

# River Valley Early Childhood Association



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## June 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](mailto: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!



Don't forget about the **FREE** resources from the Better Beginnings website. [Click on the image above](#) to get access to curriculum and circle time printables!

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an affiliate of the  
 **arkansas**  
early childhood  
association

## 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

Write with PositivelyWell.com

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# 2024 RV-ECA Training Challenge

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



~~January 9th~~

~~How To: Involve  
Preschool  
Children in Whole  
Group Activities  
PDR#62251  
.....  
ECHOLS@ UAFS~~

~~April 9th~~

~~How To: Enrich  
your Indoor/Outdoor  
Preschool  
Environment with  
Pop Boxes  
PDR#62259  
.....  
ECHOLS@ UAFS~~

Drawing will  
be held on  
November  
12th!

September 10th

How To: Involve  
Preschool Children  
in Small Group  
Activities  
.....  
ECHOLS@ UAFS

November 12th

How To: Include  
Sensory Materials  
and Activities in  
the Environment  
.....  
ECHOLS@ UAFS

2 HOURS OF  
PDR CREDIT

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

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## TRAININGS

REGISTER NOW!

2ND ANNUAL

### Preschool Naturally: An outdoor & nature-based learning campference

 JUNE 5-7, 2024

 FERNCLIFF CAMP &  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Hosted by:



## Administrator Trainings

**Directors Orientation C** (6 hours of PDR credit)

June 13, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

North Little Rock

PDR Course # 64203

For more information contact Gaynell Jamison, [GJamison@AState.edu](mailto:GJamison@AState.edu)

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## Teacher Trainings

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

January 1 - June 30

PDR Course # 62794

For more information contact Nicole Holderby at [NHolderby@AState.edu](mailto:NHolderby@AState.edu)

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

January 1 - June 30

PDR Course # 62793

For more information contact Nicole Holderby at [NHolderby@AState.edu](mailto:NHolderby@AState.edu)

**2024 Infant- Toddler Extravaganza**

**Batesville**

**June 8**

[Click here to register or find out more information.](#)

**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](mailto:Mirjackson@AState.edu)

June 3, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PDR Course # 65548

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

**Explorers Toddlers and Twos:**

**Strengthening Communication** (2 hours of PDR credit)

June 5, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PDR Course # 65549

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

June 10

PDR Course # 65550

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

**Explorers Toddlers and Twos:**

**Early Math, Literacy, and More** (2 hours of PDR credit)

June 12, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PDR Course # 65551

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

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June 17, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PDR Course # 65552

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

**The ERS courses below will be available through June 30**

### ITERS 3

PDR Course # 65527

### ECERS 3

PDR Course # 65525

### SACERS

PDR Course # 63130

### ERS The Basics

PDR Course #65643

### FCCERS 3

PDR Course # 63065

### Supervision Solutions

PDR Course # 65522

### Connecting with Each Child

PDR Course # 63064

### Baby Steps

PDR Course # 63399

### Schedules and Transitions

PDR Course # 62983

### Protecting Our Children

PDR Course # 62982

### Keys to Successful Guidance

PDR Course # 63125



[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](mailto:MSutton@AState.edu) or Debi Dunning,

[DDunning@AState.edu](mailto:DDunning@AState.edu)



## 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



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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Interested in a degree in Early Childhood Education, but in need of financial assistance?

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