



ACDS NEWSLETTER



Spring 2009

It's that time again—graduation. How exciting!!! It is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful program. A program that benefits so many across the state—children, first and foremost as well as apprentices. It is amazing to witness apprentices growth from first semester, where they are apprehensive about beginning their journey to seeing them as graduates who become self-confident in their role as an early care and education professional. For that I am thankful for the dedication and hard work of local council representatives, executive council members and instructors.

ACDS will graduate approximately 225 apprentices across the state. Many of these will choose to continue their career at the college level. All of these apprentices will have a better understanding of why children behave as they do and will be able to help young children to be the best they can be. This is a testament to each of you working with the ACDS program and the part that you have played in shaping the lives of so many children. You should be very proud of your role. Again, I can't thank you enough and I am proud of each of you.

Sherrie

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The ACDS program is currently in need of instructors across the state. Qualifications to become an instructor:

As an ACDS instructor, you are responsible for planning a weekly three-hour session based on prescribed curriculum guidelines. You will need to study the curriculum and decide how to arrange the schedule for the most effective presentation of the material. Instructors also need to develop a syllabus and class schedule for each class session, tests, and special assignments.

- Minimum BA degree in Early Childhood or related field with emphasis in early childhood education.
- Knowledge of and experience in:
 - Physical Development
 - Cognitive Development
 - Literacy and Language Development
 - Social and Emotional Development
 - Direct teaching of adult learners
 - Direct support to early childhood staff
- One year minimum experience working directly with young children
- Be a registered STARS trainer on the WVSTARS system or agree to become one before teaching ACDS.

If you interested in becoming an ACDS Instructor, please contact the ACDS office at 304-523-0433.

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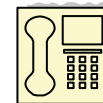
**Are you looking for a new adventure?
Then
MENTORING
is for you.**

Are you a committed, experienced early care and education professional who loves to share their experience and knowledge with others?

Have you been looking for new challenges, rewards, recognition, and continued development?

If you answered yes, please contact Enola Foust at 304-972-6400.

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Helping Children Express Angry Feelings

- 1. Let a child know that anger is a natural and normal feeling.**
Children often grow up believing that they should only express “good” feelings such as love and happiness and that “bad” emotions like anger should be kept concealed. Children should be encouraged to express how they feel and that you understand those feelings.
- 2. Encourage children to talk it out rather than take it out on others.**
Suppressed anger can lead to withdrawing, being overly concerned about other’s opinions, or misdirecting those feelings at another person. Aggressive actions like hitting or throwing things is unacceptable. Children should be encouraged to talk about why they are angry through words such as, “I’m mad!” or “I don’t like it when you take my toy”. Listen closely to the child and do not minimize or deny their feelings.
- 3. Demonstrate your ability to handle your own anger.**
Be a good example. When you feel angry, don’t say or do things you wouldn’t want a child to copy.

Teaching children to handle their anger is not an easy task. The goal should be to reduce the potential to harm someone, maintain self-control and to use anger as a source of energy to get problems solved.

Sherrie Barrett

Calendar of Events

ACDS Executive Council Meeting—Choices R & R, Parkersburg, WV

May 7, 2009 from 10:00—3:00

Journeyman's Seminar—Flatwoods Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV

May 8, 2009 from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Instructor's Update—Flatwoods Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV

May 9, 2009 from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Instructor's Academy—RVCDs, Huntington, WV

June 22-26, 2009

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there an income restriction to be eligible for an ACDS scholarship?
No, it is solely based on availability of funds and whether the person is an ACDS graduate.
2. How do I apply for a scholarship?
Call 304-558-0530 or e-mail bowe@hepc.wvnet.edu
3. Can I get a scholarship more than once?
Yes, you can reapply each semester and get it as long as money is available.



What is a Journeyman's Seminar?

- It is a 6 hour WVSTARS registered training.
- It is only available to ACDS graduates (Journeyman's).
- It is always led by trainers registered on WVSTARS.
- It always focuses on the newest information relevant to early childhood professionals.
- It gives ACDS graduates an opportunity to bond with other ACDS graduates from around the state.
- It gives journeyman's (ACDS graduates) a stipend to help cover their travel to attend the seminar.
- It is a hands-on training that applies to the work you do.

The Ann Nutt ACDS Scholarship Fund

The Early Childhood community was privileged to know and work with Ann Nutt, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Director of Early Care and Education Quality Initiatives. Early childhood professionals across West Virginia were greatly saddened by her death on October 16, 2006 at age 52. In her obituary her family wrote, "After a fearless and courageous battle against (breast) cancer, Ann Nutt was called home to oversee God's children and will forever be missed by all the lives she touched.

Ann was an active member of the Governing Board of the West Virginia Association for Young Children (WVAYC), the Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS) and served as our state's representative on the NAEYC Affiliate Council. She was an ACDS Instructor of Instructors and assisted other states in establishing this training program, including the training of instructors in Alaska. She helped in the creation of numerous programs for superior child care including the development of West Virginia's Early Childhood Core Knowledge/Core Competencies and the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework. She assisted in creating the Charleston Area Medical Center's Lighthouse Child Development Center. She was a member of the state leadership team working to implement the Universal Pre-K Program. She was responsible for the planning and implementation of the new State Infant/Toddler Training System.

The ACDS Executive Council has established the Ann Nutt ACDS Scholarship Fund. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the six Resource & Referral regions. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please contact Sherrie Barrett at 304-523-0433 or sbarrett@rvcds.org.

