannon will walk you through how to fix what is broken and build what truly matters by guiding you through three essential phases: Diagnose the Disconnect, Design the Direction, and Develop a Team That Delivers.

This training, derived from Beth Cannon's book, *Transform Your Team*, is practical, direct, and grounded in the realities of early education. Leaders will leave with tools to clarify expectations, align values with daily behavior, strengthen accountability, and turn the talent they already have into consistent performance.

If you are looking to gain a clear path forward for leading with alignment, ownership, and stability, along with actionable strategies you can implement immediately in your program, this Leadership Summit is for you!



Beth Cannon
Speaker, Leadership Strategist, Author

Saturday, April 18, 2026
At 8:30am
30 Shaner Drive
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Register Now:
Space is limited. Registration deadline- April 3, 2026



This Conference Meets the requirement for TIER II & The West Virginia Child Care General Credential

Professional Development Opportunities

Mark Your Calendars & Plan to Attend Celebrating Connections 2026!



Believe in Me: Partnering with Families from the Start

Join us in 2026 for information about practices, policies, planning, and research; to have the opportunity to network with other professionals; and to participate in a diverse array of early childhood education discussions.

CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS
APRIL 22-24, 2026
CHARLESTON COLISEUM & CONVENTION CENTER

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 2026



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.

Melissa Cuppett - CCRC Behavior Consultant

&

Sommer Robinson - CCRC Early Childhood Specialist will be presenting

**Play with Purpose:
Bringing Learning to Life Through Meaningful Play**

Thursday - April 23, 2026 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Make Plans to Attend This Interactive & Fun Training Session, They Would Love To See You There!



The CCRC TRAILS Van will be on site at Celebrating Connections!

Stop by our booth in the Exhibitor Hall!

While you're there say hello to Chris Gillis & Ashley Long, our CCRC TRAILS Team and register to win a FREE Resource!



CCRC Summer Learning Summit

A Safe Space:

Creating a Supportive, Aware, Focused, and Engaging Summer Program

Join us for this all day Summit full of information and hands on experiences to help your Summer Program be SAFE and Successful!

Lunch Provided **6 hrs WV STARS Credit** **FREE Resources**

THIS SUMMIT IS ONLY FOR PROVIDERS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Lets learn & have fun together!

MAY 30
10AM-4PM

CCRC Wheeling
2000 Main Street
Wheeling WV 26003

Contact Sommer Robinson
Sommer.R.Robinson@wv.gov
304 366 3615

**Do You Work With School Age Children?
If You Answered Yes,
Then This Summit Is For YOU!**

Saturday - May 30, 2026

When lessons and activities are meaningful, interactive and age-appropriate, children develop confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning. A safe & engaging environment not only protects children - it empowers them to explore, participate, and reach their full potential!



This Conference Meets the requirement for TIER II & The West Virginia Child Care General Credential



Professional Development Opportunities



Thursday, Friday & Saturday

October 22, 23 & 24, 2026

Marriott Waterfront Place Morgantown, WV



More Information Will Be Shared As It Becomes Available.

Please be advised that this conference is specifically designed for child care providers who work directly with infants and toddlers.

This Conference Meets the requirement for TIER II & The West Virginia Child Care General Credential



Attention Family & Facility Child Care Providers!

Family Child Care Conference

Saturday - November 7, 2026



The TRAILS Family Child Care & Facility Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7th for the Region I Family Child Care Providers & Facilities.

Region I includes: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Monongalia & Marion Counties

This conference meets the requirement for conference attendance for the Tiered Reimbursement Program.

This Conference also meets the requirement for the WV Child Care General Credential for Facility & Family Child Care Providers Only!

More Information Will Be Share As It Becomes Available.

The More You Know



Important Announcement!



WV STARS Pathway to Earnings

WV STARS is updating how Pathway to Earnings applications are processed beginning with the April 2026 enrollment period. These changes are intended to ensure fairness and consistent distribution of available funding.

What's Changing

- **Denied applications cannot be resubmitted during the same enrollment period.** Denied applicants will be placed on a list in the order their original application was submitted.
- **If funding remains** at the end of the enrollment period, WV STARS will begin contacting denied applicants – following the original submission order- to allow them an opportunity to submit a corrected application.
- Applicants contacted during this phase will have **72 hours** to fix errors and resubmit all required documentation.
- This process will continue until **all funds are depleted**. WV STARS will notify all denied applicants once funding is exhausted.

What This Means for Applicants

- **Submit a fully complete application the first time.**
Double check that the application is signed, that you have submitted the right documentation, and that your renewal requirements have been met.
- **If your application is denied, prepare your corrections immediately.**
Review your denial email carefully so you can resolve any issues and be ready if you receive a chance to resubmit. Review Pathway to Earnings resources, how-to guides, and checklists for additional guidance.
- **If contacted to resubmit your application, act fast!**
You have just 72 hours to submit a completed application and documentation. Failing to respond will forfeit the opportunity and you will need to wait until the next enrollment period.
- **Denied applicants will be contacted once funds are fully depleted.**
At this point, all denied applicants will be eligible to reapply during the next enrollment period.

Additional Help

A step-by-step photo how-to guide and example documentation are already available at www.wvstars.org/earnings, and WV STARS will release additional resources in the coming weeks.

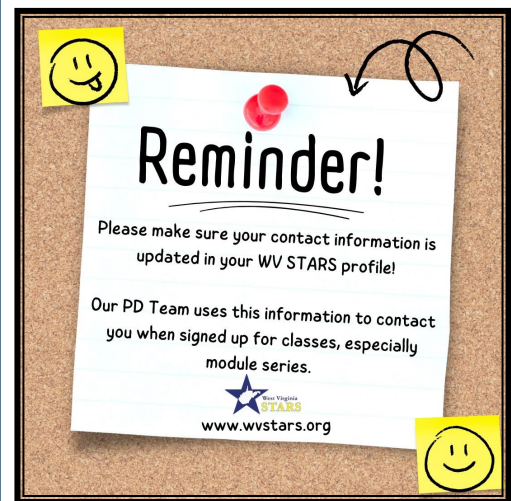
West Virginia State Training and Registry System
611 7th Ave, Suite 322 Huntington, WV 25701 * Phone: (304) 522-7827 or (855) 822-STAR * Fax: (304) 529-2535 www.wvstars.org * Email: scholarship@rvcds.org
This program is being presented with financial assistance as a grant from the West Virginia Department of Human Services and is administered by WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources, a program of River Valley Child Development Services



WV STARS Pathway to Earnings Spring Enrollment Opens April 1, 2026!

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 Professionals Tab, then click on the Earnings tab!



Child Care Director Professional Development

Quality Through Collaboration Meetings



ONLINE

Tuesday - April 14th 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Chrissy Lafferty - Child Care Health Educator

Topic: What Can Child Care Nurse Health Consultants and Child Care Health Educators Do For You?

If You Have Questions or would like to Register for any Director Training - Contact Lacy Gaston at:
304-232-1603 or lacy.i.gaston@wv.gov



Quality Counts

Tuesday - April 21, 2026

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - - - Online

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.



Planning Your Professional Growth

Thursday - May 21, 2026

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - - - Online

Planning Your Professional Growth during this virtual 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



Utilizing the Environment Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality



Wednesday - June 24, 2026

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - - - Online

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.



The Growing Brain: Birth to 5 Years

Morgantown & Weirton



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

Attendance is mandatory for the first & last module. No more than one absence is permitted in the series to receive a WV STARS certificate for 21 hours. If one absence is approved; makeup work will include reading the material for the missed module as well as vocabulary study, completions of unit handouts, and a proof of learning.

All sessions are **IN PERSON** at
Wild & Wonderful Kids
1850 Mileground Road
Morgantown, WV

All sessions are **IN PERSON** at
Little Bear MILLSOP
1401 Legion Road
Weirton, WV

All Classes Will Be Held 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Session 1:	4/30/26	Thursday
Session 2:	5/7/26	Thursday
Session 3:	5/21/26	Thursday
Session 4:	5/28/26	Thursday
Session 5:	6/4/26	Thursday
Session 6:	6/11/26	Thursday
Session 7:	6/18/26	Thursday

This is an In-Person Training Event!



All Classes Will Be Held 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Session 1:	5/4/26	Monday
Session 2:	5/11/26	Monday
Session 3:	5/18/26	Monday
Session 4:	6/1/26	Monday
Session 5:	6/8/26	Monday
Session 6:	6/15/26	Monday
Session 7:	6/22/26	Monday

This is an In-Person Training Event!

For More Information Please Contact

Sommer Robinson at

sommer.r.robinson@wv.gov

or

304-366-3615

For More Information Please Contact

Andrea Littleton or Katelin Flinn at

andrea.n.littleton@wv.gov or

katelin.m.flinn@wv.gov

or 304-232-1603

Family Child Care & Facility Professional Development

West Virginia Elements of Family Child Care Series

Beginning Tuesday - March 3, 2026 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Ending Tuesday - May 5, 2026

Including 2 Technical Assistance Visits

ONLINE TRAINING

This is a West Virginia Child Care Credentialed training developed for you by the West Virginia Division of Early Care and Education, and is designed as a series of 8 sessions. You will receive a total of 33 WV STARS credit hours for attending. You are expected to attend all sessions and complete homework assignments to receive credit, and resources. The homework requires completing the *Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale Third Edition handbook and creating a Policies and Procedures book for your child care home/facility*

This Training Session is FULL.

Please Contact Chris Gillis at 304-232-1603 or chris.l.gillis@wv.gov to be added to the waitlist.



PEP Club

Providers Encouraging Providers

IN PERSON -CCRC Wheeling



Wednesday - May 27, 2026

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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



Saturday - May 2, 2026

T.R.I.P Provider Event -- CCRC Wheeling
Make Plans to Join Us for a Day of Learning & Fun!

More Information Will Be Shared As It Becomes Available!



The TRAILS Van is Rolling Your Way!

Looking for ways to inspire learning in your program?
The TRAILS Van offers a variety of developmentally appropriate toys, games, and books designed to support children's growth and development in family child care homes, facilities, and centers.

By refreshing your materials regularly, you can spark new interests, reinforce skills and align your environment with current themes or seasons to keep learning experiences fresh and engaging all year long!

With the TRAILS online system, it's easy to "shop" from our inventory and reserve your favorite items ahead of time. Simply browse online, make your selections, and the TRAILS Van will bring your items right to you.

Reserve today and the TRAILS Van deliver learning fun, and inspiration straight to your door!

If you have any questions about TRAILS or how to use our new online system please contact our TRAILS Team:

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

Ashley Long at 304-232-1603 or ashley.d.long@wv.gov



Developmental Screenings: An Introduction to ASQ®-3 & ASQ®:SE-2 In Person Training



CCRC Wheeling

Friday - June 5, 2026

12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

This 3.5 hour training will introduce the concept of developmental screening using the evidence-based tools Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd edition (ASQ-3) and Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social Emotional, 2nd Edition (ASQ-SE2). Participants will learn about the benefits of developmental screening, features of the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2, scoring and interpreting screening results, communicating with families, and follow-up and next steps. Space will be limited to child care providers in Region One and a total of 15 participants.

To Register Contact Linda Reeves at: 304-232-1603 or linda.j.reeves@wv.gov

What Can A Child Care Health Educator Do For Your Child Care Program?

Child Care Health Educators (CCHE) work with child care providers, directors, and/owners to promote the health, safety, and nutrition of children in the child care setting. Specific functions of a CCHE include:

- Conduct child care staff training on a variety of health, safety, and nutrition topics.
- Provide guidance, technical assistance/consultation, via on-site visits, telephone, or virtual modes.
- Provide assistance in obtaining the WV Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation.

You can contact Chrissy at: 304-710-9695 or clafferty@rvcds.org



CCHE ONLINE
TRAINING

April 7	Identifying Environmental Hazards 1 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
April 8	Identifying Environmental Hazards 2 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
April 28	Breastfeeding Basics 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
May 4	Childhood Obesity 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
May 11	New Recipe Ideas 1 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
May 18	New Recipe Ideas 2 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 3	Fun & Healthy Snacks 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
June 11	Bead Bugs & Beyond 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 23	Lets Make a Menu 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

To Register for Online
Training Visit:
www.wvstars.org



Training Topics Offered April - May & June



April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)	RR Spreading HOPE	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
May 20, 2026 (Wednesday)	The Regulations Station: Helping Little Learners Take Control	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 16, 2026 (Tuesday)	The Regulations Station: Helping Little Learners Take Control	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 17, 2026 (Wednesday)	Understanding ACEs 101	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
June 29, 2026 (Monday)	Understanding ECERS	6:30 pm - 8:30 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.



The Regulations Station: Helping Little Learners Take Control - Environ. & Curriculum - Basic Level - Melissa Cuppett

This one-hour training is designed for early childhood educators (Ages 3-5 years) to shift from punitive “time-outs” to supportive “time-ins” . By the end of this session, participants will have a blueprint for a functional, trauma-informed calm down corner.

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.

Understanding ECERS - Environment & Curriculum - Basic Level -- Katelin Flinn

This training is for early childhood educators, preschool teachers, childcare providers, program administrators and anyone interested in understanding and utilizing the ECERS for program assessment and quality improvement in preschool settings.

WV Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation



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



Child Care Nurse Health Consultant Online Training

April 2, 2026 (Thursday))	Infection Control	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
April 6, 2026 (Monday)	Dealing with Lice	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	← 
April 10, 2026 (Friday)	Diabetes in Child Care	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	
April 14, 2026 (Tuesday)	First Aid for Minor Injuries	6:00 pm - 7:30pm	
April 27, 2026 (Monday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
May 4, 2026 (Monday)	Diabetes in Child Care	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	
May 5, 2026 (Tuesday)	Communicable Diseases	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	
May 19, 2026 (Tuesday)	First Aid for Minor Injuries	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	
May 21, 2026 (Thursday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
May 27, 2026 (Wednesday)	Dealing with Lice	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	← 
June 6, 2026, (Saturday)	Summertime Safety	9:00 am - 11:00 am	
June 11, 2026 (Thursday)	Dealing with Lice	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	← 
June 15, 2026 (Monday)	Infection Control	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
June 18, 2026 (Thursday)	Diabetes in Child Care	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	
June 24, 2026 (Wednesday)	Summertime Safety	6:00 pm - 8:00pm	
June 25, 2026 (Thursday)	First Asid for Minor Injuries	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	

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April 6, 2026 (Monday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
April 30, 2026 (Thursday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
May 12, 2026 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
May 16, 2026 (Saturday)	8:00 am - 11:00 am
May 26, 2026 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 9, 2026 (Tuesday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
June 30, 2026 (Tuesday)	5;30 pm - 8:30 pm



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Training Topic	Training Description
Communicable Diseases	Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.
Dealing with Lice	Tips on treating and preventing lice.
Diabetes in Child Care	Information on how to respond to children with diabetes
First Aid for Minor Injuries	Basic information on how to treat minor injuries
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.
Summertime Safety	Information about recognizing and preventing various heat related conditions along with first aid for each condition. Water and Bug Safety is included.