

RI Pre-K Events: March 2023

Upcoming Meetings:

Child Outreach Environments Coordinator Trainer (with Holly Ayotte)

March 2, 2023, 9:30-11:30 am

Please note: This session is for community-based and Head Start programs only

Education Coordinator Meeting

March 14, 2023, 9:00-10:30 am

New Education Coordinator Meeting

March 24, 2023, 9:00-10:30 am

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

A Deeper Dive into Conscious Discipline

This course is designed for RI Pre-K staff who have already completed the 10-session *Building Resilient Schools and Homes* (introductory modules) series and will focus on applying key *Conscious Discipline* concepts to real-life classroom challenges. Participants will explore *Conscious Discipline* topics, theories, and materials using podcasts and other relevant resources, and will collaborate with their colleagues to share strengths, address challenges, and problem-solve. Participants can earn up to **10 PD hours** by attending monthly discussion sessions and completing intersession assignments.

Monday, March 6, 2023, 3:30-4:45 pm (Session 2)

March PD Day: Ten Ways to Boost Your Math Practices

This session will examine the indicators of high-quality math practices found in the ECERS-3 tool. We will examine specific examples of best practice and provide several resources to help improve your math materials and interactions throughout the day. Participants can earn **1.5 PD hours** by attending this session.

Monday, March 13, 2023, 9:00-10:30 am

March PD Day: Understanding Multilingualism in Young Children: Next Steps for RI Pre-K Staff

In this session, facilitated by Dr. Delis Cuellar (WIDA), participants will examine their role in supporting multilingual learners in RI Pre-K classrooms. In addition to reflecting on classroom practices and supports, they will explore current research related to assets-based, language-focused family engagement strategies and discuss how these strategies can be effectively implemented. Participants will receive **2 PD hours** by attending this session.

Monday, March 13, 2023, 11:00 am-1:00 pm OR 2:00-4:00 pm

BPS Communities of Practice

The goal of this CoP is to create a supportive environment for teachers and teacher assistants to share ideas, problem-solve, and deepen their understanding of how to implement the BPS curriculum to fidelity. We will facilitate content based on the needs and interests of the group but are also hoping that each participant will bring their own questions, concerns, and contributions to the table. The cohort will meet once per month for approximately one hour. Because our work will depend on building relationships, we are requiring that participants commit to the cohort for the duration of the school year. This will enable us to build upon the conversation and revisit key topics over time.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 3:30-4:45 pm OR

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 4:30-5:45 pm

Creative Curriculum Community of Practice

The goal of this community of practice is to create a supportive environment for teachers and teacher assistants to share ideas, problem-solve, and deepen their understanding of how to implement the *Creative Curriculum* to fidelity. We will facilitate content based on the needs and interests of the group but are also hoping that each participant will bring their own questions, concerns, and contributions to the table. Because our work will depend heavily on building relationships, we are requiring that participants commit to the cohort for the duration of the school year. This will enable us to build upon the conversations from session to session and revisit key topics over time.

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 4:00-5:00 pm

RISE Project Small Group Experiential Workgroups

This ongoing professional development and research opportunity, facilitated by our partners at Lifespan, will deepen education coordinators' ability to infuse principles and practices of Reflective Supervision into their daily work. Participants in this series will attend one full-day foundational training session, then come together monthly to collaborate with other supervisors and practice relevant skills.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9:00-11:00 am (Small Group A)

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 9:00-11:00 am (Small Group B)

Reflective Practice Study Group for RI Pre-K Teachers

In this series, teachers will use a cycle of inquiry as part of their regular planning process. Through a process of ongoing self-directed inquiry, teachers will examine the instructional cycle from start to finish, aimed at deepening teacher practice and improving child outcomes. Over the course of the study group, teachers will share their findings with peers and will provide feedback to one another. Participants can earn **14 PD hours** by attending seven facilitated online sessions and completing intersession assignments.

Monday, March 27, 2023, 5:00-6:00 pm (Session 5)

Pedagogical Leadership for RI Pre-K Education Coordinators

This training is designed to support education coordinators in their role as pedagogical leader. The focus will be on exploring effective pedagogical leadership qualities and practices. Three themes of effective practice will be discussed: creating climates of mutual respect and collegiality, supporting cultures of continuous quality improvement, and providing opportunity for teacher leadership. Through this lens, participants will reflect on their own strengths as a leader and identify areas of growth using a variety of modalities, including creative expression and reflective conversations.

Thursdays, April 6, April 20, May 4, and May 18, 2023, 8:00-10:00 am (in person at the Center!)

RIDE Professional Development Opportunities:

Intro to the RI-Itinerant Early Childhood Special Education Service Delivery Model (RI-IECSE)

The training includes a focus on the role of the special educator, as well as the general early childhood teacher, while introducing the research behind the model, the rationale for adoption, the key features, and the alignment with RI's vision for supporting all young children within high-quality early learning programs.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4:00-6:00 pm (Session 2)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 4:00-6:00 pm (Session 3)

If you have any questions, please reach out to your TA or email Julie Boutwell (jboutwell@edc.org).

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RI Pre-K program staff can register for the above opportunities by logging into their Center dashboards.

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