

WV Birth to Three Webinar Training Schedule April 2026

Parents!

If you are interested in learning more about any of the sessions listed or registering to attend any sessions, please email dhwvbttraining@wv.gov.

Important Training Information

1. If you have questions about training, please email dhwvbttraining@wv.gov.
2. All training begins promptly at the scheduled time. Please sign into the webinar platform at least 10 minutes early to allow for assistance with any challenges encountered.
3. Each participant must be signed into their own device to attend the session. That can include a computer or a mobile app.
4. To support a focused and engaging learning environment, we kindly ask that participants:
 - Keep cameras on, when possible, to foster connection and participation.
 - Actively participate throughout the session via polls, discussions, breakout rooms, and post-tests to receive credit for training.
 - Avoid driving or multitasking during training to ensure safety and attentiveness.
 - Treat the training time as protected, just as you would for in-person training.
5. If you miss more than **15 minutes** of the delivered content, you will not receive credit for the training.
6. Please download and print all materials prior to the start of the training.
7. Completion certificates for training will be available through WV STARS. Professionals, if you do not have a WV STARS Registry ID:
 - Visit <http://wvstars.org/>
 - Select the Professionals link and then select the “Join” option and follow the on-screen commands
 - Call WV STARS with any questions you may have or for assistance – 1-855-822-7827
8. Sessions marked with  are designed for parents, families and caregivers of infants and toddlers.

Newly Enrolling Practitioners and Service Coordinators

<p>Newly Enrolling Practitioners and Service Coordinators</p>	<p>Orientation to WV Birth to Three - estimated 2.5 hours to complete</p> <p>Participants will learn the legal and philosophical foundations of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), how early intervention is implemented in West Virginia, and expectations for practitioners providing services within WV Birth to Three (WVBTT).</p> <p>The self-paced course overviews family centered services, the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process, procedural safeguards, required system components, personnel standards, and enrollment procedures.</p> <p>Once registered, you are enrolled in the course with access to content beginning the following Monday.</p> <p>Currently enrolled WVBTT practitioners and service coordinators may not use this course for annual enrollment.</p>	<p>Questions</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Click Here</p>	<p>To Register</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Click Here</p>
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Date & Time of Training	Title & Description	West Virginia Early Childhood Core Competencies and Tier	West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Competencies
<p>April 3, 2026</p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Click here to Register</p>	<p>Developmental Specialist Community of Practice (2 Contact Hours)</p> <p>WV Birth to Three Developmental Specialist Participation Only</p> <p>Members of the Community of Practice learn together through topical webinars and readings, sharing knowledge and experiences, reflecting on their own knowledge and skills, and supporting each other in making changes to evidence-based practices.</p> <p>If you are new to WVBTT and in need of a way to learn from other developmental specialists or have been with us for years and want a forum to share ideas and support others, please join us.</p> <p><i>To receive credit for the session, you must have your camera on and actively participate throughout the session.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professionalism & Leadership <p>TIER - Basic</p>	<p>Law, Regulation & Agency Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government, Law & Regulation <p>Working with Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Others <p>Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning & Organizing
<p>April 7, 2026</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Click here to Register</p>	<p>Preventing and Managing Children’s Challenging Behaviors (2 Contact Hours)</p> <p>This course examines common challenging behaviors in toddlers, exploring their causes in various situations. Learn preventative strategies to build coping skills and effective techniques for managing behaviors when they occur.</p> <p>Join us in welcoming Liz Simons, MS, MEd, BCBA as our presenter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Growth & Development Family & Community <p>TIER - Basic</p>	<p>Theoretical Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infant/Very Young Child & Family-Centered Practice
<p>April 8, 2026</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Click here to Register</p> 	<p>Special Guest – Not Good or Bad - Just a Fit: Understanding Temperament (1 Contact Hour)</p> <p>This course is for parents and caregivers who want to understand temperament and learn how to adjust their caregiving to better support children as they grow. We will talk about what temperament is, where it comes from, and how different temperaments can affect children’s outcomes. We will discuss how caregivers can influence temperament and help shape children’s growth and development. Finally, we will generate lists of ways caregivers can best “fit” their behaviors to their child’s temperament.</p> <p>Join us in welcoming Dr. Amy Kennedy Root, West Virginia University, as our presenter.</p> <p><i>To receive credit for the session, you must have your camera on and actively participate throughout the session.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Growth & Development <p>TIER - Basic</p>	<p>Theoretical Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Relationships & Dynamics
<p>April 10, 2026</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Click Here to Join</p>	<p>Motivational Interviewing Practice Group (1 Contact Hour)</p> <p>Participants must be enrolled in WVBTT. This practice group is for Service Coordinators and Practitioners who have completed motivational interviewing training through WVBTT.</p> <p>The Motivational Interviewing (MI) Practice Group is a discussion group for WVBTT practitioners to practice MI skills learned in previous training courses. The group will have opportunities to practice in a large group and in small groups as needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family & Community Professionalism & Leadership <p>TIER - Intermediate</p>	<p>Direct Service Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding with Empathy, Life Skills <p>Working with Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building and Maintaining

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	<p>Practices might include the four processes of MI, OARS (open ended questions, affirmations, reflections, and summaries), having the Spirit of MI and other MI techniques, skills, and strategies. The group is designed to help build motivational interviewing skills in professionals.</p> <p><u>To receive credit for the session, you must have your camera on and actively participate throughout the session.</u></p>		<p>Relationships, OR • Empathy & Compassion, OR Reflection Curiosity</p>								
<p>April 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Click here to Register</p>	<p>Determining Eligibility for WV Birth to Three – The Good, The Bad and The Not Really Eligible (2 Contact Hours)</p> <p>As a family begins their journey with WVBTT and annually, the team gathers information to support the determination of eligibility. This process involves understanding the WVBTT procedures for evaluation/assessment and policies defining eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Join us for a review of best practices for these activities and a question-and-answer opportunity for practitioners and service coordinators.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="420 722 1480 922"> <tr> <td data-bbox="420 722 514 922" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Professional CEUs</td> <td data-bbox="514 722 892 922">  <p>ASHA CE APPROVED PROVIDER</p> </td> <td data-bbox="892 722 1134 922"> <p>West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Introductory Level 0.2 ASHA CEUs</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1134 722 1480 922">  </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="420 828 1480 922"> <p>Kristy Stout and Sheila Zickefoose are employed or contracted by WV Birth to Three. There are no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	Professional CEUs	 <p>ASHA CE APPROVED PROVIDER</p>	<p>West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Introductory Level 0.2 ASHA CEUs</p>		<p>Kristy Stout and Sheila Zickefoose are employed or contracted by WV Birth to Three. There are no other relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Growth & Development • Child Observation & Assessment • Professionalism & Leadership <p>TIER - Basic</p>	<p>Law, Regulation & Agency Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government, Law & Regulation • Agency Policy
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<p>April 13, 2026 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Click here to Register</p>	<p>Special Guest – Partnering with Families Experiencing Mental Health Challenges (1.5 Contact Hours)</p> <p>This training will provide an overview of the prevalence of severe mental health in adults, the impact this has on children, adverse childhood experiences, and how to enter the family system.</p> <p>Join us in welcoming Amanda Newhouse, Clinical Social Work Faculty, West Virginia University, as our presenter.</p> <p><u>To receive credit for the session, you must have your camera on and actively participate throughout the session.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family & Community Relationships • Health, Safety & Nutrition <p>TIER - Basic</p>	<p>Theoretical Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant/Very Young Child & Family-Centered Practice 								
<p>April 17, 2026 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Click here to Register</p>	<p>WV Birth to Three Autism Practice Group (1 Contact Hour)</p> <p>The Autism Practice Group is a discussion group for WVBTT practitioners to address and discuss evidence-based practices, specific strategies, common challenges in autism, and parent coaching. The group is designed to address topics of interest selected by you, the practitioner. We will have topics planned for each meeting as requested by participants as well as guest speakers to help guide us in providing the best services for our families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Growth & Development • Environment & Curriculum <p>TIER - Intermediate</p>									

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<p>April 27, 2026</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Click here to Register</p>	<p>The Community of Practice is facilitated by Cindy LeGrand, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and Speech Language Pathologist, and Jessica Dempsey, BCBA, WVBT Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Coordinator.</p> <p>Making a Difference - Mandate to Report, Responsibility to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect (2 Contact Hours)</p> <p>This training will explore how to identify, and report suspected abuse and neglect, as well as examine ways to build protective factors that prevent abuse and neglect. This training will help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster a greater understanding of the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) • Understand signs, indicators, and definitions of child maltreatment • Learn when you are legally required to call Child Protective Services (CPS) and what happens when you make a report • Reduce bias in the decision-making process • Increase knowledge of local supports and resources for families • Improve accuracy in knowing when indicators and analysis indicate a referral to CPS should be made and when a referral to community services is more appropriate. <p><u>To receive credit for the session, you must have your camera on and actively participate throughout the session.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Safety & Nutrition • TIER - Basic 	<p>Law, Regulation & Agency Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government, Law & Regulation <p>Direct Service Skills</p> <p>Safety</p>
<p>April 29, 2026</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Click here to Register</p>	<p>WV Birth to Three Lunch & Learn – Working with Child Welfare (1 Contact Hour)</p> <p>This training will include the following information for home visitors working with caregivers who have children under the age of 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory reporting requirements for mandated reporters in West Virginia • What occurs once a child welfare report has been made to the Centralized Intake reporting line • Child welfare abuse and neglect definitions • Tasks of a child welfare worker once a CPS or youth services report is completed and assigned to a district child welfare worker for assessment, the roles of both the child welfare worker and the home visitor • Tasks of a child welfare worker during the ongoing assessment and the roles of the home visitor • Home visitors working with child welfare in safety plans and case plans <p>Join us in welcoming Amanda Spencer, Licensed Social Worker, WV Department of Human Services, Bureau for Social Services, as our presenter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family & Community Relationships • TIER - Basic 	<p>Systems Expertise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Delivery • Community Resources