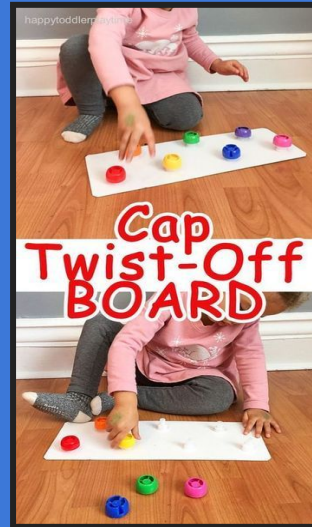




## September Activities



Click on images for links to articles!



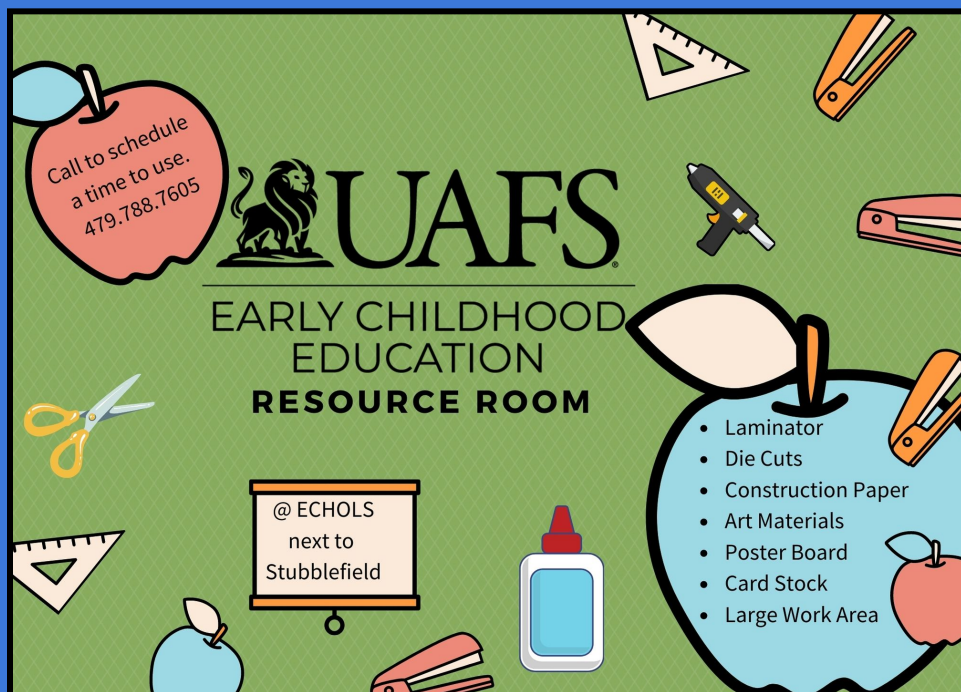


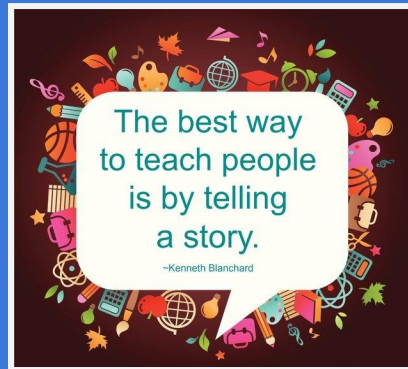
## Attention Preschool Teachers!!



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](mailto:sheri.young@uafs.edu) if you are interested.

Need more resources or inspiration? Check out the **RV-ECA** **pinterest** page!



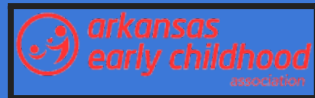


## Calling all Storytellers!

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](http://www.arkansasearlychildhood.org/storytelling)**





## RV-ECA Training



**Title:** Preschool Lesson Planning

**Presenter:** Ashley Napurano, M.Ed.

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 13th

**Time:** 6:30-7:30

(business meeting 6:15-6:30)

**Location:** Zoom

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





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## JOIN US!

Become an RV-ECA Officer!

Elections for 2023-2025 RV-ECA Officers are coming this NOVEMBER!

**We are taking nominations for ALL POSITIONS through September.**

**President-** Are you a dedicated individual that enjoys speaking and working with others?

- Help coordinate and facilitate RV-ECA meetings and events.
- Represent RV-ECA at AECA meetings and events.
- **Spread the word about RV-ECA training opportunities and resources to community members.**



**Vice President-** Do you enjoy technology and social media?

- Attend RV-ECA meetings and events.
- Maintain records of registration and attendance for RV-ECA meeting and events.
- Coordinate and maintain RV-ECA social media platforms with upcoming RV-ECA events, early childhood resources, and respond to comments.
- **Spread the word about RV-ECA training opportunities and resources to community members.**



**Secretary-** Do you have great note taking skills?

- Attend RV-ECA meetings and events.
- Take notes during all meetings and complete meeting minutes.
- Provide a draft of minutes for review and provide approved meeting minutes to RV-ECA members.
- **Spread the word about RV-ECA training opportunities and resources to community members.**



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**Treasurer-** Are you organized and detail-oriented?

- -Attend RV-ECA meetings and events.
- -Accept and maintain receipts, financial records, and bank statements.
- -Prepare and provide financial reports for each affiliate meeting.
- -Coordinate purchases with the President.
- **Spread the word about RV-ECA training opportunities and resources to community members.**

**Click [HERE](#) to complete the 2023-2025 RV-ECA Officer Form**



## Teaching Staff

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

August 8 -December 16

Register: <https://forms.gle/pdr5f63vjwz1gXR06>

For more information contact Meghan Foster, [MAnderson@AState.edu](mailto:MAnderson@AState.edu)

**Cooking with Young Children** (2 hours of PDR credit)

Sept 6 – 20

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

For more information contact Lyndsie Odle, [LOdle@AState.edu](mailto:LOdle@AState.edu)

**Physical Activity** (2 hours of PDR credit)

Sept 6 – 20

Register: <https://conta.cc/3SxO6No>

For more information contact Lyndsie Odle, [LOdle@AState.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:JKnight@AState.edu)

## 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](mailto:GJamison@AState.edu).

### BAS Basics for Family Child Care Providers (3.5 hours of PDR credit)

August 8 - December 16

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

For more information contact Brittany Harris, [BHarris@AState.edu](mailto:BHarris@AState.edu)

### Strengthening Business Practices:

#### Budgets, Planning and Projections (2 hours of PDR credit)

September 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PDR# 49316

For more information Dana Mynatt, [DMynatt@AState.edu](mailto:DMynatt@AState.edu)

### Strengthening Business Practices:

#### Financial Reports and Internal Controls (2 hours of PDR credit)

September 22, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PDR# 49318

For more information Dana Mynatt, [DMynatt@AState.edu](mailto:DMynatt@AState.edu)

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### Southwest Arkansas Director's Roundtable

September 13, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Ogbc8x>

For more information contact Geania Dickey, [GDickey@AState.edu](mailto:GDickey@AState.edu)



Registration is a commitment to attend all sessions of the training series.

This training has the ability to not only change your professional life but your personal life as well. We hope you will be able to make the commitment to attend one of these opportunities

### Conscious Discipline Infant/Toddler

Little Rock

October 11 and 12

November 8 and 9

Register: <https://conta.cc/3FEZ7qg>

Hot Springs

February 21 and 22, 2023

March 9 and 10, 2023

To register email Debi Dunning, [DDunning@AState.edu](mailto:DDunning@AState.edu)

### Conscious Discipline Pre-K

Fayetteville

September 13 and 14

October 25 and 26

December 7 and 8

Register: <https://conta.cc/3837yik>

Little Rock

October 17 and 18, 2022

November 30 and December 1, 2022

January 24 and 25, 2023

Register: <https://conta.cc/36pw8th>



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Jonesboro

February 15 and 16, 2023

March 14 and 15, 2023

April 13 and 14, 2023

To register please email, Debi Dunning, [DDunning@AState.edu](mailto:DDunning@AState.edu)

Conscious Discipline Administrator's Training

November 30 and December 1

Little Rock

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

For more information contact Debi Dunning, [DDunning@AState.edu](mailto:DDunning@AState.edu)

**Conscious Discipline in Arkansas YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLD8w2wZ5fFamO9PrNd3j-A>

## Curriculum

**Explorers Curriculum for Toddlers and Twos**

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

**Explorers Preschool Curriculum**

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



## Behavior Help 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](http://behaviorhelponline.org)**



# 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 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 Lanzey 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](mailto:ANapurano17@gmail.com)

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# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**LITTLE ROCK**

**OCT 12-15**



## 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.





# 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  
[ArkansasEarlyChildhood.org](https://ArkansasEarlyChildhood.org)



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

[www.arkansasearlychildhood.org](http://www.arkansasearlychildhood.org)





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