

APPRENTICESHIP FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST



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



GETTING STARTED IN THE GARDEN

Spring is finally here! Now is the time to start gardening activities. There are so many ways to introduce children to gardening. Even if you have never planted anything before, you can easily find ways to grow your own green thumb as you introduce gardening to them.

First, decide *where* you are going to plant. Do you have designated garden space or are you going to need to get creative? You can plant in a variety of containers such as buckets, aquariums, and baskets. You can even plant seeds in a plastic sandwich bag and tape to a window that gets a lot of bright light. You are limited only by your imagination!

Once you know *where*, you need to think about *what* you will plant. You can plant flowers, vegetables, fruits, or herbs. You will want to get the children involved in this decision. The more involved they are, the more they will learn and enjoy the experience. They may want to plant their favorite foods, or they may want to plant something new to them.

After you decide where and what, then the process of *gathering* all of your materials begins. How much soil and what tools will you need? There are child sized gardening tools and watering cans available. The process of caring for the garden can get long but having all of those little hands ready and willing to help makes it much more fun and engaging. Soon your hard work will pay off and you will have flowers and food to *harvest* and enjoy.



GARDENING THEMED CHILDRENS BOOKS

- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- Planting a Garden by Lois Ehlert
- Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert
- From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons
- Muncha Muncha Muncha by Candance Fleming
- Jack's Garden by Henry Cole
- Grow Happy by Jon Lasser
- Butterflies in the Garden by Carol Lerner



VEGETABLES TO PLANT

March - April

spinach
peas
carrots
broccoli
lettuce
onions
turnips
cauliflower
radish

May - June

cucumbers
green beans
bell peppers
zucchini
squash
tomatoes
corn
watermelon
cantaloupe

FALL 2022 GRADUATES

Congratulations Graduates!

The following areas had graduating classes in December 2022.

- Berkeley
- Kanawha
- Mercer
- Statewide Virtual



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.
- Fall 2023 registration will open June 1, 2023. To register, students must complete the orientation for the semester they are entering and submit \$25.00 registration fee to ACDS. The registration deadline date, class schedule, and start dates will be announced in late May.

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~ ALBERT EINSTEIN