

WVIT eNews



Attention Directors: Infant Toddler Summits 2015



The Primary Care Summits presented last spring were such a success, the Division of Early Care and Education has decided to offer this valuable professional development opportunity again this year. The Summit will begin with further discussion on implementing primary care and recognizing the elements of a quality infant and toddler program. The day will conclude with a discussion of WV Child Care Center Licensing Regulation 14.3.d. regarding restrictive equipment and how you can incorporate the Pikler concept of freedom of movement in order to provide each baby with the optimal opportunity for development. WV Birth to Three will be joining us to share information regarding the negative consequences that can occur when using restrictive equipment with babies.

The Summit is designed for directors but staff may accompany their director. Six hours of WV STARS registered training will be provided and the event will count as a conference for Tiered Reimbursement. More information and registration form are available at www.wvit.org under Programs. Hope to see you there.

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Scholarships for Teaching Strategies Gold

Many of you have shared that you need additional training using Teaching Strategies Gold in your infant and toddler programs. Scholarships to attend a one day training in Bethesda, Maryland will be offered for directors serving infants and toddlers. The training will be on April 27, 2015. The scholarship will cover the training fee and two nights lodging. Each scholarship recipient attending will be responsible for travel and meals. Directors may include one infant/toddler staff person to attend with them. Eligibility requirements and application form can be found on the Infant/Toddler Specialist website at www.wvit.org. Application deadline is March 16, 2015.





The Division of Early Care and Education is pleased to announce the launch of EarlyCareShareWV.org. This is an online platform that delivers a wealth of practical resources for early childhood education directors, family child care providers, and teachers. Its goal is clear: to help save time, reduce costs, and improve quality.

Sponsored by West Virginia Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources, EarlyCareShareWV.org is now available free of charge to early childhood education professionals in West Virginia, especially child care professionals and those that may be providing support, training and assistance to those professionals.

The site can be accessed by visiting www.EarlyCareShareWV.org. Interested parties in West Virginia can fill out a New Member Request form by clicking on "Request a Log in Account" upon visiting the site. It's entirely free!

Early Care Share West Virginia will be demonstrated at the Celebrating Connections Conference in Charleston on February 19, 2015. Additional details will be available in the conference program.

For additional information about Early Care Share West Virginia, please contact Natalie Snider at nsnider@rvcds.org.

I/T Specialists News

Two Infant/Toddler Specialists have been selected to present at national conferences. Paula Stewart from Link Child Care Resource and Referral Agency is presenting at the Southern Early Childhood Association Conference. Alicia Hundley from Choices Child Care Resource and Referral Agency is presenting at the National Cribs for Kids® Conference. Best wishes to them both as they represent our State.

Cate Phillips from Connect Child Care Resource & Referral Agency is beginning the certification process for the Program for Infant/Toddler Care by attending a week long conference on the west coast. This is a very intense program that all Infant/Toddler Specialists in West Virginia must complete.

Janice Barnett from Child Care Resource Center and Shannon Nichols from Mountain Heart North Child Care Resource and Referral Agency attended a conference in December focusing on Conscious Discipline for Infants and Toddlers presented by Dr. Becky Bailey.

Look for Janice and Tricia Haynes from Mountain Heart South to be presenting at Celebrating Connections this year.



September 18, 19, 2015
Waterfront Place Hotel
Morgantown WV

**Great Beginnings
Infant/Toddler
Conference**