

# River Valley Early Childhood Association

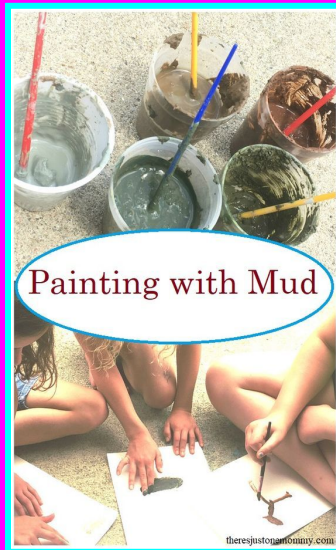


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## June Activities



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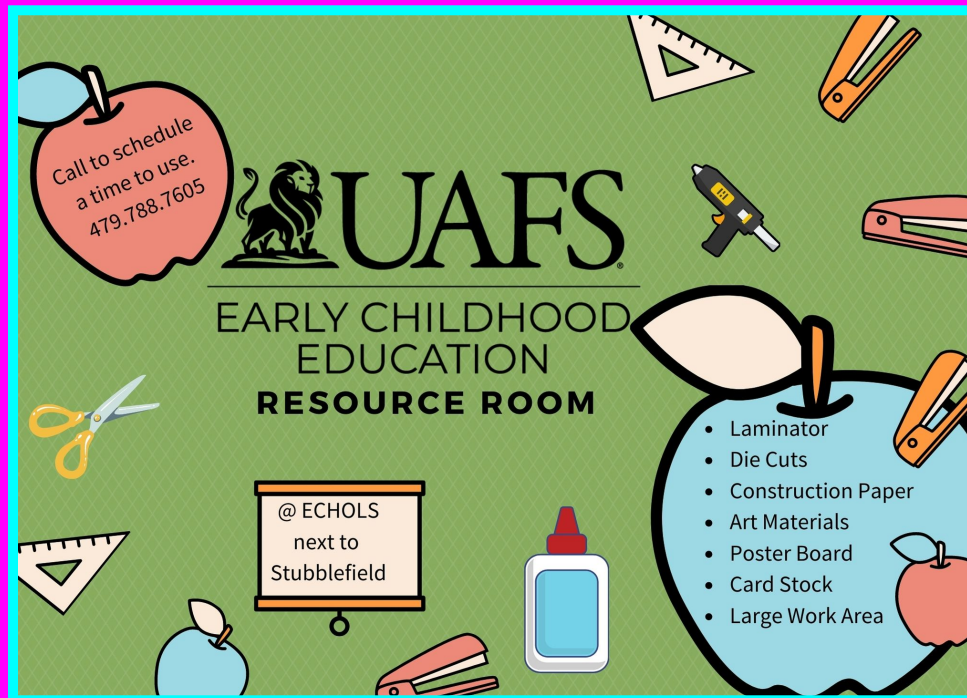


## Attention Preschool Teachers!!



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

Need more resources or inspiration? Check out the [RV-ECA pinterest](#) page!





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## River Valley Early Childhood Association Meetings 2023



~~Tuesday~~

~~January  
10th~~

~~Via zoom~~

### ~~Teacher Resources (6:30pm-7:30pm)~~

~~Dee Cox will share information about free teaching resources. Course ID 51817~~

~~Via zoom RV-ECA Business meeting 6:15-6:30~~

### ~~Physical Development (6:30pm-7:30pm)~~

~~It's Spring! Learn some indoor/outdoor games for the spring AND summer. Activities for all age groups included.  
Location: ECHOLS building @ UAFS. Course ID 51819~~

~~RV-ECA Business meeting 6:15-6:30~~

~~Tuesday~~

~~April  
11th~~

~~ECHOLS Building @ UAFS~~

~~Tuesday~~

~~September  
12th~~

~~via zoom~~

### ~~Classroom Management (6:30-7:30pm)~~

~~New school year. New classroom! Learn some new tips to make your daily schedules and classroom transitions run smoothly and safely. Course ID 51820~~

~~RV-ECA Business meeting 6:15-6:30~~

### ~~Child Care Aware (6:30pm-7:30pm)~~

~~Erica Holland will share resources and services for teachers and parents. Location Child Care Aware Center.~~

~~Location: Child Care Aware of the River Valley Center.~~

~~Course ID 51822~~

~~RV-ECA Business meeting 6:15-6:30~~

~~Tuesday~~

~~November  
14th~~

~~Child Care Aware River Valley~~

### Training Challenge!

Participants that attend 3 trainings will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!



Questions? Email [rveca50@gmail.com](mailto:rveca50@gmail.com)



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## TRAININGS

### 2023 Early Childhood Administrators Conference

**"Follow Your Vision"**

#### Early Childhood Administrators Conference

June 7, 8, and 9, 2023

12 p.m.–2 p.m.

**(via Zoom each day)**

This year's theme is "Follow Your Vision." What is a vision? Do you have one? Where did it come from? How are you using your program vision as a leader?

During the three-day conference, we will hear the stories of three early childhood directors who lean into the strength of their vision to retain staff, support families, and provide for the wellbeing of others.

#### **Wednesday, June 7**

Leadership Responsibilities include Relationships and Collaborations

Featuring Alexandria Galleur

#### **Thursday, June 8**

When Families Are a Priority

Featuring Shalynn Lane, Mrs. Shay's Preschool

#### **Friday, June 9**

Vision Defines Your Path

Featuring Johnnie Bridges

Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/3ID741B>

For more information contact Sue Remfrey, [SRmefrey@AState.edu](mailto:SRmefrey@AState.edu)



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### Infant and Toddler Extravaganza Online Conference

June 1 - 15

Hours of PDR credit TBD

To register: <https://bit.ly/ITX2023>

For more information contact [MWhite@AState.edu](mailto:MWhite@AState.edu)

### Quality Coaching for OST Programs:

**A Youth Work Method** (4 hours of PDR credit)

June 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Little Rock

PDR# 56004

For more information contact Lindsey Carter, [Licarter@AState.edu](mailto:Licarter@AState.edu)

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

This course can be taken at any time through June.

PDR# 55559

For more information contact [BetterBeginnings@AState.edu](mailto:BetterBeginnings@AState.edu)

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

This course can be taken at any time through June.

PDR# 55253

For more information contact [BetterBeginnings@AState.edu](mailto:BetterBeginnings@AState.edu)

### Out-of-School Time (OST) Physical Activity and Nutrition Professional Development

6 Sessions available on demand

For more information contact Woodie Sue Herlein, [WHerlein@AState.edu](mailto:WHerlein@AState.edu)

### The Youth Development Institute offers 27 courses

This includes a course on Developmental Assets.

For more information, contact Karl Benz, [KBenz@AState.edu](mailto:KBenz@AState.edu)

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## Conscious Discipline



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.

### Pre-K/K-2 Conscious Discipline Training

North Little Rock

June 13 and 14

July 11 and 12

July 24 and 25

Registration Link: <https://conta.cc/42wCcrS>

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

### Essential Teaching Practices: Social Studies for Preschool

Magnolia

June 1 - 22, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PDR# 56336

Session 1: June 1, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Session 2: June 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Session 3: June 15, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Session 4: June 22, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information contact Zephonia Avant, [ZAvant@AState.edu](mailto:ZAvant@AState.edu)

### Essential Teaching Practices: Social Studies for Toddlers

Magnolia

June 20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PDR# 56306

For more information contact Zephonia Avant, [ZAvant@AState.edu](mailto:ZAvant@AState.edu)



## Curriculum

### **Explorers Curriculum for Toddlers and Twos**

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

### **Boxes, Baskets, and Bags**

### **Explorers Preschool Curriculum**

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



### **Bubbles**

## **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)**





# Save the Date

Arkansas State University  
Childhood Services  
Early Childhood Education Conference

## Learning in Motion

**August 1-3, 2023**  
**Jonesboro**

Registration information coming soon!



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### Stay connected with us!

Like us on [Facebook](#), check our [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

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



Make sure to choose  
**RV-ECA** as your affiliate!





## 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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