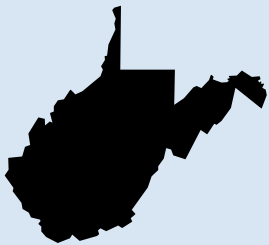




# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## COUNTIES WITH IN-PERSON CLASSES

- Berkeley/Morgan/Jefferson
- Cabell/Wayne
- Greenbrier/Summers
- Kanawha/Boone/Clay
- Hardy/Grant/Mineral
- Harrison/Taylor/Doddridge
- Jackson/Roane
- Logan/Mingo
- Mercer/Monroe
- Monongalia/Marion
- Nicholas
- Ohio/Marshall/Weirton
- Putnam/Lincoln
- Raleigh/Fayette
- Upshur/Barbour/Randolph
- Wood/Wirt



## WINTERIZE YOUR CLASSROOM

We have all heard the advice to prepare your home and vehicle for winter, but have you thought about preparing your classroom? Winter can have unexpected events, weather, and long periods of limited outside play. Preparing your classroom can help the winter months go by more smoothly with less stress and behavior concerns.

Tips for winterizing your classroom...

- have extra hats, mittens, coats for children
- create indoor space for safe rough and tumble play
- plan daily activities that involve movement such as yoga and dancing
- create space for privacy and quiet time
- keep tissues, hand sanitizer, and hand soap stocked
- remember to perform daily health checks and know your program's policy for illness
- know your emergency plans and review to make sure they still work for your classroom
- make sure all parent contact information is current in case of emergency closing



## ACDS GRADUATES – FALL 2023

This fall we had six groups of students graduate from the program! Congratulations to each of you and we wish you the best as you continue in your early childhood career! Remember to submit for your Department of Labor Certificate once you have completed the required number of on-the-job training hours (3200-4000).

### *Graduates fall 2023 semester*

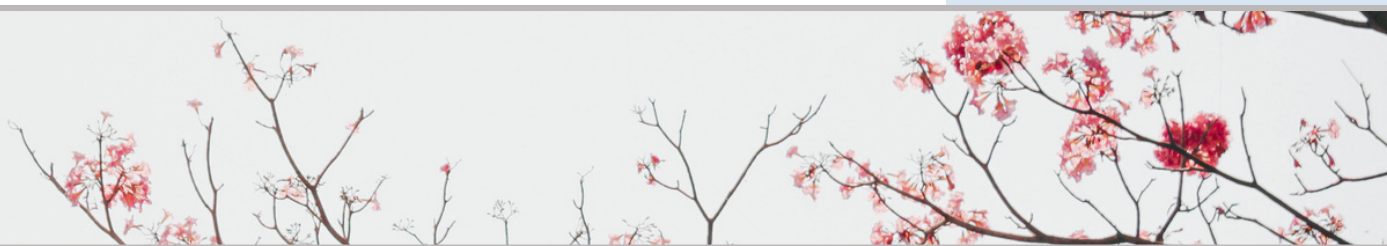
- Berkeley/Jefferson/Morgan
- Grant/Hardy/Mineral
- Monongalia/Marion
- Kanawha
- Mercer/McDowell
- Statewide Virtual



## REGISTRATION

Spring 2024 registration is open from **November 1, 2023 to January 12, 2024**.

Any registrations completed after the deadline will result in a **late fee of \$5.00** and placement cannot be guaranteed. Classes begin the week of January 29, 2024.



## CERTIFICATE CHANGES

Beginning with the spring 2024 semester, ACDS will no longer be providing certificates or seals for 1st through 3rd semesters. If a student needs verification of completion for 1st -3rd semesters, a certificate can be printed from WV STARS. Our portfolio guidelines will be revised and will no longer require a 1st-3rd certificate. ACDS will continue to print and provide a 4th semester course completion certificate. Students will also continue to receive a program completion certificate from the Department of Labor upon successfully meeting all program requirements and submitting.

The **ACDS website**, [www.wvacds.org](http://www.wvacds.org) has all the information students and employers need. All student documents are in the apprentice section, including the Department of Labor application for completion. The website also has a presentation on how to arrange your portfolio.

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