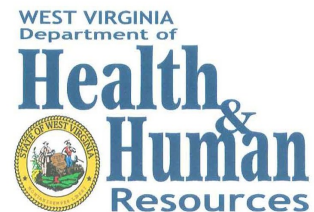




# NewsLink

A Newsletter of Link Child Care Resource and Referral



October, November and December 2013

## From the desk of the Director:

Hand washing is a fundamental part of helping in disease prevention. Hand washing can prevent the transmission of a variety of pathogens and if promoted on a wide enough scale can be thought of as a “do-it-yourself” vaccine. Proper hand washing can help maintain the health of adults and children. Since this is the case, it is so important that we teach children proper hand washing techniques as well as modeling it for them.

### When should we wash our hands?

- Before, during, and after food preparation
- Before eating
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After touching garbage

### How should we wash our hands?

First, wet your hands with clean, running water and apply soap. Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub well for at least 20 seconds. Don't forget the backs of hands, between fingers, and under fingernails. Next, rinse your hands well under running water. Finally, dry your hands with a clean towel or air dry.

This information and more can be found at [www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



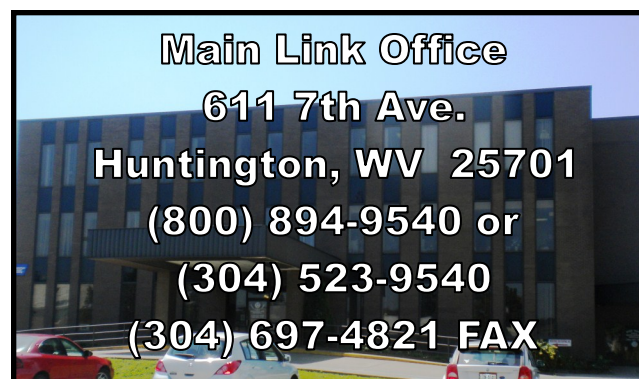
Global Handwashing Day  
October 15

Each year on October 15, over 200 million people are involved in celebrations in over 100 countries around the world  
<http://globalhandwashing.org/ghw-day>

—Cristie Dunbar

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## Ask a Question? Link CCR&R Provider Services



We in Provider Services at Link CCR&R are so thankful for all our wonderful providers and the service they give to enrich the lives of children. From time to time we are asked questions by providers and would like to share this information with all of our providers.

**Q:** How do the part days count towards full days on the Request for Payment forms?

**A:** Four or more hours per day is considered a full day. Part days of less than 4 hours are calculated as follows: 0 – 2 hours (1 minute to 1 hour 59 minutes) is calculated as 1/3 of a day. 2- 4 hours (2 hours to 3 hours 59 minutes) is calculated as 2/3 of a day. Our FACTS computer system calculates the fractional rate and when tallied it will drop off any 1/3 remaining. For example: 2 part days at 2 -4 hours will be  $2/3 + 2/3 = 1$  and  $1/3$  days, FACTS will pay at 1 full day.

**Q:** The child attended more than the 23 days per month allowed on the parent/guardian's child care certificate but most of them were part days, is that a problem?

**A:** Yes, even if the child is using part days the child should not be attending more days than what is allowed on their child care certificates. The days allowed per month on the certificate are the days the child is physically present, whether it is part days or full days. If the child was physically present 28 days and only allowed 23 days on the child care certificate we can only pay for 23 days of attendance, even if the amount of part days calculation totals 23. The parent would be responsible to pay for any days over the amount on the certificate.

If you have any other questions you would like to know the answer to, you can email one of us in the Link CCR&R Provider Services office: Pam.K.Williams@wv.gov, Leigh.Ann.Cazad@wv.gov, or Shelia.Myers@wv.gov or call us at 304-523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540. To complete a survey for Provider Services, go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCRR\\_Provider\\_Services\\_Survey\\_2013](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCRR_Provider_Services_Survey_2013)

### NEWSFLASH...

We now have an after hours mailbox outside our main office to drop off payment forms, verifications, etc.

Call Tracey Salyers at (304) 523-9540 for more information.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

Family Child Care Providers are eligible to apply for grants of up to **\$250**. These grants can be used to purchase resources required in regulations, curriculum materials, and/or to pay for **WV STARS application fees**. You must turn in receipts for the money you spend. Failure to do so will make you ineligible for future Family Child Care Grants and other grants that may become available through Link. We often have the following items in stock: First Aid Kits, Flash Lights, Fire Extinguishers, Digital Ear Thermometers, Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors. Contact Pam Williams at (304) 523-9540 or 1-800- 894-9540 Ext. 104 or [Pam.K.Williams@wv.gov](mailto:Pam.K.Williams@wv.gov) with questions or to request an application.



### First Aid and CPR Classes

This list of agencies offering First Aid and CPR is made available to you **for resource purposes only**.  
**Link is not responsible for the following trainings or registration for these trainings.**

- Boone County:** Kanawha Co. Red Cross—Call 340-3650 or [www-redcross.org](http://www-redcross.org).
- Cabell County:** Triad Tech— Call 529-7020.  
St. Mary's Medical Center—Contact Vicki Delaney at 526-1081.  
American Red Cross—Call 526-2900.  
Huntington YMCA—Contact Bill Tucker at 525-8127.  
Cabell County EMS—Contact Marsha Knight at 526-9797.  
Salt Rock Fire Dept—Call 733- 9040.
- Lincoln County:** Contact Dorothy or William Frazier—Call 778-3873.
- Logan County:** LEASA County Public Rescue—Call 752-0917.  
Logan Regional Medical Center—Contact Cindy Fleming—Education Dept. 831-1556.
- Mason County:** Pleasant Valley Hospital—Call 675-4340.  
Mason County Health Department—Call 675-3050.
- Mingo County:** Williamson Memorial Hospital—Contact Billy Whitt at 235-2500, Ext. 6321.
- Putnam County:** Red Cross Building in Putnam Co.—Call 340-3650.  
Active Sports Complex (aka Ayash Center) - Contact Scott Nasby at 741-4079.
- Wayne County:** Contact Kathy Parsons—Call 486-5991.



**LEARN CPR**  
You Can Do It!

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## Sing To Me!

By Paula Stewart

You can be rock star to the infants and toddlers in your care simply by singing to them. Who among us have not dreamed or imagined the heart throb crooner of our day singing directly to us and how we would feel oh so special and loved? According to Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer in their recent article *10 Ways Babies Learn When We Sing to Them* for naeyc® for families, babies will get the message that you love them when you sing directly to them. It will also help create that much needed bond between you and the infant in your care. When you include their name in the songs you sing it helps the baby learn his/her name. Singing also helps children learn the rhythm and rhyme of language. Your infants and toddlers will also learn new words and sounds as you sing to them.

Singing can also help with transitions; infants and toddlers thrive on predictability so why not have a welcome to child care song, it's diaper changing time song, let's wash our hands song, or it is outside time song? The children in your care will learn the daily routine as you sing through the day. Singing is also a fun way to play with infants and toddlers. Another benefit infants and toddlers learn from singing is listening as they begin to learn language and the feelings expressed through language.

After all, according to Professor Harold Hill of the "Music Man" singing is just extended talking. Think of how the quarrelling school board bonded, became fast friends, and began having fun together once they started singing together. Singing will help you bond with your little ones. You can have fun singing with your children especially if you include older children in the sing along. Singing can just be fun!

So, "just sing, sing a song la la la la la la la la la!"

### Fall WVIT I SCHEDULE Will be held in Mingo County

Session 1	October 17th	10:00am-3:30pm
Session 2	October 24th	10:00am-2:30pm
Session 3	October 31st	10:00am-3:30pm
Session 4	November 5th	10:00am-2:30pm
Session 5	November 7th	10:00am-2:30pm
Session 6	November 14th	10:00am-3:30pm
Session 7	November 21st	10:00am-2:30pm
Session 8	December 5th	10:00am-4:00pm
Session 9	December 12th	10:00am-3:30pm
Session 10	December 19th	10:00am-12:00pm

Make-up date if needed due to inclement weather: December 17th

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## BEHAVIOR CONSULTANT CORNER

Do you have a child in your care who displays behaviors that you would call “challenging?” Do you think your child care setting feels “chaotic” or “out of control?” Are you frustrated that your behavior guidance and discipline strategies are no longer working? If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, then you may want to consider utilizing Link’s Behavior Consultant services! In case you are unfamiliar with the process, here’s how it typically works:

Step 1 – Get in touch with me (phone call, email, stop by the office, catch me after a training, etc.) and tell me about the concerns you are having.

Step 2 – If I am able to address the issue on the spot, I will! If not, I will come out to your child care setting and do a few observations (typically 3 or 4, depending on the situation). It’s important to note that I do NOT need parental permission to do these observations. I am not a therapist, and I will never pull a child to the side or work one on one with him...my role is to support YOU, the child care provider!

Step 3 – I generate strategies for you to try based on the Positive Behavior Support pyramid (pictured below) that are specifically designed to help address your original concerns. Sometimes these strategies may include making referrals for outside help, such as to Birth to Three or your local county Pre-K collaborative for special needs services, but I will give you the tools to help make that process a little easier for the children who need them and their families.

Step 4 – Follow-up! I will periodically check back in to see how the new strategies are working. If we need to tweak them or change them altogether, I will work to help you find the solution that works best for YOU in your child care setting!

The most important thing to remember is that you do not have to try to manage any classroom or behavioral challenges alone! Give me a call, and we will generate solutions together! You are an asset to be treasured and I value the work that you do with young children!

I look forward to working more closely with you in the very near future!

Shannon



For more information,  
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Behavior Consultant  
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[Shannon.N.Taylor@wv.gov](mailto:Shannon.N.Taylor@wv.gov)



## ACDS CORNER

### Looking for Participants in the Local Council...

Each region across the state that has ACDS classes also has a local council. Local councils are made up of individuals that come together to discuss issues pertaining to the ACDS program in their specific area, including class start dates. Each local council has a designated local council representative. This person attends the State Executive Council meeting and shares information learned from the meeting back to the members of the local council. Local council members include representatives from Head Start, child care centers, instructors, journeypersons, WVU extension, and apprentices. The local council in the Cabell/Wayne/Lincoln region would like to encourage interested individuals to participate by attending meetings. Meetings are held a minimum of twice a year, and as many times as the council determines is needed. The local council representative for Cabell/Wayne/Lincoln is Patti Nelson. For additional information pertaining to participation in the local council you may contact Patti at 304-525-8701 or [patti.nelson@kiwanisdaycare.com](mailto:patti.nelson@kiwanisdaycare.com), or the ACDS office at 304-523-0433.



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[SBarrett@rvcds.org](mailto:SBarrett@rvcds.org)



# Fall Into New Activities!

By: Amber Collier

It is so hard to believe that summer is over and fall is here. I lament the ending of my favorite season, BUT autumn is back and in full effect. There are some benefits of the fall season: cooler temperatures, colorful foliage, and getting that glorious one extra hour of sleep on that very special day (2 a.m. November 3<sup>rd</sup> to be exact). To help enhance learning and fun during this time of year, I have compiled various activities for early learners that are perfect for the autumn season! I hope that you can use some of these exciting activities before Old Man Winter arrives!

## Fall Feely Box –Sensory Activity

**Materials:** Leaves, acorns, pine cones, nuts (*check for allergies first*), apples, and other things you have discussed. You'll need a box the children can fit their hands into without seeing inside. A large shoe box with a hole cut in the top will do.

**Description:** Teachers, without the children seeing you, add the objects in the box. During circle time have the children take turns feeling inside the box. Ask each child to describe what he or she feels and what they think it is.

## Fall Wreath—Craft

Take an outdoor nature walk and collect various materials such as fall leaves, acorns, and pine cones.

**Materials:** Leaves, acorns, pine cones, bow, brown paint, bows and paper plates

**Description:** Cut the center out of a paper plate and have the children paint the paper plate, brown. When the plates are dry give the children glue and let them have fun. Away from the children, use a hot glue gun to glue any loose pieces and the bow.

## Fall Art Ideas—Fine motor

**Materials:** Fall colored construction paper, fall colored paints, medicine dropper, playdough in fall colors, cinnamon and vanilla scents

### Descriptions:

Use dropper to drop fall colored tempera onto paper. Fold paper in half and rub the closed paper and open for a wonderful surprise.

Mix the scents into the playdough and use leaf shaped cookie cutters to play with.

## Pass the Apple—Gross motor and fine motor

**Materials:** An apple

**Directions:** Instruct children to pair up in teams of 2-3. Children tuck in the apple under their chin and shoulder, race to their teammate, and pass the apple to them without using their hands. If the apple is dropped, it can be put back into place using hands. Depending on the size of the kids, the fruit can be switched to small gourds, fall squash, or tiny pumpkins.

### References:

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/preschool-fall.htm>

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ellie-krieger/pumpkin-muffins-recipe/index.html>

<http://voices.yahoo.com/15-fun-fall-harvest-outdoor-party-games-children-476244.html>



For more ideas or other information,  
Contact Amber Collier  
Early Childhood Specialist  
(304) 523-9540 Ext. 430

## CABELL WAYNE FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION NEWS SUBMITTED BY KATHY BAKER

The Cabell Wayne Family Child Care Association is **open to all counties now**, not just Cabell and Wayne. All of our meetings are registered with WV STARS and you will receive ONE or TWO hours credit. We also offer other trainings from time to time which are WV STARS registered. If you have any questions feel free to call me Kathy Baker, President, at 304-529-6246 or email me at [mrskathys@comcast.net](mailto:mrskathys@comcast.net) so I can add you to our email list and you can start receiving information about the association and other helpful information. We would like to have all providers' email addresses so please email me at the address above so you can be added to the email list.



### Next Meeting: The WV Family Child Care Association will host the meeting on Sept 7th

Please join us at the WV Mardi Gras Casino and Resort in Nitro at 10am for brunch on us in the French Quarter Restaurant! We will have a short meeting where you can learn more about what our association is doing and then its off for fun in the casino! Please be responsible and bring a certain amount to gamble with. We want to see ALL of the Family Child Care Providers in our area so make sure you RSVP with either Kathy Baker (304-638-7578) or Tammy Eubank (304-634-4806). We look forward to seeing you and having fun! Abbie Daniel can help you if you aren't sure what to do. Membership grant forms will be available to pay for your association membership. We will also have a 50/50 drawing. Please meet at the French Quarter.

## TRAINING CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT TRAINING INFORMATION

1. All trainings begin promptly at the scheduled time. Please arrive before the session begins. If you miss 15 or more minutes during the course of any training session, you will not receive credit for that training.
2. If you are disruptive or prevent the Trainer from staying on task, you will be asked to leave and your Regulatory Specialist will be notified.
3. If you sign up for a training and do not call to cancel at least 24 hours in advance, your Regulatory Specialist will be notified.
4. No cell phones or electronic devices may be used during the training sessions.
5. You may not bring children to any Link training session.
6. You must bring a picture ID to all trainings.
7. You are responsible for keeping your training certificates on file. All trainings we offer are registered with WV STARS.
8. You must register for training sessions at least two days in advance to be guaranteed a spot.

### Family Child Care Providers

FCC Providers must complete eight hours of training in at least two different core competency areas (see box on right) each year according to the date on your individual certificate of registration.

## Codes for Training Chart



### Core Competency

<b>CGD</b>	Child Growth and Development
<b>HSN</b>	Health, Safety and Nutrition
<b>PIR</b>	Positive Interactions & Relationships
<b>COA</b>	Child Observation and Assessment
<b>PM</b>	Program Management
<b>FC</b>	Family and Community
<b>C</b>	Curriculum
<b>P</b>	Professionalism

### Tier

<b>Tier I</b>	Beginner Level
<b>Tier II</b>	Intermediate
<b>Tier III</b>	Advanced

### Targeted Age/Area

<b>IT</b>	Infant/Toddler
<b>PRE</b>	Pre-School
<b>SAC</b>	School Age Care
<b>CB</b>	Center Based
<b>FCC</b>	Family Child Care Providers
<b>ADM</b>	Administration
<b>ALL</b>	Targets All Areas

Date of the Training	Title of the Training	* Core Comp	* Tier	* Target Age/Area	Location of the Training	Time of Training
<b>Cabell and Wayne Counties</b>						
<b>Saturday, October 26</b>  <b>Super Saturday</b>	Medication Administration (limited to 15 participants)	HSN	II	All	Link CCR&R— <b>1st floor</b> 611 7th Ave., Huntington	8:00-12:00
	Including All Children (limited to 50 participants)	CGD	II	All	Link CCR&R— <b>2nd floor</b> 611 7th Ave., Huntington	8:00-10:00
	How Does Your Baby Grow? (limited to 50 participants)	CGD	II	All	Link CCR&R— <b>2nd floor</b> 611 7th Ave., Huntington	10:15-12:15
	Overview of the WV ELSF (limited to 15 participants)	C	I	All	Link CCR&R— <b>1st floor</b> 611 7th Ave., Huntington	12:45-2:45
	Young At Art (limited to 50 participants)	C	II	IT	Link CCR&R— <b>2nd floor</b> 611 7th Ave., Huntington	12:45-2:45

Date of the Training	Title of the Training	* Core Comp	* Tier	* Target Age/ Area	Location of the Training	Time of Training
<b>Cabell and Wayne Counties, Continued</b>						
Mon., Nov. 18	Healthy Habits for Life 	HSN	I	All	Link CCR&R 611 7th Ave., Huntington	3:00-5:00
Mon., Dec. 2	An Ounce of Prevention is Worth A Pound of Cure (Guidance and Discipline for Infants and Toddlers) 	CGD	II	IT	C-K Library 1200 Oak St., Kenova	1:00-3:00
Mon., Dec. 9	Creating Quality Environments 	C	II	Pre	Link CCR&R 611 7th Ave., Huntington	5:00-7:00
Tues., Dec. 17	Germinators: Spreading the Word, Not the Germs 	HSN/C	II	All	C-K Library 1200 Oak St., Kenova	3:00-5:00
Tues., Dec. 10	Developmentally Appropriate Practice	CGD/ PIR	I	All	Link CCR&R 611 7th Ave., Huntington	3:00-5:00
<b>Logan, Mingo and Boone Counties</b>						
Tues., Oct. 22	Germinators: Spreading the Word, Not the Germs 	HSN/C	II	All	Logan Library 1 Wildcat Way, Logan	1:00-3:00
Fri., Nov. 8	Healthy Habits for Life 	HSN	I	All	Link CCR&R—Logan Office 19 Circle Drive, Logan	10:00-12:00
Thurs., Nov. 21	Germinators: Spreading the Word, Not the Germs 	HSN/C	II	All	Mingo Co. DHHR 203 E 3rd Ave., Williamson	1:00-3:00
Thurs., Dec. 12	Disaster Preparation for Family Child Care 	HSN	II	FCC	Link CCR&R—Logan Office 19 Circle Drive, Logan	2:00-4:00
<b>Lincoln County</b>						
Wed., Oct. 9	Developmentally Appropriate Practice	CGD/ PIR	I	All	Hamlin Library Lynn St., Hamlin	1:00-3:00
Thurs., Nov. 14	Including All Children	CGD	II	All	Hamlin Library Lynn St., Hamlin	10:00-12:00
<b>Mason County</b>						
Thurs., Nov. 14	How Does Your Baby Grow? 	CGD	II	All	Mason Co. Library 508 Viand St., Pt. Pleasant	3:00-5:00
<b>Putnam County</b>						
Mon., Nov. 4	An Ounce of Prevention is Worth A Pound of Cure (Guidance and Discipline for Infants and Toddlers) 	CGD	II	IT	First Baptist Academy 2635 Main St., Hurricane	5:00-7:00
Thurs., Dec. 12	Including All Children	CGD	II	All	Putnam Co. Library 4129 Rt. 34, Hurricane	10:00-12:00

We would like to hear from you about your training needs. Go to [www.wvdhhr.org/link](http://www.wvdhhr.org/link) then go to For Providers. There you will see our Needs Assessment. You can print it, fill it out and mail it or fax it.

Or go to this link on survey monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LinkNeedsAssessment2013>

We use these needs assessments to help determine the trainings we will offer each quarter.



## Descriptions of Training Sessions:

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth A Pound of Cure 	Infants and Toddlers need guidance to help them navigate this big world they are born in to. Caregivers will understand how to help the children in their care navigate by understanding the three basic stages of social emotional development and what they can do to support the development.
Young At Art	Come learn how open ended art supports several developmental domains. You will spend time experiencing open ended art activities appropriate for toddlers. The handouts will include ideas and recipes for toddler art experiences.
How Does Your Baby Grow? 	This session will focus on the four main domains of child development and how all development occurs simultaneously. Current theory will also be covered.
Including All Children	In this training, providers will learn the basic concepts of Inclusion, such as ADA vs. IDEA, what to expect with IEP's/IFSP's, making referrals, and modifying the physical environment to support all children.
Overview of the WVVELSF	Overview of the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework. The WVVELSF was created by a collaboration of early education professionals.
Healthy Habits for Life 	This PBS Ready to Learn Training will focus on teaching and modeling Healthy Habits for young children that will last a lifetime. It will cover good eating, exercise and hygiene habits as well as the importance of rest and relaxation.
Creating Quality Environments 	This training will focus on the learning environment portion of the Creative Curriculum to Create Environments that educate. It will cover the teacher's role in how children learn, what children learn, setting up the classroom, and establishing structure.
Germinators: Spreading the Word, Not the Germs 	Reviewing current and proper ways of preventing the spread of germs in early childhood programs.
Developmentally Appropriate Practice	Participants will learn what defines developmentally appropriate practice in early childhood. This training will focus on techniques that help early childhood educators foster developmentally appropriate environments, activities, and interactions.
Disaster Preparation for Family Child Care  	This training is designed to help Family Child Care Providers prepare for different types of disasters. It includes preparing an emergency plan specific to the



**For additional Training Opportunities in our region and throughout the state check out the WV Early Childhood Training**

**Connections and Resources (WVECTCR) Training Calendar at <http://www.wvearlychildhood.org>**

### **Link Inclement Weather Policy Regarding Training Sessions Presented by Link CCR&R Staff:**

In the case of school cancellation or two hour delay in Cabell County **OR** the county in which the training is scheduled, it will be cancelled for that day and you will be contacted when it is rescheduled.

Thank you for your cooperation.





## THE DIRECTOR'S TOOLBOX MODULE

Each of the sessions will be held from 8:30am—12:30pm at Link CCR&R. Each session is registered with WV STARS and meets the training requirements for Directors. The sessions are geared toward Administrators and ways to help Directors, Emerging Leaders, and others in administrative roles juggle the additional challenges of being an Administrator of an early childhood program. The sessions can be taken individually for four hours of WV STARS credit each.

Please contact Nikki Rabel at (304) 523-9540 for more information or to register for the training.

From the Inside Out: The Power of Reflections & Self-Awareness	August 22
The Right Fit: Recruiting, Selecting & Orienting Staff	September 5
Circle of Influence: Implementing Shared Decision Making & Participative Management	September 19
Making the Most of Meetings	October 3
Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done	October 17

## Medication Administration & Child Abuse and Neglect

The following **Medication Administration** and **Child Abuse and Neglect** Classes will be held in the **1st Floor Conference Room at Link CCR&R**:

### Medication Administration

**You must be on the STARS Pathway in order to take this class.**

October 26th 8:00am-12:00pm (as part of Link Super Saturday)

November 19th 4:00-8:00pm

December 11th 3:00-7:00pm



### Child Abuse and Neglect

October 28th 6:00-8:00pm

November 12th 6:00-8:00pm

December 17th 6:00-8:00pm



If your staff needs to be trained in Medication Administration or Child Abuse and Neglect, as per State Regulations, or other health and safety trainings, please contact Glenna Bailey, Nurse Health Consultant with West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources at (304) 529-7603 or 1-888-983-2827 Ext. 402 to **request a training at your center.**

## Would You Like to Improve the Quality of Your Program and Earn More Money?

To learn more about **ACCREDITATION**, log on or call:

**Family Child Care Providers and Facilities** can log on at [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org) or call 1-800-359-3817.

**Child Care Centers** can log on at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) or call 1-800-424-2460.

Contact WV ECTCR to inquire about financial support for the application process at 529-7603 or 1-888-983-2827.



## SAVE THE DATE!

## Annual Child Care Directors' Meeting

**When:** October 9, 2013  
8:30am—4:30pm

**Where:** Five Locations...

Bridgeport Conference Center  
Connect CCR&R (via satellite)  
Child Care Resource Center (via satellite)  
Holiday Inn—Princeton (via satellite)  
Holiday Inn—Martinsburg (via satellite)

**Meals:** on your own

### Conference Presenters...

**Lancy Cheshire**—Early Childhood Professor Emerita at Piedmont CTC and SECA President  
**Bill Evans**—Regional Emergency Management Specialist, HHS/ Administration for Children and Families



**Please Note:** Attendance is required for programs to be eligible for tiered reimbursement or related quality grants. All directors are encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend, please send a designee in your place.

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## FOOD REIMBURSEMENT

For information on enrolling in the Family Child Care Food Program to help with the costs of meals and snacks you serve the children in your care, please contact the following agency in your area:

**Central Child Care**  
Serving Boone County  
(304) 382-0797



**Pride of Logan County**  
Serving Logan County  
(304) 752-6868 or (304) 752-1047

**River Valley Family Child Care Food Program**  
Serving Cabell, Lincoln, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne Counties  
(304) 523-3031 or 1-800-581-3031



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## TRAILS Corner



**What is the TRAILS Program?** For those of you who are not familiar with the program, TRAILS stands for **T**raveling **R**esource and **I**nformation **L**ibrary **S**ervice. The TRAILS van provides a lending library system to registered or licensed West Virginia providers who accept subsidy certificates, including Family Child Care Homes and Facilities, Child Care Centers, Pre- K and Head Start programs. Link CCR&R TRAILS serves Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne Counties.

**What resources are available?** The TRAILS van has developmentally appropriate materials for children from birth through twelve years of age. The materials include books, games, educational/ developmentally appropriate toys, CD's, resource books for teachers and providers, materials for children with special needs, and art supplies. The TRAILS Early Childhood Specialist, Tiffany Marcum, is available to assist providers with on-site technical assistance, including selecting and using developmentally appropriate materials. She can also answer many child care questions providers may have. In addition, Tiffany can do one hour training sessions for Family Child Care Providers that are registered with WV STARS.

**How does the TRAILS program work?** The TRAILS van makes monthly visits to the provider's home or child care center. Providers may call the Link CCR&R office at (304) 523-9540 and ask to speak to Virena Elkins, The TRAILS Early Childhood Associate at ext. 121 or Tiffany Marcum, TRAILS Early Childhood Specialist at ext. 116 to schedule an appointment. An appointment will be scheduled for the TRAILS Van to visit during the next visit to the area. Providers will be expected to sign a lending agreement, promising to care and use the materials properly and to reimburse for lost or damaged items. We look forward to visiting with you.



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## Food for Your Soul

Do you like to “yack?” Do you like to snack? If so, join us for an exciting evening of **fun** and **participation** amongst fellow **Putnam County caregivers on Thursday, October 3 from 6-8 pm at First Baptist Church Hurricane** ! Our newly founded group, “**Yack ‘n Snack**” invites you to become the caregiver you want to be with the help of others. This input will encourage you to try new ideas and will help put a smile back on your face. Seating is limited to 20 but ideas are unlimited. Call now to register for “**Yack ‘n Snack**” or for more information at **(304) 552-9552 (Dana)**. We hope to see you there!



## Putting Curriculum into Practice by Nikki Cavalier Rabel

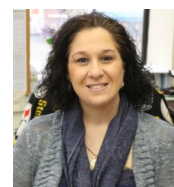
An appropriate curriculum consists of teachers identifying not only important concepts and skills but also effective methods for helping children learn and develop. Good teachers use the curriculum as a guide to help provide children with experiences that will stimulate growth in all areas of development.

According to the [NAEYC Position Statement on Early Childhood Curriculum, Assessment and Program Evaluation](#) we should implement a curriculum that is thoughtfully planned, challenging, engaging, developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive, comprehensive and likely to promote positive outcomes for all children.

Indicators of effectiveness include:

- Children are active and engaged.
- Goals are clear and shared by all.
- Curriculum is evidence based.
- Valued content is learned through investigation, play and focused intentional teaching.
- Curriculum builds on prior learning and experience.
- Curriculum is comprehensive.
- Professional standards validate the curriculum's subject-matter content.
- The curriculum is likely to benefit all children.

If you would like more information about this topic or others, Contact Nikki Cavalier Rabel  
Early Childhood Specialist  
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To see the complete position statement visit <http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/pscape.pdf>.

As a guide to help us put our curriculum into practice we can use the acronym **G.E.R.M.S.** which stands for:

**G**oals and Objectives  
**E**xperiences  
**R**oles (Teacher, Child and Parent)  
**M**aterials, Equipment and Supplies  
**S**ound Child Development Practices and Principles

When we have these elements in place, the curriculum flows smoothly to create the best possible learning environment for the children in our care.

If you are interested in learning more about curriculum or need help putting your curriculum into practice, we can offer you technical assistance specific to your program. Contact the Link Professional Development Team at (304) 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 for more information or to request a technical assistance visit.

### Mind in the Making



Mind in the Making Class  
Dates:

September 17, 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
November 5, 12, 19, 26  
December 3

Each class will meet from  
4:00– 6:30 at Link CCR&R.

The ***Mind in the Making Modules*** are a 12-part learning process that uses research on children's development, on how children learn and how teachers can encourage engaged learning. The ***Mind in the Making Overview*** is a quick look at the series and is ***required*** for child care center/facility directors to attend before sending their teaching staff to the 12 module series. By completing this class, you will receive the *Mind in the Making* book by Ellen Galinsky!

**Participants will receive children's books valued at \$150 and training credit worth 2 years!**

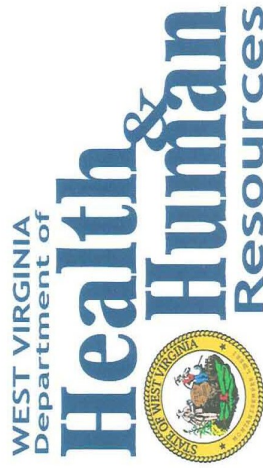
***Mind in Making 12 Module Series*** is WV STARS registered training comprised of 45 hours in these Core Competency areas: Child Growth/Development (6), Positive Interactions/Relationships (12), Curriculum (15), Observation/Assessment (3), and Professionalism (9). See the list of class dates to the left.

***Mind in the Making Overview*** is WV STARS registered.  
1.5 hours in Program Management  
September 3 @ 1:30-3:00pm at Link CCR&R

Contact Nikki Cavalier Rabel at (304) 523-9540, Ext. 229 for more information.

***SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE! Call Today!***

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### Child Care Provider's Newsletter and Professional Development Information

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