



NewsLink

April, May and June
2005

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference is only weeks away! Enclosed, you will find a grant reimbursement application for the cost of the conference.

Grant applications are only available to registered family child care providers in West Virginia within the eight counties Link Child Care Resource and Referral serves (Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne).

Reimbursement only covers the cost of registration, lodging (only available to those who travel 50 miles or more one way) and travel.

I encourage you to attend this informative conference.

The next time you receive your newsletter you will be getting a note from the new director of Link. I



Think Spring!

will be leaving Link later this month. I have enjoyed my time working with you and I wish you all the best in the future as you continue to provide quality child care for our children.

Judy

Link Child Care Resource & Referral

A Program of River Valley Child Development Services

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New West Virginia Core Competencies

On January 1, 2005 the new WV Core Knowledge and Core Competencies went into place. As you will see on our training calendar on pages 4 & 5, the new core competencies are listed with each training.

Core Knowledge Areas provide an overview of essential knowledge that all early care and education professionals should know and understand. The eight Core Knowledge content areas are:

Child Growth and Development
Positive Interactions and Relationships
Child Observation and Assessment
Program Management



Health, Safety and Nutrition Curriculum
Family And Community Professionalism

The core competency areas are designed into three tiers that establish a continuum of learning from entry level skills to an advanced level of academic preparation and varied experience. Each tier encompasses the knowledge base and competencies of the previous level. Individuals progress from one tier to another through a combination of formal study and experience. Tier 1 competencies are intentionally written in clear, specific language to support beginning levels. Tiers are listed on the certificates providers receive when completing Link Training Sessions. For more information you can log on to the WVECTCR site at www.wvearlychildhood.org.

Adapted from *West Virginia STARS State Training & Registry System: Core Knowledge and Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals. Page 4.*

Attention!!!

The Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference is on April 15 at Fifth Ave. Baptist Church. See page 3 for more information

Behavior Support Specialist

Let's talk about horses just a moment. Last time I traveled through Lexington, Kentucky, I was struck by the fact that so many horses live so much better than so many people. Now, some will smugly proclaim such people choose, or deserve, to live that way. Do their children? What a world! While we're on the subject; I recently spoke to a horse trainer. Our conversation went something like this:

ME: How do you teach a horse skills?

TRAINER: Well, when the horse first arrives, we just get acquainted. I'll brush it, groom it, talk to it, feed it, let it run in the lot, you know, make it feel comfortable. Next, I start working the horse. Let's say I'm teaching it to back up. I'll work with it until it takes a step back. Then I give it a reward and stop for the

day.

ME: Why do you stop?

TRAINER: I want our interaction to stop on a positive note. Next day, same thing. I'll push a little harder, but not to the point of frustrating or scaring the horse, and I'll stop on a positive note. I've had a lot of success doing it like that.

ME: Do you ever hit the horse, you know whip it to make it mind ?

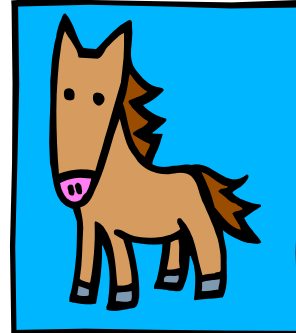
TRAINER: That's a good way to ruin a horse.

ME: Oh, Hmm.

His comments have been with me constantly since our conversation,

and it goes without saying it caused me to think. (Not of horses, but of children.)

For those who provide quality care for children; please do not discount the impact of what you do. You are important, perhaps essential, in the life of a child. And don't they deserve a little better than the horses ?



Saun Floyd is the Behavior Support Specialist at Link . You can reach Saun at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 or on the web at www.RVCDS.org

Attention FCC Providers

We're in need of Family Child Care Providers who would be interested in serving on a committee to develop and create a Tiered Quality Rating Scale. If you would like to volunteer to work with this committee, contact Shirley Topeka at 429-6167.

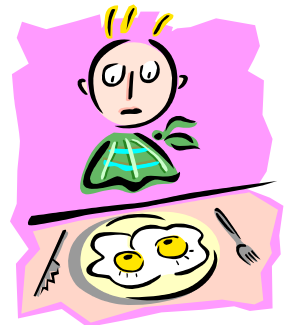
Cabell-Wayne Family Child Care News

Please Join Us On

May 14 at Golden Corral Rt. 60

9:30 am-12:00 noon

Come join us for breakfast. We would like to see some new faces and new ideas. There are no obligations to come to the first meeting. We would love to have everyone.



We offer trainings and help you fill your openings. This is a time to meet others that are experiencing the same problems that you may be having. Membership is \$15 annually and is tax deductible. If you come and feel it is not for you, then tell us what your needs are and maybe we can try to help. Hope to see everyone at the Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference on April 15th. Don't forget to have your daycare make a basket for the auction held at the conference. If you have any questions feel free to contact Kathy Baker at 529-6246.

HUNTINGTON AREA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

Hats Off to Early Care &
Education

April 15, 2005

Huntington, West Virginia

REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS
UP TO \$150 ARE AVAILABLE TO
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

The application is included in this
newsletter on page 7.

If you are interested in
registration materials contact
Link at 523-9540.

Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference April 15, 2005

BASKET AUCTION

ATTENTION:

All Childcare Centers and
Family Child care Providers

We would like to see all centers and family
child care providers donate a basket for our
auction to help raise money for next year's
conference. There will be a prize for the basket
that gets auctioned for the most
amount of money.

Some basket ideas include:
Marshall, WVU, beach,
gardening, photography,
animals, reading, hats, babies,
building blocks, kitchen, the possibilities are
unlimited and don't have to be about children.



Contact Kathy Baker at
529-6246 for drop off and other information.

Looking for
Information on
ACCREDITATION?
You've found it!

Family Child Care
Providers can log on the
web at www.nafcc.org or
call 1-800-359-3817.

Child Care Centers can
log on the web at www.naeyc.org or call
1-800-424-2460.

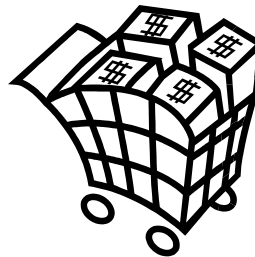
Contact WVETCR to
inquire about financial
support for the application
process at 1-888-983-2827.

Need Help With Food Costs?

The Child Care Food Program pro-
vides reimbursement to eligible day
care providers who serve nutritious
well-balanced meals and snacks,
and helps to develop
positive eating habits
for young children
enrolled in Family Child
Care Homes.

For more information
contact your local Food
Program:

Central Child Care
Serving Boone County
382-0797



River Valley Family
Day Care Food Program
523-3031 or 1-800-581-3031
Serving Cabell, Wayne, Lin-
coln, Putnam, Mason and Mingo
Counties

Pride of Logan County
Serving Logan County
752-6868 or 752-1047

*In accordance with the Federal Law
and the U.S. Department of
Agriculture policy, this institution is
prohibited from discrimination on the
basis of race, color, national origin,
gender, age, or disability. USDA is an
Equal Opportunity Employer. The
Child Care Food Program is funded through
the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is
administered by the West Virginia
Department of Education.*

Training Calendar

Family Child Care Providers must complete First Aid and CPR training within six (6) months of registration. First Aid and CPR count toward the health and safety required training hours. Two (2) hours of health or safety training plus an additional six (6) hours of training in three (3) other core competency (type of training—see list on right) areas are required each year according to the date on each individuals certificate of registration.

You may not bring children to any of the training sessions.

You must bring a picture ID to all Trainings.

You must call Link at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 to register.

To help you identify the Core Knowledge you need to meet your Training requirements please use the following codes which are located in the column following each training title:

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



WV Infant/Toddler One Step at a Time Training



In order to attend this training the provider must: Provide **DIRECT SERVICES** for children Birth to 24 months and be able to **ATTEND ALL SIX (6) CLASSES (48 hours)**.

Space is limited. Call Link Today to Reserve your Space!

April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 21 and June 4
9:00—4:00 each day

Danville Community Center—Boone County

The next Infant/Toddler Class will be held in Cabell County starting in July. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Boone County

Beginning April 2	West Virginia Infant/Toddler Training (See Information Above)		Little Bow Peep	9:00—4:00 each Day
Thurs., June 23	Tell Me I Have Wings	PIR	Boone Madison Library	12:00—2:00

Cabell County

Tues., April 19	Jump Into Literacy	C	Milton Library	10:00 –12:00
Wed., April 20	Dental and Oral Health with Dr. Black	HSN	Barboursville Library	2:00—5:00
Mon., April 25	No More Broken Lamps: Safe Play for Dreary Days	HSN	Beverly Hills Day Care	6:00—8:00
Thurs., May 5	Safe and Developmentally Appropriate Play	CGD	Barboursville Library	5:00—7:00
Mon., May 9	The Language of Discipline	PIR	West End Library	10:00—12:00

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Mon., May 23	Hurry to Handle Your Fury	PIR	Beverly Hills Day Care	6:00—8:00
Mon., June 6	Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale - ITERS- R	PIR	Main Library—5th Ave.	6:00—8:00
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Sat., June 11	Global Warnings: Looking at the Environment	PIR	Main Library—5th Ave.	10:00—12:00
Thurs., June 16	Raining Cats and Dogs	PIR	Guyandotte Library	2:30—4:30
Lincoln County				
Sat., May 7	Amazing Science Made Simple	C	Hamlin Library	10:00—12:00
Tues., June 14	Safe and Developmentally Appropriate Play	CGD	Hamlin Library	2:00—4:00
Logan County				
Tues., April 19	Home Safety	HSN	Logan Area Public Library	11:00 – 1:00
Tues., April 26	The ABC's of Early Literacy	C	Logan Area Public Library	10:00 – 12:00
Mon., May 2	Tell Me I Have Wings	PIR	Logan Area Public Library	10:00—12:00
Thurs., May 19	The Language of Discipline	PIR	Logan Area Public Library	5:00—7:00
Wed., June 1	Dental and Oral Health with Dr. Black	HSN	Logan Area Public Library	10:00—1:00
Thurs., June 2	Teaching Tolerance	PIR	Logan Area Public Library	11:00—1:00
Mason County				
Mon., April 18	The ABC's of Early Literacy	C	Mason County Library	1:00—3:00
Sat., May 21	Challenging Behaviors- Where do we Begin?	PIR	Mason County Library	9:00—1:00
Sat., June 25	Cooking in Child Care	HSN	Mason County Library	10:00—12:00
Mingo County				
Wed., May 25	Identifying & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	HSN	Mingo County DHHR	1:00—3:00
Putnam County				
Sat., April 23	Physical and Cognitive Development	C	Putnam County Library	10:00—12:00
Thurs., May 19	Fire Safety	HSN	Putnam County Library	10:00—12:00
Tues., June 21	Teaching Tolerance	PIR	Putnam County Library	5:00—7:00
Wayne County				
Thurs., April 21	Helping Children Cope with Stress	PIR	C-K Library	12:00—2:00
Tues., May 17	Jump Into Literacy	C	Wayne Library	4:00—6:00
Wed., June 15	Teaching Tolerance	PIR	C-K Library	12:00—2:00

Evening
Class for Child
Care Center
Staff



See Page 4 for other Training Opportunities, Information about the West Virginia Infant/Toddler Certification and Training and the Core Competency Codes. For More detailed information about the New Core Competencies, see page 1.

You can download the training calendar on the web at www.wvdhhr.org/Link

We are no longer offering **First Aid and CPR** . This list below is made available to you for resource purposes only. **Link is not responsible for the following trainings or registration for these trainings.**

Boone County

First Aid and CPR available at **Kanawha Co. Red Cross** (see above) or by request at **Charleston** 340-3650

Cabell County

First Aid and CPR available at **Triad Tech** 431 5th Ave. Huntington—529-7020. Cost is \$20 each.
CPR with First Aid available at **American Red Cross**. 1111 Veteran’s Memorial Blvd. 526-2999.

Logan County

First Aid and CPR available at **LEASA County Public Rescue** 26 1/2 Main Ave, Logan—752-0917.
Classes also available at **Logan Regional Medical Center** 831-1556.

Mason County

Pleasant Valley Hospital offers First Aid and CPR Classes. Call 675-4340 to make an appointment.

Mingo County

Williamson Memorial Hospital—235-2014, Ext. 147.

Putnam County

First Aid and CPR available at **Red Cross Building in Kanawha Co.**—1605 Virginia St. E. 340-3650 or www-redcross.org. Evening classes are available.
Classes also offered at **Red Cross Building in Putnam County**—3268 Winfield Rd. (Rt. 35) — 586-0238 or 340-3650
CPR and First Aid offered in So. Charleston by **Duff Ambulance Services** in Poca. 755-3355. Instructor—Fred Tillis.
CPR and First Aid is offered by Tina Kyle. 561-4674.

Wayne County

First Aid and CPR available at **Salt Rock Fire Dept.** Instructor—Darrell Ennis. 733- 9040. .
First Aid and CPR available. Instructor Kathy Parsons. 486-5991.

**You can contact local Hospitals or Fire Departments for other options.
Remember all of these fees are tax deductible.**

**We’re Looking for
New Providers!**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a Family Child Care Provider in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Boone, Putnam or Mason Counties, please encourage them call Link at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 to set up a First Step Training.



**Grants available to
Registered Family
Child Care Providers**

for purchase of equipment to meet health and safety requirements or to purchase curriculum materials. Contact Link at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 for more information or to request an application.

West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources have some gently used computer monitors and other usable computer equipment available for providers who may need them. Contact Skip Campbell at 523-3417 Extension 219 for more information.



Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference
611 Seventh Avenue, Suite 200
Huntington, WV 25701
304-523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

Grant applications are only available to registered family child care providers in West Virginia within the eight catchment areas of Link Child Care Resource & Referral (Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne)

REIMBURSEMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE WHO RETURN ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BASED ON DATE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE.

Name _____ Social Security # _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____

Amount requested for reimbursement (maximum \$100.00):

Registration: _____
Travel (\$.375 per mile) _____
Lodging _____ (reimbursement is only available to those who travel 50 miles or more)
TOTAL _____

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ORIGINAL RECEIPTS. GRANTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THERE ARE NO RECEIPTS. TRAVEL WILL BE CALCULATED THROUGH RAND MCNALLY MILEAGE.

Read the following statements and sign:

Everything that I have stated in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Huntington Early Childhood Conference will retain this application whether or not it is approved. I understand that I am required to provide original receipts before my application will be considered.

Applicants' Signature

Date

Return application to:
Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference
611 Seventh Avenue, Suite 200
Huntington, WV 25701
Agency Use Only

Approved By: _____ Date: _____ Check Requested: _____

Link Child Care Resource and Referral
c/o River Valley Child Development Services
611 7th Ave., Suite 200
Huntington, WV 25701
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