



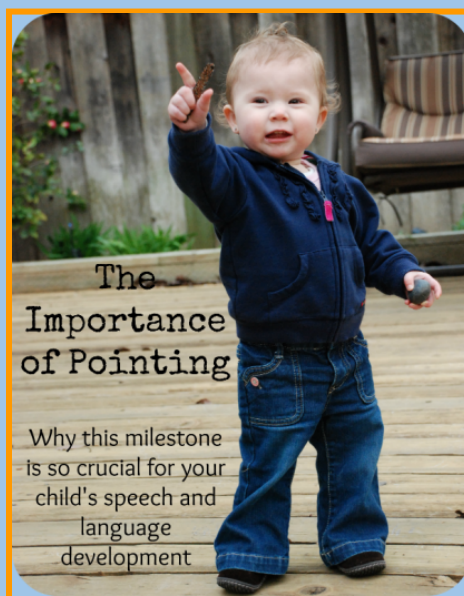
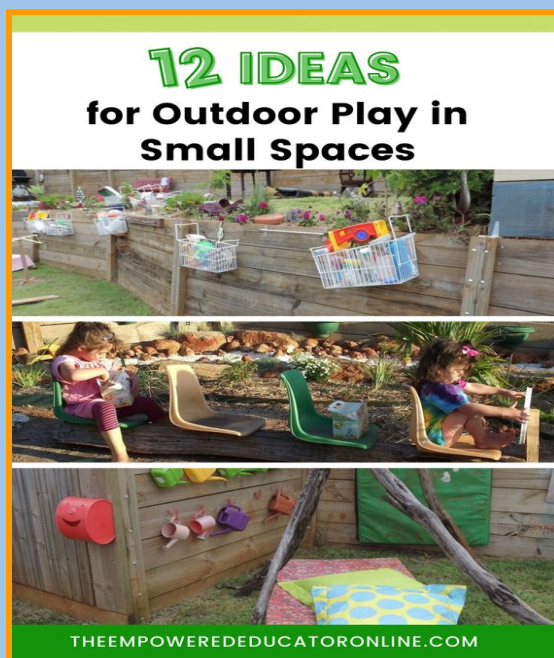
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Click on pictures for April Activities!





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Week of the
April 2-8 2022
Young Child®

Click [here](#) for ideas to celebrate the week!

Share your fun on our [Facebook](#) page #WOYCY22!

Arkansas Children's Week!

April 2-8, 2022



Humor and Happiness

Click [here](#) to start planning your humor and happiness week for Arkansas Children's Week! Post your pictures on our [Facebook](#) page!



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Would you like to think more deeply about fostering positivity with children? If so, the Arkansas Children's Week (ACW) online workshop would be perfect for you!

- The **2022 ACW Workshop** will be available **March 20-April 16, 2022.**
- The workshop is a self-paced workshop, which means you can complete the activities anytime it suits your schedule.
- This session is designed for educators working with all age groups. Program administrators are also welcome to join us!
- Participants will be invited to view brief videos, observe children, journal, and try out new ideas. Expect to spend a total of about three hours.
- **PDR credit is available once you've completed the entire workshop.**

When the workshop opens, we will send details and links to the email address you provide while registering.

[Click here to register!](#)



Attention Preschool Teachers!!

Do you need help with lesson planning or themes? Did you know **UAFS** has a collection of theme boxes that are **FREE** to check out and use in your classroom? Email Sheri Young at sheri.young@uafs.edu if you are interested. Need more resources or inspiration? Check out the **[RV-ECA pinterest](#)** page



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Call to schedule a time to use. 479.788.7605

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- Laminator
- Die Cuts
- Construction Paper
- Art Materials
- Poster Board
- Card Stock
- Large Work Area

SATURDAYS @ ECHOLS



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WE ARE BACK FOR FACE TO FACE
TRAININGS THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH.

OUR RESOURCE ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO PARTICIPANTS.



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RV-ECA Training



Title: Infant Toddler Lesson Planning

Presenter: Ashley Napurano, M.Ed.

Date: Tuesday, April 12th

Time: 6:30-8:00pm (business meeting 6:15-6:30)

Location: Zoom

By attending you are entered into a drawing for a
\$10 Starbucks gift card!!!!





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2022 **River Valley Early Childhood Association** Meetings

**Tuesday
January 11th**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00
Be Well. Care Well. Arkansas:
Susanna Creed

Learn about the Be Well Care Well Arkansas program. This is a new opportunity for child care providers to do something special for themselves and their staff that helps improve job satisfaction, reduce stress, strengthen relationships, and foster positive interactions with children. well-being.



**Tuesday
April 12th**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm
Infant-Toddler Lesson Planning:
Ashley Napurano

Need some help writing lesson plans? Do your lesson plans need a refresher? Join us for some tips and new ideas for developing your I-T lesson plans and learn about the Exploreers Curriculum for Toddlers and Two's.

**Tuesday
Sept. 13th**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm
Preschool Lesson Planning:
Ashley Napurano

Need some help writing lesson plans? In need of some needs ideas? Join us for some tips and new ideas for developing your preschool lesson plans and learn about the Explorers Preschool Curriculum.

**Tuesday
Nov. 15th**

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm
Teach Education and Compensation
Helps (TEACH)
Paul Lanzeby and Ronnette Haynes

Interested in a Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education? Need course hours toward your CDA? Paul and Ronnette will discuss how you can get 90% of your schooling paid for through the TEACH Scholarship program.



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL ANapurano17@gmail.com



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Save the Date

50th Annual

Arkansas State University
Childhood Services
Statewide
Early Childhood Education
Conference

Jonesboro
August 8 - 10, 2022



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TRAININGS

Arkansas New Staff Orientation (8 hours of PDR credit)

Register: <https://arkansas.learningterritory.com/>

For more information contact ARNSO@AState.edu.

Classroom-Based Assessment Direct (12 hours of PDR credit)

March 30 - May 10

Register: <https://conta.cc/3s19Ndy>

For more information contact Rebecca Dunahoo, RDunahoo@AState.edu

Thinking Together –

Promoting Imagination in Preschool (2 hours of PDR credit)

April 14, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3DkttNr>

For more information, contact Rebecca Dunahoo, RDunahoo@AState.edu

Early Learning Standards Basics (1.5 hours of PDR credit)

April 11 - 25

Register: <https://conta.cc/3HZm0Fc>

For more information contact Meghan Foster, MAnderson@AState.edu

Physical Activity (2 hours of PDR credit)

April 7 - 21

Register: <https://conta.cc/3EuEFHd>

For more information contact Lyndsie Odle, LOdle@AState.edu.

Cooking with Young Children (2 hours of PDR credit)

April 5 - 12

Register: <https://conta.cc/31AmT6P>

For more information contact Lyndsie Odle, LOdle@AState.edu.



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Using Books to Promote Healthy Eating (2 hours of PDR credit)

This course can be taken at any time.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3qLiRkF>

For more information contact Jeri Lynne Knight, JKnight@AState.edu

Going Outdoors with Infants and Toddlers (2 hours of PDR credit)

This course can be taken at any time.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3JAZMKI>

For more information Jeri Lynne Knight, JKnight@AState.edu

Explorers Curriculum for Toddlers and Twos

<http://asuchildhoodservices.org/#!/toddlers>

Explorers Preschool Curriculum

<http://asuchildhoodservices.org/#!/preschoolexp>

The social story, “**I Have a Wishing Heart**,” is available on our website. We hope you enjoy sharing it with your children and families.

<http://asuchildhoodservices.org/docs/heart2020.pdf>



Conscious Discipline in Arkansas YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLD8w2wZ5fFAmO9PrNd3j-A>

[BehaviorHelp Support](#)

BehaviorHelp offers services to assist child care programs in managing challenging classroom behaviors, as well as the social and emotional well-being of your children, families, and staff. If administrators or staff would like support from a technical assistance provider or mental health consultant, please complete an online BehaviorHelp support request form.

behaviorhelponline.org



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Stay connected with us!

Like us on **Facebook**, check our **affiliate google site** and check the AECA **affiliate page** to stay current on upcoming events.



Training Feedback Form:

What training(s) are you interested in? What training do you **NEED**? We want to hear from **YOU**! Click on this **link** to fill out our Professional Training feedback form.



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Join AECA

*Connect with like-minded professionals
who share a goal to make life better for children*



Member Benefits

- ★ Membership in two associations for one price
- ★ Networking through local affiliations or chapters
- ★ Support from social media groups and message boards
- ★ Access to the latest information about child development
- ★ Verified training in the Professional Development Registry
- ★ Advocacy with policymakers on important early childhood issues
- ★ Home of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arkansas Scholarship Program
- ★ Reduced rates to AECA and SECA conferences



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Make sure to choose
RV-ECA as your
affiliate!



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Five reasons to become an Arkansas Early Childhood Association Member today!



Support

We help AECA members in their work with children and families as one team, providing support and recognition for the work involved in early childhood across the state of Arkansas, by building community to celebrate our successes and supporting each other when times are tough.



Standards

We work to improve the standards of care and quality of life for young children. We hold our members up as a professional community committed to high quality care and education of young children, shining a light on the work we do as highly essential to all communities.



Understanding

We further the development of knowledge and understanding of young children and the dissemination of such information. We provide our members with professional development opportunities that help them improve the lives of children and become confident advocates.



Contribution

We encourage the provision of education, developmental resources, and services for young children. By sharing the latest cutting edge information and quality research, our members are able to contribute to high quality care and education that children deserve every day.



Connections

We have community based affiliate groups across Arkansas where members can receive professional development, network and enjoy touring the settings of providers. We also has an annual conference where members get exclusive discounts. As an affiliate of the Southern Early Childhood Association, you are automatically a member of SECA and receive access to Dimensions of Early Childhood, the refereed journal that includes current articles on best practices in childcare and early childhood education policy.

Being a member of AECA means belonging to a group of like-minded professionals with a common goal to make life better for children.

Want more information? Visit our website and follow us on social media today

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Are you an Early Childhood teacher, director or family child care provider?

Interested in a degree in Early Childhood Education, but in need of financial assistance?

Then **T.E.A.C.H.** is the program for you! Click the T.E.A.C.H. link above to learn more and apply for this great opportunity to further your education and careers!