

Ongoing Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

In the 2020-2021 school year, many early learning programs will be shifting their professional development from in-person to virtual sessions due to center closures or modified operations. In an effort to support the shift to virtual professional development, the Department has asked vendors to add virtual training to their professional development offerings for summer and fall 2020. The offerings below are low-cost or free options for sites or individuals to continue to engage in professional development around assessments, interactions, and more.

Vendor	Description	Cost
Teaching Strategies	<p>Teaching Strategies' Online Professional Development is available for individual educators to invest in their own professional development and continuing education units with access to more than 200 hours of product training and instruction on early childhood best practices for one year.</p> <p>Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) ● See progress in real time ● Practice applying learning to typical classroom scenarios ● Build knowledge about child development and developmentally appropriate practice ● Engage in short tutorials that enable interaction with the material in multiple ways <p>Explore the full list of course offerings here.</p>	<p>\$165</p>
	<p>Interrater Reliability Certification in MyTeachingStrategies® is an online certification process that gives educators the opportunity to evaluate sample child portfolios and compare ratings with those of Teaching Strategies' master raters.</p> <p>Interrater Reliability Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● increases the accuracy and consistency of preliminary and checkpoint ratings; ● improves planning for individual children by helping teachers assess children accurately; and ● identifies professional development needs by using data collected during the certification process. <p>Learn more about becoming certified in Teaching Strategies GOLD® Guide to Interrater Reliability Certification.</p>	<p>Free with general state license</p>
Teachstone	<p>Teachstone offers CLASS® Foundations for Teachers, a new online training that helps pre-K teachers learn about teacher-child interactions, the CLASS® domains and dimensions, and more. This low-cost collection of courses is ideal for new teachers or those looking to strengthen their understanding of specific areas of CLASS®.</p>	<p>Online courses range from \$25-\$200</p>

	<p>Each of the courses features a Teachstone Specialist who guides the lessons and encourages learners to reflect on their classroom practice. The online courses allow teachers to train on their own time, at their own pace, and on any device.</p> <p>CLASS® Foundations for Teachers is available as a complete set or in any combination of these 4 courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Pre-K CLASS® Primer for Teachers ● Emotional Support for Pre-K Teachers ● Classroom Organization for Pre-K Teachers ● Instructional Support for Pre-K Teachers <p>Information about available courses here.</p>	
	<p>Additionally, Teachstone has developed a series of webinars to support educators in their continued development, as they transition to/from distance learning.</p> <p><i>(Coming Soon)</i> Webinar: Supporting teachers and young learners as they return to classrooms: Interactions at the heart of healing</p> <p>Grounded in research and using the foundations of CLASS, this webinar will explore how to support children’s social-emotional development and learning as they transition back to classrooms for the 2020-21 school year.</p> <p>This webinar will be followed with additional content to support teachers and educational leaders that will be available through their myTeachstone accounts.</p> <p>Visit Teachstone to learn more about their virtual offerings.</p>	Free
<p>Conscious Discipline</p>	<p>Virtual Professional Development Solutions To Support Partners During COVID-19 Response</p> <p>Conscious Discipline offers existing clients virtual coaching, training and consultation options to support you during your organization’s COVID-19 response. These personalized digital sessions for individuals and groups deliver focused interaction with a Conscious Discipline Master or Certified Instructor.</p> <p>Choose the format, length and topics that best serve your needs. Solutions include one-on-one coaching and consultation or online training and professional development for online groups of up to 25.</p> <p>Read about more virtual professional development opportunities from Conscious Discipline.</p>	Cost varies by group size and training
<p>Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)</p>	<p>Developmental screening is a process to quickly identify a child’s progress in meeting early childhood developmental milestones. The results of the screening do not confirm a developmental delay or allow for diagnosis, but may indicate a deviation from the expected norms of typical development.</p>	Cost varies

	<p><i>Already trained in ASQ? How Providers and Parents Partner Together to Use ASQ-3 in a Virtual Environment is a free webinar where you'll learn how to continue administering developmental screening with ASQ-3 through parent conferences during the current health crisis. You'll get an overview of the challenges, opportunities, considerations, and much more.</i></p>	
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