



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Early Childhood Coordinators  
Read to Succeed Liaisons  
MTSS Coordinators  
District Instructional and Technology Leaders

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

**DATE:** January 18, 2022

**RE:** Office of Early Learning and Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities for Spring 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 PLOs**

*Bouncing Back from the Pandemic in Pre-K*

As we recover from the pandemic, now is the time to reinvest in a high quality, literacy-rich center-based classroom. In this PLO, we will seize the opportunity to provide teachers with effective strategies that promise transformative results in a developmentally appropriate program

that balances play with age-appropriate rigor and addresses all six domains of the South Carolina Early Learning Standards.

| Session Date   | Site                                                                             | Registration Link              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| April 1, 2022  | Lexington 2 Adult Education Center<br>114 Hook Avenue<br>West Columbia, SC 29169 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| April 29, 2022 | Lexington 2 Adult Education Center<br>114 Hook Avenue<br>West Columbia, SC 29169 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |

### *Plugging Your PLCs into Systematic Emergent Literacy Instruction*

Children entering kindergarten and grade one vary greatly in their emergent literacy skills. Because preschool teachers set the foundation of literacy skills related to school readiness, one way to address those gaps is to build teachers' capacity to apply evidence-based strategies in language and literacy instruction. The Professional Learning Community: Emergent Literacy was developed to support preschool teachers through collaborative learning experiences in a professional learning community (PLC). The OELL team will be offering district leaders the opportunity to participate in this train the trainer cohort intended to support schools as they plug their early learning teachers into a PLC that addresses emerging literacy instruction in the four key emergent literacy building blocks: print knowledge, vocabulary, phonological awareness, and oral language. Districts may choose to send one to participant who will be responsible for training school administrators and teachers or they may choose to assemble a team of up to three team members to become the district trainers. These leaders need to be well versed in early learning and literacy. Each trainer should commit to attending all three regional sessions.

| Session Date                                        | Site                                                                          | Registration Link              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February 9, 2022<br>March 4, 2022<br>April 27, 2022 | Laurens 55 Training Room<br>301 Hillcrest Drive<br>Laurens, SC 29360          | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| February 3, 2022<br>March 16, 2022<br>May 3, 2022   | Men Riv Educational Park<br>1 Men Riv Drive<br>Goose Creek, SC 29445          | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| February 16, 2022<br>March 8, 2022<br>April 5, 2022 | Kershaw County School District<br>2029 West DeKalb Street<br>Camden, SC 29020 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |

### **Instructional Hub PLOs**

In addition to early learning content PLOs, the SCDE OELL's learning engagement coach (LEC) for teachers will provide technology training for teachers and district technology leaders. As part of the South Carolina Return to Learn (SCR2L) Technology Grant, the OELL will provide training sessions for SC educators on how to effectively use the resources located in the Learning Object Repository (LOR) to generate high quality digital learning materials and lessons. These face-to-face regional training sessions will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with a one-hour lunch

on your own. The sessions will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Registration must be submitted online. Registration for these professional development opportunities will close at the close of business one week prior to the training date. Registrations may close earlier if the training registration reaches capacity.

*Journey Through the Instructional Hub Part I*

This session will take learners through updates to the LOR and work on building engaging activities within Safari Montage that meet state standards and show users how to implement the activities in the classroom. Click [here](#) for additional information about the regional sessions.

| Session Date      | Site                                                                                       | Registration Link              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February 1, 2022  | Colleton County District Office<br>500 Forest Circle<br>Walterboro, SC 29488               | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| February 3, 2022  | Strom Thurmond High School-Field House<br>1131 Columbia Road<br>Johnston, SC 29832         | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| February 8, 2022  | Anderson 1 & 2 Career and Technology Center<br>702 Belton Highway<br>Williamston, SC 29697 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| February 11, 2022 | Lyon Street Center<br>1310 Lyon Street<br>Columbia, SC 29204                               | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |

*Journey Through the Instructional Hub Part II*

This is an advanced session that will provide opportunities for educators to learn how to effectively use digital resources to assess students formatively and provide engaging lessons that travel across content areas. Click [here](#) for additional information about the regional sessions.

| Session Date   | Site                                                                                       | Registration Link              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 31, 2022 | Strom Thurmond High School-Field House<br>1131 Columbia Road<br>Johnston, SC 29832         | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| April 5, 2022  | Anderson 1 & 2 Career and Technology Center<br>702 Belton Highway<br>Williamston, SC 29697 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |
| April 6, 2022  | Colleton County District Office<br>500 Forest Circle<br>Walterboro, SC 29488               | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |

| Session Date  | Site                                                         | Registration Link              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| April 8, 2022 | Lyon Street Center<br>1310 Lyon Street<br>Columbia, SC 29204 | <a href="#">Register here.</a> |

If your school or district would like to request a book study or additional support via virtual training or face-to-face training please submit a request by clicking [here](#).

For questions about the LOR training sessions or early learning PLOs please contact Wendy Burgess at [wburgess@ed.sc.gov](mailto:wburgess@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-5858.