

What is the T.R.A.I.L.S. program?

TRAILS stands for Traveling Resource and Information Library Service. TRAILS is a lending library system for bringing various childcare resources to registered or licensed West Virginia providers who accept subsidy certificates, including family day care homes, facilities and day care centers. The TRAILS van was made available to Connect Child Care through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families, and the Office of Social Services.



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▶ What resources are available to providers?

Materials for children from infancy through age twelve, including books, games, educational toys, videos, audio tapes, software, early childhood education curriculum materials,



Request your art supplies when you call!

materials for children with special needs, and art supplies, such as paper and crayons. Art supplies are made available to providers on an as needed basis. These items are not expected to be returned to the TRAILS van, as they are perishable and will be replenished by the van, as quantities permit.



How does the TRAILS program work?

The TRAILS van visits each of Connect's four counties (Kanawha, Jackson, Roane and Clay) on a rotating and regular basis, dropping off and picking up items approximately every two weeks. The van is staffed by an early Childhood Training Specialist and her assistant.

Through TRAILS, providers receive in-home technical assistance, including answers to childcare questions and help selecting and using developmentally appropriate materials.

How can child care providers schedule a visit from the TRAILS van?

You may call the Connect office and ask to speak with the TRAILS Specialist or the TRAILS Assistant. They will then schedule an appoint-

ment for the TRAILS van to visit your site during its next visit to your area. You will be expected to sign a lending agreement, promising to care for and use the materials properly. The TRAILS personnel will give this agreement to you on the first visit. Feel free to call at any time to arrange a special visit to your site for pick up or drop off of resources.

Call us today to set up a visit!

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