



April, May and
June 2007

Please join us for the 25th
Annual Huntington Area Early
Childhood Conference.



April 27 & 28, 2007

at Christ Temple Church

Keynote Speakers Dan Hodgins and Saun Floyd.

Leadership Institute—April 26, 2007

at Marshall University

Featured Speaker—Will Mosier

A Registration Form is included on Page 7.

For more information contact Nikki Rabel at 523-9540/ 1-800-894-9540 or nikkirabel@wvdhhr.org.

**Link Child Care
Resource & Referral**

A Program of River Valley
Child Development Services

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***Tell Us What you Think—Complete Our Needs
Assessments On-Line or by mail.***

Link Child Care Resource and Referral is conducting surveys to better improve our services. There are four different surveys:

- People using or in need of child care services. (Contact Cristie Dunbar)
- People in need of Pre-School or School-Age services. (Contact Cristie Dunbar)
- Providers of child care services (Contact Dante Jeter)
- People in need of Training Services (Contact Nikki Rabel)



Please either go to www.rvcds.org (see information on bottom right hand side of web page) and choose the survey which best describes you **OR** if you do not have internet access, contact the person listed next to the survey you would like to complete and we will be glad to mail you a copy. We will use this information to help improve the services we offer! Thank you for your help with this.

**T.R.A.I.L.S.
Custom
Designed
On-Site
Trainings Now
Available!**

See Page 4 for details.

Behavior Consultant Corner

At some point in time, almost everyone will encounter a child that "just won't listen." I frequently see this situation, often accompanied by a frazzled parent, teacher, or provider. It is sometimes difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but here are some techniques to try that will help shape this child into a good listener. First, explain that everyone's thoughts and feelings are important and that everyone will get a chance to share. Second, try a listening game in which you ask the child questions about a story that you read, or to comment on something that you said...this is also a great way to build conversation skills! Lastly, make "No Interruptions" a family or school rule. Try a role playing game during which everyone talks at once. This allows everyone to see how difficult it is if people don't take the time to listen to each other. Implementing these suggestions may take a little time, but with consistency and gentle persistence, you will be well on your way to building and enhancing good listening skills in your child.



Warmest regards,
Shannon

Shannon Taylor is the Behavior Consultant at Link. You can reach Shannon at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540.

Components of Quality Care and Education Modules



Components of Quality Care and Education Modules trainings are being offered by Link CCR&R beginning May 1, 2007 at the Hamlin Library, Lincoln County. This training unit is an eight week course that runs consecutively over eight Tuesdays from 9:30am- 2:00pm. The class dates are May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19. The trainings are for providers working with children ages 2 1/2-5 years of age. Providers will receive thirty-two (32) hours of professional development for successfully completing the entire eight week course, as well as resources to use in their early childhood program.

A requirement of these training modules is a pre-and post-on-site visit by the Training Specialist with each provider enrolled in the training. **Registration Deadline is Friday, April 6.** Participants need to attend all scheduled sessions. Providers must be on the participant list in order to attend these sessions. **No walk in or stand by participants will be accepted and there will be no waiting list for individual sessions.** The training Modules are: Extreme Makeovers-Space & Furnishings, Not Just Routine, For the Love of Literacy, Implementing Your Curriculum, Recipe for Relationships, Building Blocks: A Program's Structure, Including All Children: Provisions for Children with Special Needs and Communication is the Key. Providers interested in this training opportunity need to call Kathy Meadows at 523 -9540 or 1-800-894-9540 to register. Class Limited to 15.

Need Help With Food Costs?

The Child Care Food Program provides 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:



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

Central Child Care
Serving Boone County
382-0797

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

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ACCREDITATION Info.

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 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.

Family Child Care Provider

Grants of up to \$250 are available. Contact Dante Jeter at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 for information. Grants can be used for resources required in the regulations or curriculum materials.

Infant/Toddler (WVIT) Professional Development Program for Caregivers Modules



The next WVIT Class will begin on April 10, 2007 at River Valley Child Development Services, 611 7th Ave., Huntington. The Class Schedule is as follows:

Caregiver Modules:

April 10 9:00-3:00	April 12 9:00-1:30
April 24 9:00-3:00	May 1 9:00-1:30

First TACITS—Technical Assistance for Caregivers of Infants and Toddlers

Three hours are spent with each participant on-site

May 15 9:00-1:30	May 17 9:00-3:00
May 22 9:00-1:30	May 29 9:00-3:30
May 31 9:00-3:00	June 5 9:00-11:30

Second TACITS

Caregivers enrolling in this class must work with children under the age of 24 months for at least 20 hours per week.

For more information, contact Sue Knisely at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540.
Class is limited to 15.

Directors will be required to attend a 10 hour training prior to the Modules

Administrators Modules: April 3rd and 4th 9:30-2:30

ALL DIRECTORS must be registered on WV STARS PRIOR to the class beginning to receive the stipend. We encourage all participants to register with WV STARS. Stipends of \$200 are available to subsidized center/facility administrators and family child care providers to support the cost of class attendance and/or materials to implement quality infant and toddler care. For more information about registering on WV STARS contact Chrissy Estep at 529-7603 or 1-866-983-2827 or e-mail cestep@rvcds.org.

Infant Toddler Corner

by Sue Knisely

"Choices"

All of our lives are based on choices. The choices that we make have almost everything to do with the quality of our lives. When we care for infants and toddlers, they depend on us to make choices for them. Those choices that we make have almost everything to do with the quality of the child care that we provide. We choose to have a safe and healthy environment for the children. We choose the food that they will eat. We choose the toys we provide for them. We choose whether they go outside to play. We choose when they will get their diaper changed. We choose whether to smile and be happy to see them when they get there. We choose whether or not to have a relationship with their parents. We choose if they are read to each day. We choose to accept each child as a unique individual.

Let's make the right choices for each child in our care, so that they can grow up to be safe, healthy, successful, happy individuals who can make good choices on their own!



Moving Ahead With ACDS

ACDS continues to offer more opportunities for individuals interested in furthering their education in the field of Early Care and Education. Currently, 15 different counties offer the ACDS class to high schools students who are interested in getting into the field of early care and education. If you would like more information about these classes, please contact me.

Also, there are new opportunities for graduates of ACDS to continue their education by getting an Associates Degree and then a Bachelor's degree if they choose. Pierpont Community College (formerly, Fairmont State Community College), WV State Community College, Marshall Community College and Mountain State University give student's credit from ACDS to get an Associates degree.

To help us maintain these classes around the state, we need more instructors. To find out if you qualify to become an instructor, please check our website at www.wvacds.org. For further information about ACDS, please contact Suzi Brodof at 1-866-WVA-ACDS, ext. 406 or suzilb@aol.com.

Submitted by Suzi Brodof

Donations Needed

The following items are needed for a workshop at the HAECC Conference. If you have any of these items please drop them off at Link or notify the T.R.A.I.L.S Van and we will have them picked up before April 25.

Thank You:

Egg Cartons, Bottles (any shape or size), Sports Magazines, Old Calendars and Cards, Beads, Containers with lids, yarn, ribbon, ric rack, Styrofoam trays, dried or silk flowers.

T.R.A.I.L.S. Van Custom Designed On-Site Trainings Now Available

T.R.A.I.L.S. is now offering 1 and 1.5 hour on site trainings! We can conduct these trainings in a Family Child Care Home, Facility or Center Class room. These will be custom designed STAR registered Trainings. They will be hands-on and demonstration oriented; we can even include your children in the training session. Call Paula for more information or to schedule your custom designed training! 304-523-9540/ 800-894-9540 Ext. 430.



T.R.A.I.L.S. Van Schedule			
Date	Time	Place	Training
April 16	5:30—8:30	Link Office Huntington	ECERS-R
May 21	5:30—8:30	Cabell County Main Library 5th Ave.	Not in My Backyard: Drug Endangered Children
June 23	11:00—2:00	Forrest Burdette Putnam County	Not in My Backyard: Drug Endangered Children

Incllement Weather Policy

If school is cancelled or delayed in the County in which the training will be held **OR** in Cabell County, where our office is located, the training will be cancelled. You will be contacted regarding rescheduling as soon as possible.

Training Calendar

Family Child Care Providers must complete two (2) hours of Health/Safety/Nutrition training plus an additional six (6) hours of training in three (3) other core competency areas (see list on right) each year according to the date on your individual certificate of registration.

- *You must call Link at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 at least 24 hours before the training to register or to cancel.
- *You may not bring children to any Link training session.
- *You must bring a picture ID to all Trainings.
- *You must arrive at the scheduled time. Late arrivals may not receive training credit.

To help identify the Core Knowledge you need to meet your Training Requirements, please use the following codes which are listed next to training title:

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



Also listed is the tier for each training: Tier I is beginner level, Tier II is intermediate and Tier III is advanced.

The information included in the training calendar can help you make informed decisions about the training sessions which will best meet your needs. The **Tier**, listed after the Core Competency, is the level of the training. Tier I is a beginner level, Tier II is an intermediate level and Tier III is an advanced level training.

Date of the Training	Title of the Training	Core Comp	Tier	Location of the Training	Time of Training
Cabell and Wayne Counties					
Fri., April 6	Every Child Deserves A Childhood: Abuse and Neglect and the Preschool Child	HSN	I	Enslow Park Pre-School	10:00-12:00
Starting Apr. 10	WVIT—See Page 3 for More Details	Varies	I	River Valley CDS—Link	Varies
Mon. April 16	Math- It All Adds Up	C	I	Wayne Library	1:00 - 3:00
Mon. April 16	ECERS-R- Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale	PM	II	Link	6:00—8:00
April 27 & 28	Huntington Area Early Childhood Conference See Page 1 or 7 for more information.			Christ Temple Church	

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

Thurs. May 10	Building Positive Self Concepts	C	II	C-K Library	9:00-11:00
Mon. May 21	School Age Survival	CGD	II	Milton Library	12:00-2:00
Mon. May 21	Not In My Backyard: Drug Endangered Children	HSN	I	Main Library—5th Ave.	6:00-8:00
Sat. June 9	Helping Children Cope with Stress	PIR	II	Barboursville Library	9:00-11:00
Sat. June 9	The ABC's of Early Literacy	C	II	Barboursville Library	11:00-1:00
Thurs. June 14	May I Have Your Attention, Please! : Attention Seeking Behaviors	PIR	I	Crum Starting Points Family Resource Center	4:00—6:00
Tues. June 19	Character Building	PIR	II	West End Library	3:00—5:00

Logan, Mingo and Boone Counties

Mon. April 2	Professional Ethics in the Work Place	P	II	Mingo County DHHR	11:00—1:00
Wed. April 11	No More Broken Lamps	HSN	I	Logan Library	12:00-2:00
Wed. April 11	Room Design and Discipline	PIR	II	Logan Library	2:00—4:00
Thurs. May 3	ABC's of Early Literacy	C	II	Logan Library	10:00-12:00
Thurs. May 3	It's Fun to Be Fit	HSN	II	Logan Library	12:00-2:00
Thurs. May 17	Math—It All Adds Up	C	I	Boone Madison Library	2:00—4:00
Wed. June 6	School Age Survival	CGD	II	Logan Library	11:00- 1:00
Wed. June 6	Amazing Math and Science Made Simple	C	II	Logan Library	1:00—3:00
Tues. June 12	DAP Art and Music for Infants and Toddlers	C	II	Living Waters-Williamson	6:00—8:00

Lincoln County

Tues. April 10	Math- It All Adds Up!	C	I	Hamlin Library	6:00—8:00
Starting May 1	Components of Early Care & Ed. Modules See page 2 for more information	Varies	II	Hamlin Library	9:30-2:00
Wed. May 23	Cultural Diversity	FC	I	Hamlin Library	2:00—4:00
Tues. June 26	It's Fun Here: Room Design Made Simple	PIR	II	Hamlin Library	11:30—1:30

Mason County

Wed. April 4	Cultural Diversity	FC	I	Mason County Library	11:00—1:00
Tues., May 15	Character Building	PIR	II	Mason County Library	2:00—4:00
Wed. June 13	No More Broken Lamps	HSN	I	Magic Years	6:00—8:00

Putnam County

Tues. April 17	PBS Read/View/Do—The Learning Triangle	CGD	I	Putnam County Library	11:30—1:30
Thurs. May 10	May I Have Your Attention, Please!	PIR	I	Forrest Burdette	6:00- 8:00
Sat. June 23	Through the Looking Glass	COA	I	Forrest Burdette	9:00—11:00
Sat. June 23	Not in My Backyard	HSN	I	Forrest Burdette	11:30—1:30

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 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.

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

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 is offered by Tina Kyle. 561-4674.

Wayne County 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.

Cabell-Wayne Family Child Care Association News

The Cabell Wayne Family Child Care Association would like to invite you to join us. We offer providers referrals, help with any issues, trainings, and advance notice of many changes that are happening. Come to one of our meetings or stop by our booth at the HAEC Conference on April 27-28. We will be hosting a scholastic Book Fair at the Conference. If you have any suggestions for trainings that you would like to see offered or would like more information please contact Kathy Baker at 529-6246.

May 12	10:00-12:00	Meeting at Guyandotte Library
July 14	10:00-12:00	Meeting & Training at Guyandotte Library
Aug 11	5:00 to ?	Our annual summer party

Congratulations
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**4th Annual
Basket Auction
HAEC**



Conference

All Day Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers are invited to participate in the auction. We are asking each Child Care or Family Provider to donate a basket for the auction. You can make the basket a theme. (gardening, music, beach, stress relief, chocolate or whatever creative idea you can come up with) **We are going to have a prize for the basket that is auctioned for the most money.** All the money collected will go to making the conference a continued success. If you have any questions and for drop off information contact Kathy Baker 529-6246.

**Attention Boone, Logan & Mingo
Family Child Care Providers**

If you are interested in Becoming a member of the newly formed Family Child Care Association in the Boone-Logan-Boone County Area contact Paula Stewart at 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 for more information.

The next planned event is a Provider Appreciation Day Celebration on May 11, 2007. We hope you will join us and make this Association a success!



We are Still in Need of a **Registered Nurse** to provide **Medication Administration** Trainings in our eight County Service Area. Please call Nikki Rabel at Link 523-9540 or 1-800-894-9540 for more information, if you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested in doing this.

FEES

HA ECC Early Registration (Up to March 30, 2007) \$55 Both Days \$35 One Day
 HA ECC Regular Registration (Between March 30—April 13, 2007) \$60 Both Days \$40 One Day
 HA ECC On-Site Registration (After April 13, 2007) \$70 Both Days \$50 One Day
 HA ECC Student Registration
 (Must provide Copy of Student ID or ACDS Instructor Signature) \$30 Both Days \$20 One Day
 T-Shirt (Orders will only be taken up to April 13, 2007) \$10 each
 (Indicate which size and quantity) _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL
 (Indicate your color choice) _____ Black _____ Green

Box Lunches (Orders will only be taken up to April 13, 2007) See Page 1 for entire lunch menu.
 _____ Friday (Circle One): Chicken Salad on croissant OR Turkey Sub \$6 each
 _____ Saturday (Circle One): Tuna Salad on croissant OR Ham Sub \$6 each

Sessions with Additional Fees (Please check which of the following sessions you will be attending. If a session is canceled or full, the fee for that session will be refunded to you).
 _____ "First Aid and CPR" F110F \$30 Fee
 _____ "Edible Art" F209F \$5 Fee
 _____ "Art from Trash and Other Useable Ideas" S903F \$5 Fee

The Leadership Institute Registration form can be found on page 6.

<p>Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd Choice for each session. (The number is listed at the end of each workshop description). Every Attempt will be made to get you into your first choice.</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:20%;"></th> <th style="width:20%; text-align:center;">First</th> <th style="width:20%; text-align:center;">Second</th> <th style="width:20%; text-align:center;">Third</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Friday 10:30</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 11:45</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 2:00</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday 9:00</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday 11:15</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align:center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		First	Second	Third	Friday 10:30	_____	_____	_____	Friday 11:45	_____	_____	_____	Friday 2:00	_____	_____	_____	Saturday 9:00	_____	_____	_____	Saturday 11:15	_____	_____	_____	<table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;">Registration Total</td> <td style="width:30%;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T-Shirt Total</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Box Lunch Total</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sessions with Additional Fees Total</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Amount Enclosed</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">Payment in full must accompany registration forms. Make Checks payable to HA ECC.</p>	Registration Total	\$ _____	T-Shirt Total	\$ _____	Box Lunch Total	\$ _____	Sessions with Additional Fees Total	\$ _____	Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____
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Please return all registration forms and payment to:
HA ECC Conference, c/o Link CCR&R, 611 7th Ave., Suite 200, Huntington, WV 25701

Name _____ Organization _____
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