

Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

REACH (& Professional Pursuits)

A newsletter for early childhood education professionals

Dear early childhood professionals,

Welcome to the new-and-improved REACH newsletter. We are excited to announce a significant development in our communication approach that will enhance your experience and the supports you receive from the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC). In response to valuable feedback from early childhood professionals, we have merged the REACH and Professional Pursuits newsletters into a single, comprehensive resource. In doing so, we aim to streamline information, provide easier access to vital resources, and ensure that you, Delaware's dedicated professionals, have all the information you want and need at your fingertips.

In this edition, we share updates related to Delaware's Quality Improvement System (QIS), provide a recap of our recent experience of joining with family child care (FCC) educators to attend the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Conference, and highlight a variety of upcoming exciting professional learning opportunities.

With warm regards,

Kristy Sheffler
DIEEC Deputy Director

Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood
501 South College, Newark, DE 19716

www.dieec.udel.edu ecinstitute@udel.edu (302) 831-3239



www.facebook.com/UDDIEEC



www.instagram.com/uddieec



Delaware
Department of Education



<https://twitter.com/UDDIEEC>

QUALITY INDICATORS & KEY PRACTICES

QIS Revision Process

The Department of Education (DOE) has released the Quality Indicators and Key Practices that will be used to support early childhood programs as part of the revised Quality Improvement System. The QIS Revision Update page includes the latest available information related to Delaware's new early childhood support system - take a look to view the Quality Indicators and Key Practices for center-based programs and FCC programs, along with updates related to the QIS revision shared by DOE.

Access the QIS page by visiting: <https://www.dieec.udel.edu/qis-revision-update/>

NAFCC 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE



An Experience to Remember and an Opportunity to Plan for the Future

Eight Delaware FCC educators traveled to Atlanta with DIEEC staff last month to attend the 33rd Annual National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Conference. These educators collaborated with DIEEC staff to present three sessions sharing some exciting work happening with family child care in Delaware. Read about the experience in [our latest news update](#), and [register to attend an upcoming meeting](#) to make plans to attend [next year's conference on July 24th-27th in St. Louis!](#)

TARGET CIRCLE TEACHER APPRECIATION DEAL

Early Childhood Educators Enjoy 20% Off

The [Head Start ECLKC website](#) is a fantastic go-to for early childhood programs and professionals, with resources to support and strengthen early childhood programs across a wide range of topics - transitions, culture and language, community engagement, safety practices, organizational leadership, and program planning, to name just a few! Further, you can register for a variety of webinars on the [Upcoming Events](#) page. For instance, '[Fostering Inclusive Play for All Preschoolers](#)' is coming up on September 7th, and '[Improving Staff Wellness and Job Satisfaction](#)' is coming up on September 13th.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING & KNOWLEDGE CENTER (ECLKC)

Early Childhood Education Resource Highlight

The [Head Start ECLKC website](#) is a fantastic go-to for early childhood programs and professionals, with resources to support and strengthen early childhood programs across a wide range of topics - transitions, culture and language, community engagement, safety practices, organizational leadership, and program planning, to name just a few! Further, you can register for a variety of webinars on the [Upcoming Events](#) page. For instance, '[Fostering Inclusive Play for All Preschoolers](#)' is coming up on September 7th, and '[Improving Staff Wellness and Job Satisfaction](#)' is coming up on September 13th.

SAVE THE DATE: CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November 6-10, 2023

Join us this November for another year of Children's Book Week festivities. We'll celebrate with tried and true activities and resources as well as some with new ideas we're excited to share. Stay tuned for further details - coming soon!

[Click here to visit our event page.](#)



SHINING THE LIGHT ON YOU

¡Únete a nuestra segunda cohorte para educadores FCC de habla hispana!

DIEEC se complace en ofrecer otra ronda de nuestra iniciativa de aprendizaje profesional, 'Shining the light', para educadores de cuidado infantil familiar de habla hispana. Presentado en colaboración con la facultad de Ciencias de la Salud de la Universidad de Delaware, este programa de 15 semanas se enfoca en apoyar a los participantes para mejorar su salud y bienestar a través de discusiones semanales en grupo y coaching individual.

[Regístrate para unirte a una sesión informativa](#) el 16 de agosto o el 23 de agosto a las 6:30 p.m. para que así puedas obtener más información.

HOME-BASED CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE (PLE) COHORTS

Innovative strategies and opportunities to collaborate with peers

The DIEEC Home-Based Child Care Team is working hard to ensure that we are supporting our FCC educators in all sorts of ways! A PLE Cohort is an opportunity for a consistent group of educators to select and participate in PLEs together. We've received some great feedback and are expanding PLE Cohorts. Check out our [PLE Cohort page](#) to learn more and complete the interest form.

DIEEC PLE REVIEW

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

As always, we have a wide range of PLEs to support Delaware early childhood programs and professionals available on the [training calendar](#). This month, we're highlighting supports for financial wellness, offerings that cater to both beginners and more advanced learners. Whether you are just starting to learn about business finance or looking to deepen your knowledge and skills, these PLEs offer valuable insights and guidance to improve your program's financial well-being.

- [Center-Based Child Care: An Introduction to Designing an Operating Budget](#), 2-hr introductory offering beginning 9/1/2023
- [Fun with Financial Wellness: Basic Budgeting for Beginners](#), 3-hr intermediate offering beginning 8/21/2023
- [Strengthening Business Practice: Fiscal Management: Financial Reports and Internal Controls for Center-Based Administrators](#), 7-hr intermediate offering beginning 9/5/2023