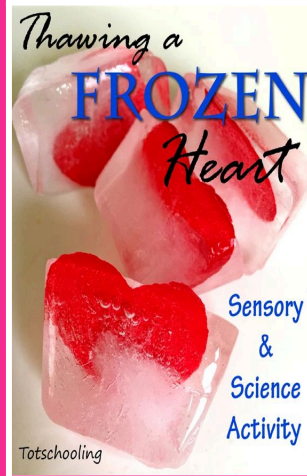
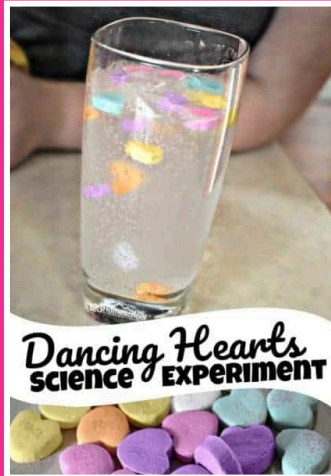
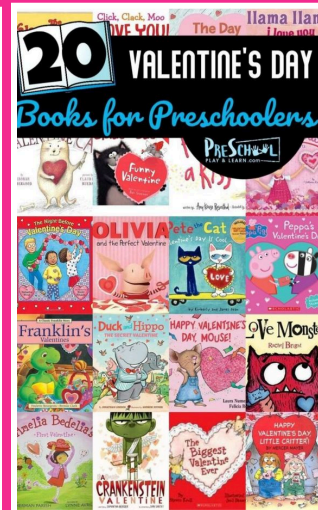
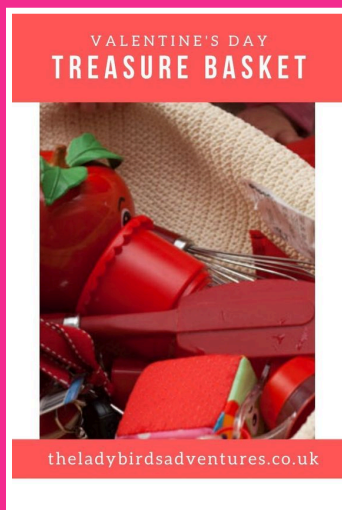




February Activities



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 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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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
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2023 Training Challenge Winner



Michelle Wilburn



2024 RV-ECA Training Challenge

Attend 3 trainings and you are entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!



~~January 9th~~

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ECHOLS@ UAFS~~

April 9th

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

PDR#62259

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Drawing will
be held on
November
12th!

September 10th

How To: Involve
Preschool Children
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Activities

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2 HOURS OF
PDR CREDIT

Trainings 6:00-8:00pm
Business meetings 5:45-6:00pm

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We are Early Childhood

Five colorful silhouettes of children in various poses, representing diversity. From left to right: a green child with arms raised, an orange child with arms raised, a blue child standing, an orange child running, and a yellow child with arms raised.

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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Administrator Trainings

Southwest Arkansas Director's Roundtable

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

Register: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=k4ww4neab&oeidk=a07ek5xezpdb5e35dcb>

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

Back to Basics: Strengthening Business Practices for Administrators

Budgets

February 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PDR# 62019

Financial Reports

February 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PDR# 62020

Teacher Trainings

Powerful Interactions: An Introduction (3 hours of PDR credit)

January 29 – February 5

For information or to **register:** <https://bit.ly/PI-Winter24>

Starting Well with Families of Infants and Toddlers (In Spanish)

(2 hours of PDR credit)

Available upon request

If interested, please contact Miriam Jackson, Mirjackson@AState.edu

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[Conscious Discipline Infant/Toddler Series](#) (24 hours of PDR credit)

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

Jonesboro

February 21 and 22

March 27 and 28

Register: <https://conta.cc/3taa1lr>

Hot Springs

April 10 and 11

May and 9

Registration information coming soon!



[Conscious Discipline Pre-School Series](#) (36 hours of PDR credit)

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

Jonesboro

February 6 and 7

March 13 and 14

April 17 and 18

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

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

[Conscious Discipline Academy](#) (40 Hours of PDR credit)

Jonesboro

June 10 – 14, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information contact Melissa Sutton, MSutton@AState.edu or 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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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





The graphic part of the TEACH logo shows a blue sun with rays rising over a horizon. In the center of the sun is a white cube with a blue letter 'T' on its face.

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