

Early Childhood Leadership PLC

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Administrators of early childhood programs are being required to address both federal and state requirements for licensing and accreditation of Early Childhood programs. This Professional Learning Community (PLC) provides opportunities for administrators to work with a variety of resources to learn more about responsibilities and resources available to them. Participants will learn to develop skills that support quality early childhood practices and high quality programs. They will understand essential components of leadership and systems change.

This PLC will provide a comprehensive training for administrators in preschool programs. Topics include strategies for effective leadership and collaboration, continuous improvement and quality rating systems including ODE's Early Learning Program Guidelines, and the IMPACT document. Discussions will cover supervision of professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers. We will also cover state and federal early childhood program requirements, laws, and regulations as well as specifics in preschool special education.

The participants will engage in shared discussions in large and small group and via the web. There will be opportunities for group work and collaborative problem-solving as well as reflection and question/answer sessions.

Participants will know and be able to:

- Understand the historical, philosophical, and legislative influences
- Understand the sources of standards and practices in contemporary EC programs
- Know the essential components of excellent programs or systems of programs for young children with disabilities and families
- Be aware of requirements of ODE(Ohio Dept of Ed) and USDOE (US Department of Education)

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