



Pathway to Earnings

Enrollment Periods are April 1st and October 1st

Increase your Earnings

Available to child care providers and directors working in a licensed child care center, licensed child care facility or registered family child care home.



**Awarded Based on
Funding Availability**

WV Elements of Family Child Care Series	\$75
Mind in the Making	\$100
The Growing Brain	\$100
WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Endorsement..	\$200
WVIT I	\$100
WVIT I Revised	\$150
WVIT II	\$250
CDA	\$500
ACDS Dept. of Labor Certificate	\$500
AA or AAS ECE* Degree	\$1000
BA or BS or Regents ECE* Degree	\$1500
MA or MS ECE* Degree	\$1750
Ph.D or Ed.D ECE* Degree	\$2000

* Accepted ECE Degree Programs include: Child Development; Child Development & Family Studies; Early Childhood; Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Education; Early Childhood Special Education

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Pathway to Earnings Criteria

Please note you must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to receive the Pathway to Earnings Payment:

- Currently working in a WV licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or family child care home, serving subsidized children as one of the following:
 - Teacher/Assistant Teacher/Teacher's Aide
 - Director/Assistant Director
 - Family Child Care Provider

- Has worked for 12 consecutive months prior to application within the field of early care and education as outlined above for a minimum of one of the following:
 - 20 hours per week if working as a director/assistant director/teacher/assistant teacher/teacher's aide with no more than a 45 day employment lapse
 - 20 hours per week if working as a family child care provider with no more than a 90 day employment lapse

- Has an active Career Pathway Credential

- Has earned a qualifying degree or certificate (please note degrees must be earned from a Regionally Accredited Institution):
Degree or Certificate

- WV Elements of Family Child Care Series (*must be working as a family child care provider to claim*)
- Mind in the Making
- WVIT I (*must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim*)
- WVIT I - Revised (*must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim*)
- WVIT II (*must be working with Infants and Toddlers to claim*)
- WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Endorsement
 - CDA (current)
 - ACDS Department of Labor Certificate
- AAS/AA in ECE*
- BA/BS in ECE* or RBA with ECE emphasis
- MA/MS/M.ED in ECE*
- Ph.D. or Ed. D. in ECE*

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If this is not the first time you have applied for and received the WV STARS Pathway to Earnings payment for this degree or certificate you must also have met one of the following in the past 12 months.

- Has completed 18 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working in Licensed Child Care)
- Has completed 11 hours of WV STARS Training in the last 12 months (for those working in/ as Family Child Care Home or Family Child Care Facility)
- Has completed one college credit course toward a higher degree in ECE in the last 12 months (must submit documentation confirming completion)

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