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June Summer Activities



DESIGN AN UMBRELLA
stem challenge for kids



**Shower
Curtain**

PAINTING ACTIVITY

-HAPPY TODDLER PLAYTIME-



TAPE TOWERS
block challenge





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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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**CALLING
ALL
STORYTELLERS!**

As an Arkansas early educator, you became one of the nation's most essential workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. The attention of the world is now focused on the important role that Early Childhood Education plays in the economy and to families – we want to KEEP that attention by sharing YOUR stories! We know you have important things to say! We want to provide you with the opportunity to work with a story coach and a group of colleagues/fellow storytellers to hone your story and increase your confidence in sharing with others.

Visit our website for more info and to apply:

www.arkansasearlychildhood.org/storytelling





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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.



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**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 Explorers Curriculum for Toddlers and Twos

**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.



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TRAININGS

Thinking Together -

Making Music in Early Childhood (2 hours of PDR credit)

May 26 - June 7

Register: <https://conta.cc/3KxEtd8>

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

Active Learning, Structure and Clear Limits, Reframing Conflict, and Building Community

Bentonville - June 1, 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PDR# 45899

Structure and Clear Limits and Reframing Conflict

Mountain Home - June 2, 12:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PDR# 45902

Early Learning Standards Basics (ELS Basics) (1.5 hours of PDR credit)

June 6 - 20

Register: <https://conta.cc/384Y3Q7>

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

Emergency Preparedness Direct (2 hours of PDR credit)

June 6 - 17

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



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Physical Activity (2 hours of PDR credit)

June 13- 27

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

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

Cooking with Young Children

June 13 - 27

Register: <https://conta.cc/3yX0D5u>

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

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>

Opportunities for Administrators

Directors Orientation Series: DOA, DOA-2, DOB, DOC

To register for Director's Orientation or for more information, contact Gaynell Jamison, GJamison@AState.edu.

Directors Orientation Refresher: Intentionality (3 hours of PDR credit)

June 2, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Zoom and assignments)

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Gdn5ZG>



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June 8, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3lDtC6H>

June 9, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

For more information contact Sue Remfrey, SRemfrey@AState.edu

Southwest Arkansas Director's Roundtable

June 14, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Jc5UaR>

For more information contact Geania Dickey, GDickey@AState.edu

Arkansas Children's Program **Administrator's Credential**

What is the Arkansas Children's program Administrator Credential?

It is the recognition awarded to early childhood administrators who have completed Directors Orientation, the ACPAC Certificate requirements, and the Credential requirements. To get started on your ACPAC Credential, fill out the application today: <https://conta.cc/34d5sbe>.

To learn more about ACPAC or continue your ACPAC journey, contact Sue Remfrey, SRemfrey@AState.edu.



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**To register for the ACPAC courses below log on to:
Arkansas Professional Development Registry Website,
<https://pdregistry.arkansas.gov>**

ACPAC: Delegation (3 hours of PDR Credit)

June 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Dumas

PDR# 46038

For information contact Gaynell Jamison, GJamison@AState.edu

ACPAC: Delegation (3 hours of PDR credit)

June 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fort Smith

PDR #46108

For more information Sue Remfrey, SRemfrey@AState.edu

ACPAC: Individualizing the Family Experience (3 hours of PDR credit)

June 7, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fort Smith

PDR #46203

For more information contact Sue Remfrey, SRemfrey@AState.edu



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PAS Basics

This 4 hour course is required for Administrators in Better Beginnings center-based programs. If it has been more than 5 years since you have attended this workshop it is required that you attend another workshop to make sure you have current information. Choose the self-paced option OR the live zoom option. These are the same class.

PAS Basics -Self-paced (Pick one)

These courses are offered online and can be completed any time during the dates listed. A link to the course will be sent to you after the registration deadline.

June 13 - 27

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yrnmxcxy>

For more information contact Brittany Harris at BHarris@AState.edu



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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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2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LITTLE ROCK

OCT 12-15



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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



Sign up now
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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.

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Teacher

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Helps

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!