



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



HABITS FOR SUCCESS

We have just started a new semester of ACDS. Some of you are returning apprentices and some of you are just starting your first semester. Whether you are new, or have a semester or two under your belt, we have a few tips on how to be successful in the ACDS program.

1. **Don't miss class.** As you know, the attendance policy is very strict and missing class will negatively affect your grade. Save your one free absence for an emergency situation or illness.
2. Follow the **homework directions** and **turn all assignments in on time.** Getting behind on your homework can quickly snowball into a overwhelming situation. Also, you are giving away points each week your assignments are late.
3. **Ask questions.** If you don't understand something, or aren't sure if you are doing something correctly don't hesitate to ask your instructor for guidance.
4. **Keep copies** of all your assignments and documents. This can be very helpful if you lose your portfolio or your assignments.
5. **Be persistent.** When things don't seem to be going your way, keep trying! Your effort and dedication will pay off.



EARLY CHILDHOOD FACEBOOK PAGES

Below is a list of a few early childhood Facebook pages that you may find helpful when looking for classroom activities and information to share with families. These are only a few and we will share more in future newsletters.

1. Fantastic Fun and Learning
2. Teaching Strategies for Early Childhood Education
3. Zero to Three
4. Early Care Share WV
5. Get The Kids Outside
6. West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network
7. Read Aloud
8. Institute of Child Psychology
9. Edutopia
10. Keys for Healthy Kids

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

The annual National Apprenticeship Week is November 12-18. This is a week set aside to recognize the importance of apprenticeship programs across the United States.

Apprenticeship programs and sponsors across the country will host events during this week to highlight the variety of programs available and the impact those programs have on the work force and the economy across the country.

Did you know ACDS started in 1989 and was the first early childhood apprenticeship program in the United States! During National Apprenticeship Week, ACDS local councils will host events across the state. Check our website and Facebook page in November to see if there is an event close to you. Events may be virtual or in-person.

REMINDERS

- At the end of each semester you are asked to complete two evaluations. One is on your instructor and the other relates to the curriculum. The first one is either given to you in class or is on your WV STARS dashboard. The second is sent to you in an email. The email contains a link to a survey monkey where you are asked 5 short questions. Your feedback from these evaluations is very important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete both.
- Spring 2024 registration is expected to open November 1 and run until the first of the new year. For the registration deadline date please visit the ACDS website and Facebook page. Any registrations completed after the deadline will result in a **late fee of \$5.00** and placement cannot be guaranteed.

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