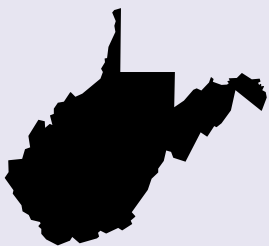




# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## 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.



## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

As spring arrives and the days grow warmer and sunnier, more time will be spent outside. Sometimes outdoor space can collect unwanted materials during the winter months when children aren't outside as often. Also, equipment and the playground itself can suffer wear as a result of winter weather. It is important to do a thorough sweep of your outdoor play space to make sure it is free from materials that could be a potential hazard for children.

Things to look for...

- the depth of the mulch or fall zone material
- trash and debris that may have been blown onto the playground
- outside outlets for covers
- holes that may have developed around the fence or in the play area
- outdoor bathrooms are clean and stocked with paper supplies and soap
- outdoor safety kits for necessary items
- toys for any damage that could cause harm
- equipment for sharp edges, raised nails, screws, or any other potential hazards
- sandboxes to make sure sand is clean and free of debris
- equipment/toys that could hold standing water

Spring is also a good time to restock playground accessories such as bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sand/water toys, balls, picnic supplies, and reading baskets.

After doing the playground safety check and gathering a few new supplies, you'll be all set to enjoy another spring outdoors.



## POISONOUS PLANTS

Many of us will include outdoor plants and flowers in our gardens this spring and summer. Plants have different levels of toxicity but there are some plants that should not be planted where children can potentially ingest them. Below are lists of some poisonous and nonpoisonous plants according to the poison control website, [www.poison.org](http://www.poison.org).

### Poisonous

- azalea
- foxglove
- hydrangea
- lily-of-the-valley
- nightshade
- oleander
- holly
- iris
- morning glory



### Nonpoisonous

- begonia
- coleus
- african viloet
- dandelion
- forsythia
- impatiens
- jade
- petunia
- spider plant

## REGISTRATION

Registration for the Fall 2024 semester will open July 1, 2024. Any registrations completed after the deadline will result in a **late fee of \$5.00** and placement cannot be guaranteed. For the fall class schedule including start dates visit the ACDS website, [www.wvacds.org](http://www.wvacds.org) after July 1, 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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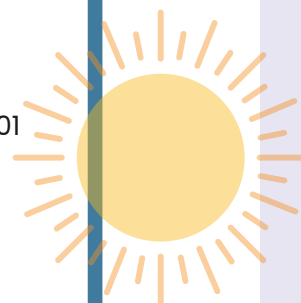
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### Student Quote

"I feel so much more confident after semester one. Can you imagine how I'll feel after fourth semester!"