



# CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS

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Director's Corner  
Hello,

As I write this, we are awaiting the final word on child care cuts. By the time you are reading this, those decisions will have already been made, and we will either be very relieved, or just beginning the heartbreaking task of notifying families who are above 150 % of the 2000 Federal Poverty Level that they no longer qualify for child care assistance. Other cuts that have been suggested are:

- Cut Non-traditional Work Hour pay from \$4 to \$2 daily
- Cut Child Care for children over 13
- Eliminate the TRAILS Van
- Reduce CCR&R budgets by 5%

These reductions have been deemed necessary because federal legislators and the Presidential administration have failed, for the second straight year, to come to an agreement on reauthorizing funding for the Child Care & Development Block Grant and TANF funds. I can only urge you to become an advocate for the families that you serve by letting your legislators know how important

and vital quality early child care experiences are for young children.

On a sad note for Connect, we regret to inform you that because of budget restraints, we are closing our Jackson County satellite office, located at 2H Academy Drive in Ripley, effective June 25, 2004. Jackson County clients and providers will continue to receive the same high quality services provided by Kara Kerns and Susan Cochran, who will move to our Charleston office. We bid a fond farewell to Nancy Hedrick, who served faithfully and well as our receptionist in that office. Beginning June 30, 2004, Jackson County clients and providers will be able to see Kara at:

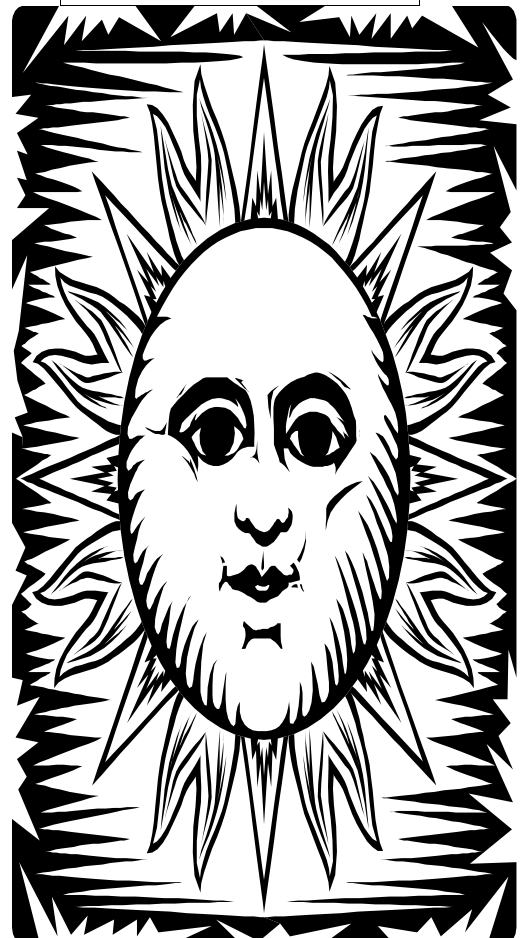
Jackson County DHHR,  
2139 Cedar Lakes Road,  
Ripley WV 25271  
phone: 372-7885  
Every Wednesday,  
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Yours is an  
Important Profession,

Deidre W. Craythorne

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## Upcoming trainings:

### ALL Registered Child Care Providers

are required to complete

### 8 Hours of Training Each Year

**Charleston Connect Office:  
344-8290 or 1-888-595-8290**

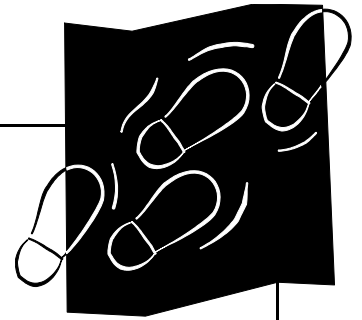
You may NOT bring children with you

### Core Competency Key

<b>H</b>	health
<b>S</b>	safety
<b>E</b>	environment
<b>C</b>	communication
<b>G</b>	guidance
<b>F</b>	family
<b>PD</b>	physical development
<b>CD</b>	development of creativity
<b>Sf</b>	self
<b>So</b>	social
<b>PM</b>	program management

County/Date	Time	Location	Title	Core Comp.*
<b><u>Kanawha County</u></b>				
Friday July 9	1030-1230	Dunbar Library	School Age Children	E, CD
Thursday July 15	3-5p	St. Albans Library	Soc./Emotional Devel.	S, G
Saturday July 17	8-10a	Connect Office	Outdoor Play	E, PD
Saturday July 17	1030-1230	Connect Office	PBS: Hurry, Fury	G
Monday July 19	630-830P	Kid City Daycare	Outdoor Play	E, PD
Thursday July 22	1030-1230	Riverside Library	Outdoor Play	E, PD
Thursday July 22	2-4p	St. Albans Library	Outdoor Play	E, PD
Wednesday Aug. 4	5-7p	Connect Office	Outdoor Play	E, PD
Saturday Aug. 7	8-10a	Connect Office	School Age Children	E, CD
Saturday Aug. 7	1030-1230	Connect Office	School Age Children	E, CD
Thursday Aug. 12	230-430p	Cross Lanes Library	Wellness...	H, Pro
Thursday Aug. 12	5-7p	Cross Lanes Library	PBS: Hurry, Fury	G
Tuesday Aug. 24	6-8p	Dunbar Library	Soc./Emotional Devel.	S, G
Thursday Aug. 26	1030-1230	Clendenin Library	School Age Children	E, CD
Wednesday Sept. 1	6-8p	Connect Office	Wellness...	H, Pro
Thursday Sept. 9	6-8p	Lil' Lamb Daycare	PBS: Hurry, Fury	G
Saturday Sept. 11	8-10a	Connect Office	Wellness...	H, Pro
Saturday Sept. 11	1030-1230	Connect Office	PBS: Hurry, Fury	G
Tuesday Sept. 14	1-3p	Sissonville Library	Wellness...	H, Pro
Thursday Sept. 23	6-8p	Connect Office	School Age Children	E, CD
Tuesday Sept. 28	1-3p	Family Enrichment Ctr.	Soc./Emotional Devel.	S, G
<b><u>Clay County</u></b>				
Monday July 19	1-3p	Clay Co. DHHR	Observation Skills	PM
<b><u>Jackson County</u></b>				
Wednesday Sept. 1	1-3p	Jackson Co. DHHR	Observation Skills	PM
Saturday Sept. 11	9a-12p	Good Shepherd, Rav.	Observation Skills	PM
<b><u>Roane County</u></b>				
Tuesday Aug. 24	1-3p	Roane Co. CRI	Observation Skills	PM

More upcoming trainings...



## BECOME A CERTIFIED INFANT/TODDLER SPECIALIST

The WV Infant and Toddler Training and Certification Program, One Step At A Time, will again start in April at the Ripley Connect Office. Six sessions and home assignments complete the 48 hour requirement. If you care for even one child under 3, you should take this course!

For more information on this class or future classes in Charleston and Ripley, please contact **Stefanie Barker-Adkins** at Connect, **1-888-595-8290**

### Infant Toddler Class: "One Step At A Time"

Core Competencies	Hours Covered
Physical Development	1
Cognitive Development	3
Social	5
Professional	2
Communication	3
Family	4
Health	4
Self	9
Guidance	3
Safety	3
Environment	7
Program Management	<u>4</u>
	48



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## ATTENTION CLAY, ROANE AND JACKSON COUNTIES...

### New Outreach Times...

Clay County:	Every Monday	830a-5p
Roane County:	Every Tuesday	8a-4p
Jackson County	Every Wednesday	830a-5p

## activities

Happy **TRAILS** to you...

As many of you know there are some serious childcare cuts in the works and the TRAILS Van is one of the items being considered for elimination, but for now the van is still on the road and we will continue to keep on rolling until we receive some definite information. If your childcare program is interested in a visit from the van please call 344-8290 to set up an appointment for a visit. The van is full of educational toys, games, books, videos, art supplies, and resource materials. We look forward to being able to visit as many of you as possible, so please call today to set up your appointment! Thank you so much for all of your support!!!

Olivia



## Health & safety

From [growingchild.com](http://growingchild.com)

### **Wait until they're ready...**

As children grow, parents are delighted in their accomplishments. We encourage their growth and development and look forward to each new stage.

But often as we begin to expect more from them, we may begin to push. Most of us will probably become aware of this at toilet-training time.

Experts advise waiting until a child is about two and a half to start the training, but sometimes parents decide the time has come sooner, whether the child is ready or not.

If he is not ready, however, what should be a positive learning experience turns into a power struggle and a very stressful time for the child as well as the parents.

It's important to remember that not all children advance at the same rate. In order for children to successfully accomplish new tasks, they must be both emotionally and physically mature enough to handle them.

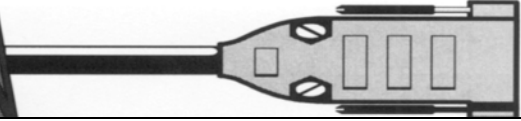
In the long run, waiting means less stress for everyone and success for the child in a short amount of time—whether the task is toilet training or learning to ride a bicycle.

From [babycenter.com](http://babycenter.com)

### **Find good childcare...**

If you work and aren't able to care for your baby during the day (or need a babysitter regularly), a quality childcare provider is essential to your baby's healthy development. You'll want to find someone who can show love, care for your child's basic needs, talks to your child, reads to your child, stimulates all your child's senses, encourages new challenges, and takes care of themselves. When you're not around. Whether your childcare provider is a nanny, a relative, or a daycare worker, she should be experienced, caring, and reputable, with a genuine love for children and the energy to help your baby thrive.

# CCA CONNECTION



**ATTENTION  
ALL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS!**

## "Three Strikes Policy"

In the past, we have returned your billing forms and sign in/out sheets again and again due to errors of various types. Effective February 1, 2004 we have started to follow the policy set up by the State of West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families. This change in our procedure results from repeated errors in payment requests. The policy is as follows:

1. If the provider submits an incorrect Request for Payment Form and attendance sheet, the R&R worker shall send a letter to the provider indicating the payment request is incorrect. The provider will be responsible for submitting the billing form with the errors corrected.
2. If the provider submits a second incorrect Request for Payment Form, the R&R worker shall contact the provider by telephone or letter indicating that the provider must schedule an individual training session on the payment process. Any future incorrect billing forms will result in termination from the Certificate system.
3. If a third incorrect payment form is submitted, the R&R worker shall send the provider a 13 day cancellation notice for Childcare Provider Services Agreement.

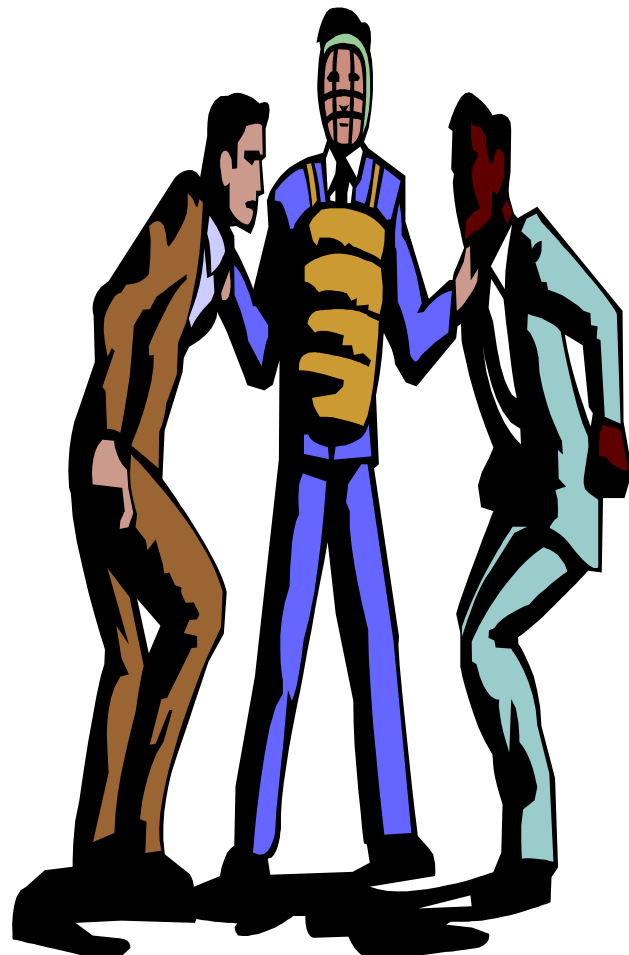
In addition, effective August 1, 2004 we will be sending back your billing forms for corrections if the child fee is not listed correctly. It is crucial to your business that

you are getting paid the correct fee from the parent. Remember to keep copies of the child care certificate you are given from the parents so you will be sure you are charging the correct fee.

If you need assistance completing your paperwork do not hesitate to come down to the office and speak to either your Data Entry worker or myself. We will be happy to help you.

It's your money, make sure you are the one keeping track of it!

Valerie Scipio  
Coordinator of Provider Services





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