

R4PDP

Region 4 Professional Development Partnership

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For the Early Childhood & Out-of School Time Field

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Home/Health & Child Care Services, Inc.
Community Care for Kids/QCAP, Inc.
MassBay Community College
BOSTnet
Bunker Hill Community College
COMPASS for Kids
Families First Parenting Programs
Family Child Care Project
Institute for Education & Prof. Dev.
Lesley University
Massachusetts Afterschool Partnerships
MassAEYC
Massasoit Community College
Newton Child Care Commission & Fund
Step One Regional Consultation Program
The Freedman Center at MSPP
UMass Boston
Urban College
Wheelock College
CFCE (Coordinated Family & Community Engagement) Programs
Cambridge Community Partnership & Center for Families
CDS Partnership
Charles River CFCE Program
Communities United CFCE Program
Concord Area CFCE Program
Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham
Hockomock Partnership
Holliston Early Childhood Council
Hull Early Childhood Advisory Council
Milton Early Childhood Alliance
Nashoba CFCE Program
Natick Early Childhood Network
Newton Community Partnership
Norwood CFCE Program
Quincy/Braintree CFCE Program
SHARE Partnership
Somerville CFCE Program
South Shore Community Action CFCE
Together We Can Family Network
Walpole CFCE Program
Watertown CFCE Program
Westwood CFCE Program
Weymouth CFCE Program
Winchester CFCE Program

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Dear Providers and Educators:

We are writing to share news that affects all of us in the early childhood education and out-of-school-time field. The Region 4 Professional Development Partnership (R4PDP) is proud to have received a grant from EEC to provide Educator and Provider Support (EPS) services for the 60 cities and towns of Region 4. The R4PD Partnership, and Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) as the lead agency, will develop and implement training, professional development and quality improvement services for center-based and family childcare programs across the region.

EEC has funded 6 regional partnerships to create a statewide professional development system for all early childhood and out-of-school-time educators and administrators in Massachusetts. These regional EPS grant programs take the place of EEC funded initiatives that used to be part of Child Care Resource and Referral agencies (CCR&Rs), Community Partnerships for Children (CPCs), and Building Careers programs at local colleges. The new professional development system will feature a variety of resources, training programs, and support services offered through the regional partnerships.

EEC's objectives for the work of these partnerships are to provide support for:

1. educators to achieve academic credentials and build Core Competencies, and
2. providers/programs to progress to higher levels of quality on the QRIS scales.

EEC funded training and services will be open to all providers and educators, but priority will be given to those providers and educators serving EEC-subsidized children with contracted slots or vouchers.

Enclosed with this letter is the R4PDP Fall training calendar and enrollment information. Other services that will be coming to you from the R4PD Partnership include:

- Information and planning tools to help you map out your own professional development and program improvement goals;
- Coaching and mentoring activities for providers and educators to focus on building Core Competencies;
- Technical assistance for accreditation and QRIS quality improvement; and
- College courses for those working on academic credentials or needing more advanced training.

We are looking forward to working with you! Please, share this news with your staff and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paula Bowie on behalf of R4PDP

HOW TO CONTACT US AND HELP US CONTACT YOU

The Region 4 Professional Development Partnership (R4PDP) will be working to keep all providers and educators in the early childhood and out-of-school-time field informed about professional development opportunities and resources to benefit your program quality improvement efforts. **To save time, money, and resources, please contact us** at professionaldevelopment@ccrcinc.org with your email address so we can add you to our notification list. In general, we will only send paper mail to providers and educators who do not have access to email.

Because we are responsible for providing services for programs and for individuals, we maintain two important contact lists:

1. A list of **licensed and license-exempt early childhood or out-of-school-time programs** - referred to as “providers”. For this list, we need to know who is the best contact person for professional development and quality improvement related information for each individual program site (e.g., Director, Education Coordinator, Lead Teacher, etc.). If you represent a number of programs or a family child care system, please let us know the contact information for both the system or agency AND for each individual site.
2. A list of **individual professionals** – referred to as “educators” - including administrators, teachers, FCC providers, assistants, and other individuals who work in the field. Individuals must have already enrolled in the EEC Professional Qualifications Registry before they can sign up for R4PDP programs and trainings.

R4PDP Staff

Below is a list of the R4PDP program staff. Because of the large number of providers and educators in Region 4, we prefer to use email for the majority of our communications. Our staff are out in the field much of the time and email is often a more reliable way to get your questions answered than phone.

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