

The West Virginia's Early Literacy and Language Initiative Invites You To Participate in Our Efforts to Promote Early Literacy and Language with Infants and Toddlers and Their Families

West Virginia's Early Literacy and Language Initiative (ELLI) is a collaborative partnership with the Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL). Through your participation in the Early Literacy and Language Initiative, you will be provided training and have the opportunity to participate in a community of practice where you will receive coaching by a WV Master Cadre. The community of practice will provide you with ongoing support for implementing the fabulous resources provided by the Center for Early Literacy Learning as well as give you an opportunity to practice what you learn in training. You will also have access to a wealth of wonderful resources through the Center for Early Literacy Learning that can be shared with families and colleagues.

Early language and literacy begins in the first three years of life and is closely linked to a child's earliest experiences. The interactions that young children have related to early literacy are the building blocks for language, reading and writing. Through the training and community of practice, home visitors will increase knowledge in:



- *Infant/toddler language development;*
- *How to assist families in achieving literacy rich home environments;*
- *How to assist families in using child interests to promote literacy and language development;*
- *How to assist families in using everyday activities and routines to teach literacy and language skills;*
- *How to support families in using responsive teaching practices through Participatory Adult Learning Strategies; and*
- *How to adapt the home environment, materials and teaching strategies to support infants and toddlers with disabilities that you serve.*



CELL is a research- to-practice technical assistance center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Research to Practice Division. The main goal of CELL is to promote the adoption of and sustained use of evidence-based early literacy learning practices by early childhood intervention practitioners, parents and other caregivers of young children, birth to five years of age, with identified disabilities, developmental delays, and those at risk for poor outcomes. For more information on the Center for Early Literacy and Learning (CELL), please follow these links:

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/>

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/cell_overview.php

TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Training Date/Time

Friday March 9, 2012 9:30-3:30 pm

Training Location

Tamarack, One Tamarack Park, Beckley, WV 25801

Training Date/Time

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 9:30-3:30 pm

Training Location

Lakeview Resort, One Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508

Training Date/Time

Thursday April 12, 2012 9:30-3:30 pm

Training Location

Big Sandy Arena – 1 Civic Center Plaza, Huntington, WV 25701.

Training Date/Time

Thursday April 26, 2012 9:30-3:30 pm

Training Location

The Blennerhassett Hotel, 320 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

STARS CEUs and WV Birth to Three contact hours will be provided

Registration Information

Please send registration to:

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