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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Early Childhood Coordinators
School Administrators
Literacy Coaches

FROM: Quincie Moore, Ed.D.
Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

DATE: May 17, 2022

RE: Early Learning Office Professional Learning Opportunities for Summer 2022

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's (SC) districts and will offer several free professional learning opportunities (PLOs) for teachers, teaching assistants, reading coaches, instructional coaches, technology coaches, and administrators that will consist of face-to-face experiences to focus on early learning and literacy instructional strategies that directly impact student learning. All SCDE OELL face-to-face sessions outlined in this memorandum will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Participants should plan to arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Participants will have a one-hour and fifteen-minute lunch break. Registration must be submitted online via the links listed with the course title. Registration for these PLOs will close at noon on one week prior to the session.

Early Learning PLO Descriptions

New CERDEP Teacher Training

In this PLO new CERDEP teachers and assistants will learn more about the Profile of the Ready Kindergartener, South Carolina Early Learning Standards, CERDEP monitoring, the Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation (ELLCO) Tool, classroom schedules, literacy rich environments, assessment, and purposeful play. This will be a one-day regional PLO with various dates' teachers and assistants may select from.

Session Date	Location	Registration
June 14, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.
June 16, 2022	M. S. Bailey Training Room 625 Elizabeth Street Clinton, SC 29325	Click here to register.
June 23, 2022	West Ashley Center of Advanced Studies 4066 W. Wildcat Blvd. Charleston, SC 29414	Click here to register.
July 29, 2022	Easley High School Media 154 Green Wave Blvd Easley, SC 29642	Click here to register.
August 4, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.

Purposeful Play Leads to School Readiness

Participants will learn how purposeful play provides a context for learning so that it is meaningful to children and results in long-term understanding and concept development. This session will allow participants the opportunity to explore and plan developmentally appropriate learning centers that link the classroom environment to the SC-ELS and the 5K South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards.

Scaffolding Preschooler's Early Writing Skills

The OELL team will explore a framework teachers can use to provide writing opportunities, easily evaluate children's writing, and help children take the next step in their writing development. This session will address the importance of fostering early writing skills, how writing typically develops in young children, and how teachers can actively support this development.

Purposeful, Playful Mathematics in Early Childhood Education

Participants will continue to explore the essential components for 4K mathematical environments and the teachers' role in math instruction. While session one focused on the big ideas of Number Sense and Mathematical Thinking and Reasoning, session two will focus on Algebraic Thinking, Geometry & Spatial Understanding, and Measurement & Data Analysis. Participants will learn to facilitate learning through problem solving scenarios, and play-based lessons in early learning classrooms.

Pre-K Schedules and Transitions

New session! Participants of this session will gain a better understanding of how to collaborate, communicate and enhance daily interactions and relationships with children and families through the lens of early learning environments, Pyramid Model, and the SC Early Learning Standards. Each of these resources are used to dissect best practice when considering meaningful interactions, enhancing language and building relationships through routines, enhancing early literacy practices utilizing all spaces, including outdoor learning and discussing how to document these exchanges in sound anecdotal notes.

PLO Title and Date	Location	Registration
Purposeful Play Leads to School Readiness June 15, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.
Pre-K Schedule and Transitions July 12, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.
Scaffolding Preschooler's Early Writing Skills July 26, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.
Purposeful, Playful Mathematics in Early Childhood Education July 28, 2022	Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	Click here to register.

Please note that Purposeful Play Leads to School Readiness, Scaffolding Preschooler's Early Writing Skills, and Purposeful, Playful Mathematics in Early Childhood Education are repeat sessions. Participants who have attended these sessions prior to Summer 2022 will not be eligible for additional SCDE recertification credit.

Additional early learning and literacy professional development offered in South Carolina include August sessions at the [Champions for Inclusion Symposium](#), [Palmetto PreK Jamboree](#), or [Clemson University's Early Literacy Center's Virtual Summer Institute](#). Links have been provided in the memo for information regarding these options.

For more information concerning the OELL professional learning opportunities, please contact Wendy Burgess, Team Lead for Early Learning, at wburgess@ed.sc.gov or (803)734-5858.