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National Context

A valuable new asset in support of critical priorities:

- Training and career pathways under the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF);
- Essential state and territory professional development planning and implementation to respond to CCDF reauthorization; and
- Professional development in Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships and other programs.

Early Educator Central

- Leverages existing federally funded coursework from Administration for Children and Families, Department of Defense, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Provides courses that are part of a career pathway that lead towards a credential or degree.
- Jointly administered and funded by the Office of Child Care and the Office of Head Start.

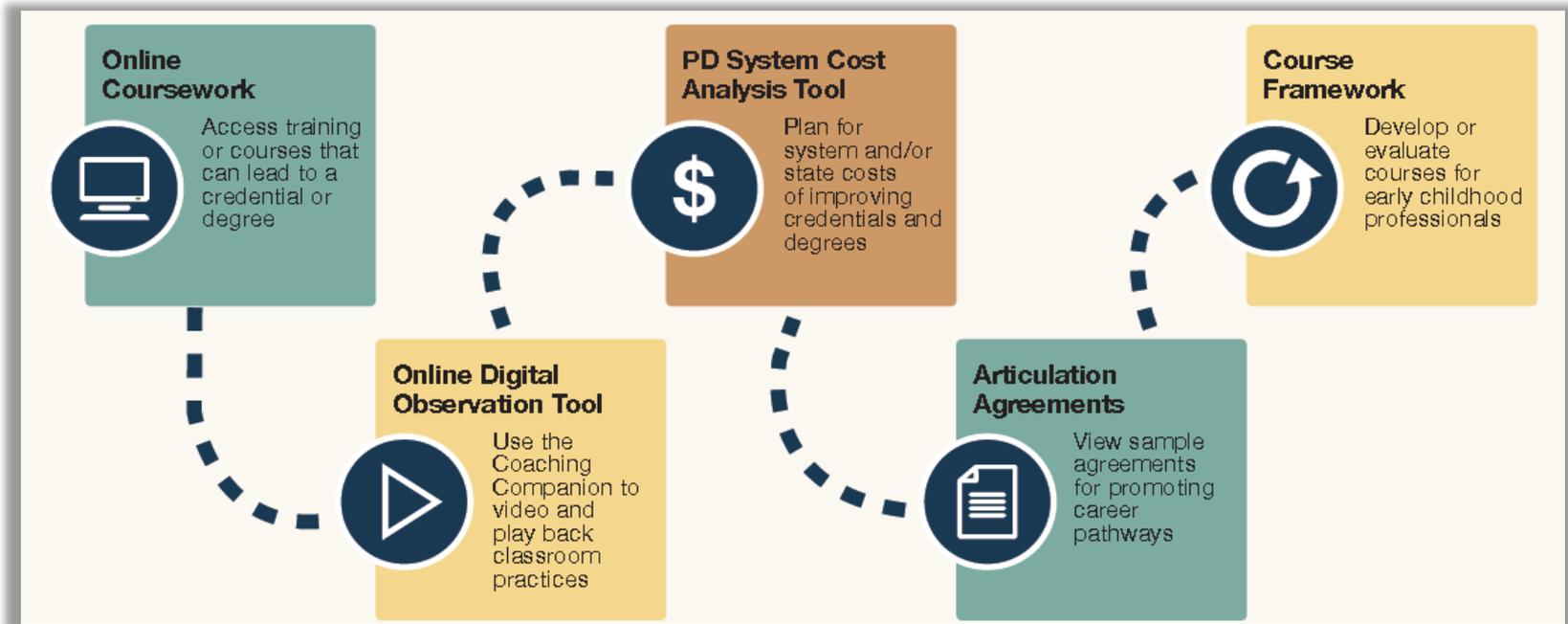
Audiences

Resources and tools that meet the needs of early childhood professionals, including:

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| Teachers | Administrators | Trainers/Coaches | PD System Leaders |
| All Teachers – Child Care, Early Head Start, EHS-CC Partners, center and home-based | Directors, Education Coordinators, and Instructional Leaders | Trainers, Coaches, Consultants, Specialists, Technical Assistants who support teachers and programs to deliver quality infant-toddler services | Higher Education, Curriculum Designers, Policymakers |

Early Educator Central Overview

Tools and resources organized by Career Pathway and Coursework, Teaching Supports and System Supports:



Coursework



Coursework: Details



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families Office of Child Care Office Of Head Start

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Home Coursework Career Pathways Teaching Supports System Supports Spread the Word

Home > Browse all Coursework

Browse all Coursework

Displaying Coursework 1 - 8 of 8

Family Connections: A Preventive and System-Wide Training Guide and Mental Health Consultation Model
CEUs
Family Connections is a preventive, system-wide mental health consultation and training approach to strengthen the capacity of early learning teachers and administrators. Although these resources...

Better Kid Care
CEUs, Clock Hours
Better Kid Care's On Demand Distance Education system provides asynchronous (24/7) access to online professional development modules. The Better Kid Care CDA Infant Toddler Sample Curriculum...

Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns
CEUs, Clock Hours
As an early care and education provider, you play a critical role in the health and wellbeing of children. You are also very well positioned to help identify children who might need extra help in...

Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation's Best Practice Tutorial Series

Filter Results By:

- Career Pathway
 - PD System Leaders (4)
 - Trainers/Coaches (4)
 - Teachers (3)
 - Administrators (2)
 - Higher Education (1)
- Educational Level >
- Type of Credit >
- Delivery Mode >
- Competency Alignment >
- Audiences >

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- Allows for browsing of course descriptions, and filtering courses by role and other key indicators- all free or low cost.
- Provides pathway courses for the CDA requirement of EHS & EHS—CC partnerships.



Coursework: Details



| Coursework | Course Developer | Intended Audience |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Department of Defense Virtual Lab School Infant Toddler Track | The Ohio State University | Infant Toddler Educators Administrators |
| Better Kid Care | Penn State Extension Better Kid Care Program | All Early Learning Educators Administrators |
| Online Infant Toddler Associate of Arts (A.A.) curriculum | University of Cincinnati | Infant Toddler Educators Course Developers and Higher Education Professionals PD System Planners |
| Infant Toddler Consultant Curricula Relationships: The Heart of Development and Learning Infant Toddler Development, Screening, and Assessment Infant Toddler Curriculum and Individualization | ZERO TO THREE | Coaches and Trainers PD System Planners |

Coursework: Details



| Coursework | Course Developer | Intended Audience |
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| Family Connections: A Preventive and System-Wide Training Guide and Mental Health Consultation Model | Boston Children’s Hospital | Administrators Coaches and Trainers PD System Planners |
| Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation’s Best Practice Tutorial Series | Georgetown University | Administrators Coaches and Trainers PD System Planners |
| Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) Infant Toddler Training Modules | Vanderbilt University | Infant Toddler Educators |
| Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Teachers |

Teaching Supports



Teaching Supports: Course Framework



- Use the “Know-See-Do-Improve” competency self-assessment course framework if you’re developing a course to support infant-toddler teachers and others.
- The course framework could be used for credit-based as well as non-credit offerings by higher education, trainers, coaches, etc.
- Available as a fillable PDF file so that those developing courses can use it.

Teaching Supports: The Coaching Companion

Coming Soon!

- Find an open-source, digital teacher observation tool, The Coaching Companion.
- The Coaching Companion provides an opportunity to improve practice through video, which can be shared with administrators, coaches, or higher education faculty.

Teaching Supports: The Coaching Companion

Coming Soon!

- Provides a safe place for home visitors and teachers to ask questions and share concerns.
- Enables teams to share videos, photos, and documents in a private, password-protected space.
- Includes Action Planning for teams to set measurable goals and define specific steps to achieve them.
- Features Focused Observation, including goals, notes, and video-based observations.
- Allows teams to annotate videos for Reflection and Feedback.

Teaching Supports: Infant Toddler Video Clips



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Infant-Toddler Video Clips

To assist with the "See" in the "Know-See-Do-Improve" framework, best practice video clips are available. These can be used with existing or new professional development offerings. The video clips embed footage of infants and toddlers demonstrating a range of skills across the developmental continuum as well as caregiver routines and interactions in support of those skills. In addition, the clips were filmed in diverse settings including homes, family child care programs, and child care and Early Head Start centers. These videos can help bring content to life by offering students a chance to observe a diverse array of professionals caring for and educating infants and toddlers. Use these videos to help exemplify the practices your students are learning about.

Search by Keyword(s)

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Language and Relationships



This video provides footage of a caregiver interacting with a young infant who is exploring a ball...

Connor's Hair Salon



This video provides footage of a toddler who has set up an imaginary hair salon and is styling his...

Challenging Social Interactions



This video provides footage of young infants and toddlers in play scenarios that challenge their...

Peer Play



This video provides footage of young infants playing in proximity to one another and sharing a...

- View video clips of infants, toddlers and their educators to observe good practice.
- Could be used by educators as part of training and coursework.

Teaching Support: Additional Resources



- Review annotated bibliographies for designers of higher education courses for infant-toddler educators in areas such as:
 - Dual language learners
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Poverty, Race and Culture
 - Technology
- Learn more about strategies to successfully include infant-toddler courses and family child care providers in higher education.

System Supports

System Supports: PD System Cost Analysis Tool

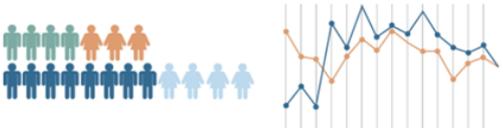


Professional Development System
Cost Analysis Tool



Welcome to the Professional Development System Cost Analysis Tool

The Professional Development (PD) System Cost Analysis Tool helps states/territories understand current investments and target resources for PD systems and initiatives that result in a well-qualified early childhood and school-age workforce. The tool can help PD system funders analyze and align investments with the state/territory priorities, and forecast budget needs to advance workforce goals.



The Tool:

- Generates data analyses related to workforce qualifications and PD investments
- Defines and categorizes workforce investments
- Estimates annual costs to advance the workforce from one level of qualification (educational milestone) towards the next

To begin your PD System cost analysis or explore the tool, please click on the [Create New Account](#) button.

Returning Users Login to the PD System Cost Analysis Tool

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* Email:

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LOGIN

[Forgot Your Password?](#) | [Need Help Signing In?](#)

Sign-up for the PD System Cost Analysis Tool

CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

- An online professional development (PD) system cost calculator.
- Informs planning and development of statewide and/or agency wide professional development with a focus on credit-bearing credentials and degrees.
- Helps planners understand costs associated with helping early childhood professionals gain degrees and credentials.

System Supports: PD System Cost Analysis Tool



The tool helps planners answer questions like:

- What qualifications does your workforce currently have?
- What qualifications do you need or want it to have?
- What do you need to target to help meet your goals of building and retaining a qualified workforce?

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Step 1: Current Workforce Estimates

[Help on this step](#)

In this step, you will enter baseline data about your state/territory's early childhood/school-age (EC/SA) workforce.

After gathering data on your EC/SA workforce you will have several options for entering data by sector, setting, role, ages served, and educational milestone achieved. Please note that you do not have to enter your workforce data in these categories, but entering disaggregated data will provide you with more robust results and optional reports. **At a minimum, you must enter a total number for your state/territory's EC/SA workforce to be used in this tool.**

You will also need to enter a name for the report, and select your state/territory and the desired year for the report.

This step helps your state/territory answer: What qualifications does our workforce currently have?

* Required Field

* Name of Report:

1 Use this tool to collect/establish and enter baseline estimates of workforce qualifications.

* Select your State/Territory:

* Select a Year:

System Supports: PD System Cost Analysis Tool



- State and PD System planners can use the PD System Cost Analysis tool to identify, generate, and analyze data related to workforce qualifications and PD investments.
- States, Territories or programs can enter baseline data about their workforce to create an auto-generated comparison to the national estimates from the National Survey of Early Care and Education.
- Self-Help guide and case studies are available as part of Early Educator Central.

System Supports: Articulation Agreements



The screenshot shows the Early Educator Central website. The header includes the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care, and Office of Head Start. The main navigation bar contains links for Home, Coursework, Career Pathways, Teaching Supports, System Supports, and Spread the Word. The page title is 'Articulation Agreements'. The content area provides an overview of articulation resources and lists three articles:

- Supporting Successful Degree Completion by Early Childhood Professionals, Alison Lutton, National Association for the Education of Young Children**
An article discussing four major features of strong articulation agreements.
- Getting Started with Articulation: What State Partners Need to Know, Early Educator Central Staff**
An introduction for state partners and leaders to current issues surrounding articulation in support of early childhood degree attainment.
- Coming Soon: Negotiation Guidance, Deborah J. Cassidy, Ph.D., Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro**
Practical guidance and tips about successfully negotiating articulation agreements.

- Background on Articulation.
- Templates to inform work to create Articulation Agreements.
- Sample agreements from around the country.



System Supports: Resources



Find additional resources including:

- A review of options and opportunities for financing high quality infant-toddler programming.
- Learn more about infant-toddler teacher compensation.

Spread the Word!

To help you spread the word, Early Educator Central has materials. You'll find:

- Early Educator Central banners to place on your website. These banners will bring your visitors directly to Early Educator Central's homepage.
- Social Media Messages for use on Facebook, Twitter and other social media.
- Factsheet
- Talking Points
- FAQ's
- PowerPoint