

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYNOPSIS

DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

DIEEC At-a-Glance:
July 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (10 months)

DIEEC's goal is to **invest in early childhood** programs and professionals to **increase access to high quality care and education** for all of Delaware's children. DIEEC **improves the lives of young children and their families** by providing **exemplary services for the early childhood community** and conducting research that helps to **advance equity and promote high-quality education**.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES (PLEs):

All PLEs include a training component along with follow-up to specifically support educators with implementation.

Designed specifically for target audiences: family child care (FCC), classroom educators, and center leaders.

212 PLEs delivered **1,156** educators trained **12** new PLEs developed

956 hours worth of PLEs delivered **5** PLEs translated for Spanish-speaking educators

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES:

- **10 editions** of REACH monthly newsletter distributed to **3,700 individuals**
- **5 editions** of Professional Pursuits bi-monthly newsletter distributed to over **4,700 individuals**
- Over **2,500 posts** across 3 social media channels
- **29 What's Up Wednesday** weekly communication recaps sent to **499 participants**
- **16 focus groups** gathering feedback from educators on a variety of topics

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

2,733 technical assistant (TA) visits **512** programs reached

118 programs engaged through Communities of Practice (CoP)

270 programs supported that actively engaged with Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) goals

OUTREACH INITIATIVES:

- Launched first annual **1st State Family Child Care Conference** with **71** family child care educators
- Implemented second annual **DIEEC Early Childhood Educator of the Year** initiative
- Coordinated volunteer **readers for 152 classrooms** in support of Children's Book Week
- Released **7 episodes** of "X, WHY, Z: Reflections from Early Childhood Education Professionals" **podcast**
- Supported **Week of the Young Child** through providing activity packets for programs, hosting a webinar panel of Delaware experts to support educators with "challenging behaviors," and donating resource bags for **200 children** in foster care
- **17 engagement sessions** held with family child care educators