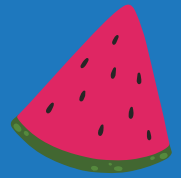


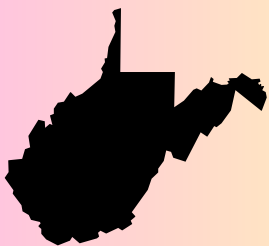


# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## 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/Mason
- Raleigh/Fayette
- Upshur/Barbour/Randolph
- Wood/Wirt



## Virtual Classes

Regions that do not have offer in-person classes have priority for virtual classes. If space is available after registration has closed then other requests will be considered.



## SUMMER TIME, FUN TIME

Summer has arrived! To me, summer has always felt more relaxed and easy going than any other time of the year. I always have so many things that I want to do during the summer months that I often don't accomplish half of them.

Do you have summer goals? Have you thought about activities and events that you can do with the children that are best done in the summer? Think of summertime activities that you enjoyed when you were a child. Chances are children today would also enjoy those things. Sometimes the most fun can come from just a small tweak in your daily routine.

Have you considered a picnic lunch outside on a blanket, or moving circle time to beneath the shade of a tree? Maybe having "band camp" outside or letting children create a parade. Of course water play is a must for the summer. Young children love to "paint" with water. Bring the water and sand outside and allow children to mix them and create sand castles and maybe a little mud.

Of course, you need to be aware of signs that children need a break from the heat. Refer to the Child Care Weather Watch <https://www.c-uphd.org/documents/wellness/weatherwatch.pdf> as a guide to help you determine if it is safe for children to be outside. Younger children are often less tolerant of the heat than older children. It is a good idea to avoid the hottest time of the day, which is typically around 3:00pm.

With a little preparation and safety precautions your summer can be a time filled with fun for you and the children. Have a wonderful summer!



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Bicycle/tricycle obstacle course
- Hopscotch
- Field day
- Nature walks/hunts
- Water play/sprinkler
- Gardening/harvesting
- Insect exploration
- Picnics
- Bubbles - think big
- Tricycle/bicycle wash
- Playground camping
- Shadow tracing



- Parachute play
- Make homemade ice cream
- Make fruit popsicles
- Make fruit infused water
- Outdoor library
- Bean bag toss
- Mud puddle play
- Painting with water/ice
- Easel painting
- Spray bottle painting
- Water relays
- Outdoor concert
- Parade

## SUMMER SAFETY

Remember that children need sunscreen and should have it reapplied at intervals throughout the day, especially if playing in water. You may want to remind parents to dress the children in cooler, loose fitting clothing and that shoes with backs or straps are the safest for playgrounds. Children will need constant access to drinking water to stay hydrated. Stay cool everyone!

## 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.

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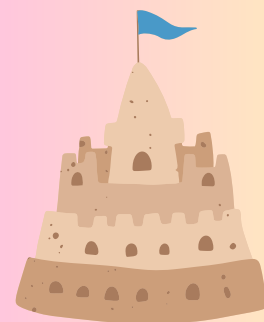
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## REGISTRATION

The Fall 2024 semester will begin the week of August 26, 2024. Registration is now open and will close August 9, 2024. Any registrations completed after the deadline will result in a **late fee of \$5.00** and placement cannot be guaranteed.



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.

### Student Quote

**“With each passing week I gained knowledge and confidence in my classroom”**

