



April - June 2024 Training Calendar

Paint and Pastries Parties

In recognition of all the wonderful work you do for children and families in West Virginia, MountainHeart wants to do something special just for **YOU!** During the month of May, we are planning events to celebrate our child care providers! Watch for more information on the email listserv about our “Paint and Pastries Party” events in your area.



Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your service!



Billable Days

The Child Care Provider reimbursement based on enrollment has been extended through September 2024, as long as funding remains available. Billable days for the upcoming months:

- * April 2024 – 22 Days
- * May 2024 – 23 Days
- * June 2024 – 20 Days




TRAINING REMINDER

Virtual options will continue to be offered for some sessions, but beginning in January 2024, module-based courses will primarily be offered face-to-face. These sessions include WVIT 1, WVIT 2, The Growing Brain, Mind in the Making, Director’s Toolbox, etc. If you are planning to participate in these module-based courses, please watch the calendar closely for sessions being offered in your area. Plan accordingly, as modules will not be in your county every quarter.

April - June 2024 Training Dates

We will be offering both in-person and on-line training options for April-June 2024!

IN-PERSON Trainings				
Training Title	Location	Date	Time	Audience
BARBOUR COUNTY				
All About Down Syndrome	Barbour County DHHR	June 17	1 – 2 pm	All Providers
BERKELEY COUNTY				
Early Learning Standards Framework: I/T with Lesson Planning (Must attend all 3 sessions)	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	April 11	All Sessions 4 – 7 pm	Infant/Toddler Providers Only
		April 18		
		April 25		
Quality Counts	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	SATURDAY May 4	9 – 10 am	All Providers
Utilizing the Environmental Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	SATURDAY May 4	10:15 am – 12:15 pm	All Providers
Planning Your Professional Growth	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	SATURDAY May 4	1 – 3 pm	All Providers
Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention Support Must attend all 4 sessions	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	SATURDAYS	All Sessions 2 – 4 pm	All Providers
		May 11		
		May 18		
		May 25		
Identifying Environmental Hazards 2	Martinsburg MountainHeart Office	May 23	6:30 – 8:30 pm	All Providers
GRANT COUNTY				
What’s Your Implicit Bias?	Petersburg MountainHeart Office	SATURDAY April 20	1 – 2 pm	All Providers
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY				
All About Down Syndrome	Hampshire County Library	April 30	6 – 7 pm	All Providers
HARDY COUNTY				
WV Elements of Family Child Care Modules Must attend all 7 sessions	Hardy County Library	April 4	All Sessions 9 am – 1 pm	Family and Facility Providers Only
		April 11		
		April 18		
		April 25		
		May 2		
		May 16		
May 23				

Infant/Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention Support Modules Must attend all 3 sessions		Hardy County Child Care Center	SATURDAYS	All Sessions 9 am – 1 pm	Infant/Toddler Providers Only
			May 4		
			May 11		
			May 18		
Diving into Diversity		Hardy County Child Care Center`	SATURDAY June 22	9 am – 12 pm	All Providers
JEFFERSON COUNTY					
What's Your Implicit Bias?		Jefferson County DHHR	June 27	1 – 2 pm	All Providers
LEWIS COUNTY					
What's Your Implicit Bias?		Peas in a Pod	May 29	6:30 – 7:30 pm	All Providers
MINERAL COUNTY					
All About Down Syndrome		Small World Day Care	SATURDAY June 8	9 – 10 am	All Providers
PRESTON COUNTY					
The Growing Brain Modules Must attend all 7 sessions		Preston County DHHR	April 4	All Sessions 1 – 4 pm	All Providers
			April 11		
			May 2		
			May 16		
			May 23		
			May 30		
			June 13		
TAYLOR COUNTY					
Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale - 3		Grafton MountainHeart Office	May 21	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Pre-K Providers Only
TUCKER COUNTY					
Early Learning Standards Framework: PreK with Lesson Planning (Must attend all 3 sessions)		Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative	June 11	All Sessions 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Pre-K Providers
			June 18		
			June 25		



Online MountainHeart training will be offered through Microsoft TEAMS. Once you register for the training on the STARS Training Calendar, your trainer will contact you with detailed instructions for accessing the training session.

ONLINE Trainings offered by MountainHeart Community Services Professional Development Team				
Training Title	Location	Date	Time	Audience
Teaching Children to Resolve Conflicts	Microsoft TEAMS	SATURDAY April 6	9 – 11 am	All Providers
School-Age Environment Rating Scales	Microsoft TEAMS	SATURDAY May 4	10 am – 12 pm	Center-based School Age Providers Only
Teaching Children to Resolve Conflicts	Microsoft TEAMS	May 23	6 – 8 pm	All Providers
Teaching Children to Resolve Conflicts	Microsoft TEAMS	June 12	1 – 3 pm	All Providers



CCHHE ONLINE TRAININGS

APRIL

4

Bed Bugs and Beyond

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Renee Stonebraker

APRIL

18

Understanding Special Dietary Needs

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Renee Stonebraker

APRIL

29

All that Sugar and Fat

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

MAY

7

Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Renee Stonebraker

MAY

16

Oral Health

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

MAY

22

Fun and Healthy Snacks

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

JUNE

4

Let's Move

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Renee Stonebraker

JUNE

13

Picky Eaters

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Renee Stonebraker

JUNE




24

Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs



6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Harmony Vance-Tissebaum

Childcare Nurse Health Consultants Online Trainings

Date and Time	Title and Description	Trainer
4/2/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Karen Gilbert
4/3/24 6:00-8:00 PM 	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
4/8/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Crystal Harclerode
4/11/24 12:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Infection Control	Candace Morgan
4/16/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Rashes & Scratches	Lisa Galford
4/22/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
5/4/24 8:00-11:00 AM Saturday Morning 	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
5/8/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Seizures	Karen Gilbert
5/14/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Summertime Safety	Lisa Galford
5/21/24 6:30-8:30 PM 	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
5/23/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Karen Gilbert
6/5/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
6/11/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Summertime Safety	Lisa Galford
6/18/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Seizures	Karen Gilbert
6/20/24 5:30-8:30 PM 	Medication Administration	Lisa Galford
6/25/24 6:00-8:00 PM 	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candy Morgan



Training Topic	Summary
Communicable Diseases in Child Care	 Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.
Summertime Safety	This presentation includes information about recognizing and preventing various heat related conditions along with first aid for each condition. Water and Bug Safety is included.
Seizures	This training provides information about recognizing types of seizures, basic first aid for seizures, recognizing medical emergencies and medication administration for seizures.
Rashes & Scratches	Information about various skin conditions that young children experience.
Medication Administration	 Participants will be introduced to safe medication handling and administration practices. This training is required for providers to administer medication to children in the childcare setting.
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.

Upcoming EVENTS



Are behaviors stressing you out?
TRAUMA
How can I help?

Expulsions????
Suspension???
HELP!

Where's my Support System?!

SAVE THE DATE

Behavioral Summit

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Asbury Church
 4257 Kearneysville Pike Shepherdstown, WV
Presented by: MountainHeart Community Services
 More information coming soon!



Save the Date Leadership Summit:

Program Administration Tools for Higher Quality

- Approved for Tier II applications and renewals.
- This summit is for child care center administrators only.
- Registration information coming this spring.



Presented by the Quality Improvement Specialist Network



One day summit, your choice in date. Space will be limited for each date.

June | 27 or 28th | 2024

Bridgeport Conference Center
300 Conference Center Way
Bridgeport, WV 26330



Celebrating Connections 2024

Building Lifelong Learners: Constructing Solid Foundations for Young Children

April 24-26, 2024
 Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center
 Charleston, WV

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/20792>

April - June 2024 Training Topics and Descriptions



Courses marked with this symbol are courses required to meet the voluntary, Child Care Credential/Specializations criteria.

All About Down Syndrome: Child Growth and Development; Environment and Curriculum (Beginner)
In this training by Meredith Lester, you will learn about Down Syndrome. Participants will learn how to help children with Down Syndrome and meet their needs in the classroom. At the end of the session participants will be able to understand what Down Syndrome is and how to accommodate children with Down Syndrome in their childcare setting.

Diving into Diversity: Family and Community Relationships; Environment and Curriculum (Beginner)
In this training by Meredith Lester, you will learn about diversity and inclusion. Participants will learn about how to add diversity to the childcare environment. At the end of the session participants will learn how diversity is positive for all children and families.

Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale - 3 (ECERS-3): Environment and Curriculum; Professionalism and Leadership (Beginner)
This course, by Sami Cochran, provides an overview of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, 3rd Edition (ECERS-3) including purpose, content, scoring, and tips for observing. This tool is used in Center-based programs caring for children 3 – 5 years old.

Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention Support (ECPBIS): Child Growth and Development; Child Observation and Assessment; Environment and Curriculum (Advanced)
In this training by Meredith Lester, you will learn about Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention and Support. Participants will learn about positive ways to support the children in their care and manage behaviors they see in their programs. At the end of the session participants will be able to understand that positive intervention is an effective tool for managing behavior. You will receive materials throughout the module series to help you implement the new strategies you will learn. You must pre-register on STARS or contact Meredith Lester at 304-262-1584 and must attend all sessions for a total of 8 hours.

Early Learning Standards Framework: I/T with Lesson Planning: Child Growth and Development; Child Observation and Assessment (Intermediate)



This six-hour module series with Ashley Cleaver is broken into 3, 2-hour sessions. These courses will provide an opportunity to explore the WV Early Learning Standards Framework for Infants and Toddlers by focusing on two developmental domains each session. Each session 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, participants will have a detailed understanding of how the Early Learning Standards work and how to incorporate them into a complete lesson plan for infants and toddlers. Upon completion of the module series, participants will be eligible for up to \$250 in resources directly related to the WV ELSF: I/T.

Early Learning Standards Framework: Pre-K with Lesson Planning: Child Growth and Development; Child Observation and Assessment; Environment and Curriculum (Beginner)



In this 3-part module series with Sami Cochran that is geared towards Pre-K teachers, you will receive an in-depth look at the WV Early Learning Standard Framework. You will learn about each of the content areas, domains, clusters, and standards and then how to connect them to a lesson plan. As a group, we will brainstorm ways teachers can meet the goals in the standards. At the end of the series, teachers will have a completed lesson plan to take with them to reference when planning future lessons and activities. This series is appropriate for providers working with children over 36 months of age. Upon completion of the module series, participants will be eligible for up to \$250 in resources directly related to the WV ELSF: Pre-K.

Identifying Environmental Hazards 2: Health, Safety and Nutrition

This training with Renee Stonebraker discusses how to eliminate environmental hazards found in or around buildings, including plastics, arsenic, and asbestos.

Infant/Toddler Positive Behavior Intervention Support (ITPBIS): Child Growth and Development; Child Observation and Assessment; Environment and Curriculum (Advanced)



This class by Carrie Frasch will teach providers the importance of building relationships with infants and toddlers and to identify various strategies that can be used to support positive behaviors. Participants will learn to: understand social/emotional development, behaviors, form sustaining relationships, understand the importance of environmental design, structure transitions, routines, expectations, and engaging activities to do with infants and toddlers. You will receive materials throughout the module series to help you implement the new strategies you will learn. You must pre-register on STARS or contact Carrie Frasch at 304-262-1584 and must attend all sessions for a total of 10 hours.

Planning Your Professional Growth: Professionalism and Leadership (Beginner)



This training by Jaime Price focuses on professional growth of early education providers and how to identify goals for the future.

Quality Counts: Professionalism and Leadership (Beginner)



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 with Quality Improvement Specialist, Jaime Price, 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.

School-Age Environmental Rating Scale (SACERS): Environment and Curriculum; Professionalism and Leadership (Beginner)

This course, by Sami Cochran, provides an overview of the School-Age Environment Rating Scale (SACERS) including purpose, content, scoring, and tips for observing. This tool is used for center-based classrooms for children 5 – 12 years old.

Teaching Children to Resolve Conflicts: Child Growth and Development; Environment and Curriculum (Beginner)

Children are going to engage in conflict, for reasons such as two children wanting to play with the same toy or a child feeling like something is unfair. In this training with Carrie Frasch, we will discuss techniques you can use to help children prevent and effectively resolve conflicts.

The Growing Brain: Various Core Knowledge Areas (Beginner)



This 7-session series delves into research in brain development and strategies for childcare providers to support the growing brains of children, birth to 5 years old. The crucial development of the growing brain is one of the most important topics in early childhood development. Research on the topic is exploding, underscoring the need for early childhood professionals to stay up to date on brain development and strategies to best support the growing brains of children, birth to 5 years old, in their care.

Utilizing the Environmental Rating Scale to Achieve Higher Program Quality: Professionalism and Leadership; Administration and Management (Beginner)



This session with Jaime Price will include an overview of the most recent versions of the Environment Rating Scales 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 administrators of child care centers, facilities, and child care homes.

West Virginia Elements of Family Child Care Series: Various Core Knowledge Areas (Intermediate)



The WV Elements of Family Child Care Series was developed for Family Child Care and Facility providers to improve the quality of early childhood education. This seven-module series focuses on topics ranging from becoming a professional and organizing your day to what children are learning and how to work with families. You must attend all 7 sessions to get credit for this course. Contact your local TRAILS team for more information.

What's Your Implicit Bias?: Family and Community Relationships; Professionalism and Leadership; Administration and Management (Beginner)

This session with Jessie Lambert will define implicit and explicit bias, identify your own biases, and how bias can impact your work in the classroom with children and families.

Specialization Credentials Now Available!

The Division of Early Care and Education understands the importance of the work you do and wants to help produce the best caregivers and child care programs possible for West Virginia families. The Division is pleased to announce West Virginia Child Care Credential Specializations! Once a provider has attained their West Virginia Child Care General Credential, they can continue their journey with a Specialization.

- Director Specialization
- Infant Toddler Specialization
- Preschool Specialization
- Family Child Care Specialization

Once the Specialization Credential is achieved, a bonus of \$250.00 is available. For more information about this exciting new initiative, please contact Shannon Nichols at Shannon.M.Nichols@wv.gov.

