



January 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 and additional teaching materials that are **FREE** to check out and use in your classrooms?

Email Amanda Fuentes at amanda.fuentes@uafs.edu
or call 479-788-7249 if you are interested.

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

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UPCOMING RVECA MEETING

When: Tuesday, Jan. 9th
6:00-8:00pm

Business meeting 5:45-6:00

Where: ECHOLS building
@UAFS

PDR Course# 62251



Chance to Win!



How To: Include Preschool Children in Whole Group Activities

This 2-hour training will discuss the importance of Whole Group time and show participants how to incorporate it successfully within an Early Childhood classroom. During this class, participants will learn the How, Why, When, Where, and What to include in Whole Group. In addition, participants will learn how to plan whole group activities, so that it is developmentally appropriate and encompasses the Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards.

Training challenge:
Attend 3 of our trainings and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card!

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Meetings 2024

Tues. Jan. 9th

How to: Involve Preschool Children in Whole Group Activities

- *Planning Whole Group Time
- * Conducting Whole Group Time

PDR#62251 6pm-8pm
Business Meeting
5:45-6pm
Echols @ UAFS

Tues. Apr. 9th

How To: Enrich your Indoor/Outdoor Preschool Environment with Prop Boxes

- *Importance of Prop Boxes
- * How to Build Prop Boxes

PDR#62259 6pm-8pm
Business Meeting
5:45-6pm
Echols @ UAFS

Tues. Sept. 10th

How to: Include Preschool Children in Small Group Activities

- *Planning Small Group Time
- *Conducting Small Group Time

6pm-8pm
Business Meeting
5:45-6pm
Echols @ UAFS

Tues. Nov. 12th

How to: Include Sensory Materials and Activities in the Environment

- *What Is Sensory Play?
- *Sensory Play Activities

6pm-8pm
Business Meeting
5:45-6pm
Echols @ UAFS

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2023 Training Challenge Winner



Michelle Wilburn

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January 9th

How To: Involve Preschool Children in Whole Group Activities

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April 9th

How To: Enrich your Indoor/Outdoor Preschool Environment with Prop Boxes

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Drawing will be held on November 12th!

September 10th

How To: Involve Preschool Children in Small Group Activities

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November 12th

How To: Include Sensory Materials and Activities in the Environment

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2 HOURS OF PDR CREDIT

Trainings 6:00-8:00pm
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We are Early Childhood

Join early childhood practitioners from dozens of programs to share ideas, make connections, learn, laugh, and enjoy a conference designed just for you!

There will be 6 hours of PDR training available!

[Click here to register!](#)

Save the Dates below for other Super Saturday events near you!

Forrest City Super Saturday

April 13, 2024

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

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TRAININGS

Administrator Trainings

Arkansas New Staff Orientation (8 hours of PDR credit)

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

For more information contact ARNSO@AState.edu.

Healthy Practices Administrator Certificate (HPAC)

Component 2: Director's Book Club

January 8 - 29, 2024

PDR Course # 60865

Register:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=k4ww4neab&oeidk=a07ek0j3l6bce469e06>

[Click here](#) for more information or contact Barbie Baxter, BBaxter@AState.edu

Directors Orientation Series: DOA, DOA-2, DOB

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

Directors Orientation C (6 hours of PDR credit)

January 23, 2024

North Little Rock

PDR Course# 61474

For more information contact Gaynell Jamison, GJamison@AState.edu

Southwest Arkansas Director's Roundtable

January 9, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=k4ww4neab&oeidk=a07ek586u3geaac1c97>

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



Conscious Discipline for Administrators

Little Rock

January 24 and 25, 2024

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

For more information contact Debi Dunning, DDunning@AState.edu

Infant/Toddler Series

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

North Little Rock

September 18 and 19

October 24 and 25

Register: <https://conta.cc/3JCJli1>

Fayetteville

November 7 and 8

December 5 and 6

Register: <https://conta.cc/3JCJli1>

Jonesboro

February 21 and 22

March 27 and 28

Registration information coming soon!

Hot Springs

April 10 and 11

May and 9

Registration information coming soon!

Pre-School Series

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

Fayetteville

September

11 and 12

October 9 and 10

November 1 and 2

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Z5RyRr>

Hot Springs

September 18 and 19

October 18 and 19

November 15 and 16

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Z5RyRr>



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North Little Rock

December 4 and 5

January 23 and 24, 2024

February 14 and 15, 2024

Register: <https://conta.cc/3Z5RyRr>

Jonesboro

February 6 and 7, 2024

March 13 and 14, 2024

April 17 and 18, 2024

Registration information coming soon!

For more information about Conscious Discipline, contact Debi Dunning, DDunning@AState.edu

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

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Stay connected with us!

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



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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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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!