

River Valley Early Childhood Association

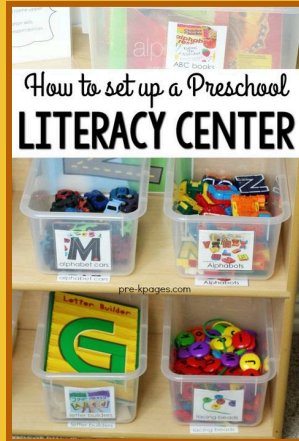


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August Activities



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!



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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Exploring the World of Childhood: August 6-8th, 2024

A-State CHS Early Childhood Education Conference 2024



Click images to register!

The banner features the Arkansas Early Childhood Association logo at the top left. In the center, a stylized globe is surrounded by a red and yellow "REGISTER NOW" button with a yellow mouse cursor icon. Below this, the "Linking Hearts & Minds" logo is displayed, consisting of a colorful geometric pattern of hexagons. At the bottom, the text reads: "AECA Conference October 9-12, 2024", "Wyndham Riverfront Hotel,", and "North Little Rock".

AECA Conference page [HERE](#).



UPCOMING RVECA MEETING

When: Tuesday, Sept, 10th
6:00-8:00pm

Business meeting 5:45-6:00

Where: ECHOLS building
@UAFS

Trainer: LaKeisha Stinyard

PDR Course# 68486



How to: Include Preschool Children in Small Group Activities (2hr)

This 2-hour training will discuss the importance of Small 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 Small Group. In addition, participants will learn how to plan small 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!

Chance to Win!





Election season is here!

Click the image below for job descriptions

Are you interested in being a

RV-ECA Officer?



Join Us & Make a Difference



All positions are available:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large

We will be taking nominations
Sept 1st-October 13th

Visit the RV-ECA affiliate webpage to complete the nomination form

For more information, contact Ashley Napurano rveca50@gmail.com

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Meetings 2024

<p>Tues. Jan. 9th</p> <p>How to: Involve Preschool Children in Whole Group Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Planning Whole Group Time*Conducting Whole Group Time <p>PDR#62251 6pm-8pm Business Meeting 5:45-6pm</p> <p>Echols @ UAFS</p>	<p>Tues. Apr. 9th</p> <p>How To: Enrich your Indoor/Outdoor Preschool Environment with Prop Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Importance of Prop Boxes*How to Build Prop Boxes <p>PDR#62259 6pm-8pm Business Meeting 5:45-6pm</p> <p>Echols @ UAFS</p>
<p>Tues. Sept. 10th</p> <p>How to: Include Preschool Children in Small Group Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Planning Small Group Time*Conducting Small Group Time <p>PDR#68486 6pm-8pm Business Meeting 5:45-6pm</p> <p>Echols @ UAFS</p>	<p>Tues. Nov. 12th</p> <p>How to: Include Sensory Materials and Activities in the Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*What Is Sensory Play?*Sensory Play Activities <p>PDR#68487 6pm-8pm Business Meeting 5:45-6pm</p> <p>Echols @ UAFS</p>

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2024 RV-ECA Training Challenge

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~~January 9th~~

~~How To: Involve
Preschool
Children in Whole
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~~PDR#62251~~

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ECHOLS@ UAFS~~

~~April 9th~~

~~How To: Enrich
your Indoor/Outdoor
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Pop Boxes~~

~~PDR#62259~~

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ECHOLS@ UAFS~~

Drawing will
be held on
November
12th!

September 10th

How To: Involve
Preschool Children
in Small Group
Activities

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ECHOLS@ UAFS

November 12th

How To: Include
Sensory Materials
and Activities in
the Environment

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ECHOLS@ UAFS

2 HOURS OF
PDR CREDIT

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



Administrator Trainings

Directors Orientation Series

Register: <https://sites.google.com/view/directororientation/home>

For more information about Director's Orientation training, contact Gaynell Jamison, GJamison@AState.edu

Directors Orientation C (6 hours of PDR credit)

August 14, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Ft. Smith

Register: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/q3nkahq>

September 12, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Conway

PDR Course # 66236

September 25, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Jonesboro

Register: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/gw7892z>

Pre-Licensing Class (No PDR credit for this course)

For individuals interested in opening a new child care center, family home or out of school time program. **For information or to register contact Miriam Jackson, Mirjackson@AState.edu**

Teacher Trainings

Arkansas New Staff Orientation (8 hours of PDR credit)

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

For more information contact ARNSO@AState.edu.

Emergency Preparedness Direct

For more information or to register contact Nicole Goad, Jnwilson@AState.edu

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

Available through August 30

PDR Course # 67961

For more information contact Gwendolyn Murphy at GMurphy@AState.edu

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

Available through August 30

PDR Course # 67962

For more information contact Gwendolyn Murphy at GMurphy@AState.edu

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

The ERS courses below will be available through December 31, 2024

ITERS 3

PDR Course # 68015

ECERS 3

PDR Course # 68014

SACERS

PDR Course # 67933

ERS The Basics

PDR Course # 67965

FCCERS 3

PDR Course # 67901

Supervision Solutions

PDR Course # 67921

Connecting with Each Child

PDR Course # 67900

Baby Steps

PDR Course # 67941

Schedules and Transitions

PDR Course # 67920

Protecting Our Children

PDR Course # 67918

Keys to Successful Guidance

PDR Course # 67942

For more information contact Michelle Ford, Brford@AState.edu

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The Youth Development Institute

[Click here](#) to enroll in the current AOSN, *Youth Development Institute (YDI)* courses. Choose from more than 30 self-paced online courses.

For more information, contact Karl Benz, KBenz@AState.edu

Out-of-School Time (OST)

Physical Activity and Nutrition Professional Development

Select from the 25 self-paced online courses that meet the Better Beginnings requirement for physical activity and nutrition training.

For more information, contact Woodie Sue Herlein, WHerlein@AState.edu



2024-25 Conscious Discipline

[Pre-K Training Opportunities](#)

2024-25 Conscious Discipline

[Infant/Toddler Training Opportunities](#)

For more information about Conscious Discipline trainings contact Melissa Sutton, MSutton@AState.edu or Debi Dunning, 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



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   

A graphic showing several blue hands of varying lengths radiating from a central point, holding a blue cube with the letters 'T.E.A.C.H.' on its faces.

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Arkansas Early Childhood Association

Teacher

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Are you an Early Childhood teacher, director or family child care provider?

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!