

Available Online!

MORE CHOICES FOR PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Developmental Services, the California Department of Education, and the WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention are pleased to introduce **EARLY START ONLINE**—courses that make personnel development in early intervention more accessible and interactive than ever before.

INTERACTIVE, FACILITATED ONLINE LEARNING!

EARLY START ONLINE is part of a new, multi-modal delivery model that complements the **EARLY START INSTITUTES**. At the heart of both delivery models is the comprehensive, evidence-based content that the field has come to expect from Early Start personnel development. It provides the core curriculum and learning outcomes for both online and face-to-face training. **EARLY START ONLINE** covers the foundation of the knowledge and skills one needs in Early Start; **EARLY START INSTITUTES** address more advanced knowledge and skills-level competencies. Facilitated discussions and the universally popular parent stories and joint parent-professional facilitation are central features of both **ONLINE** and the **INSTITUTES**.

Foundations I (Available mid-January 2012)

- Family Systems
- Early Start System
- Making Decisions Using Evidence-Based Practice
- The Individualized Family Service Plan Process
- Supporting Families Using Coaching and Other Help-Giving Practices

Foundations II (Available mid-January 2012)

- Child Development
- Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment
- Creating Functional Outcomes
- Natural Environments for Families
- Selecting and Developing Interventions

Foundations III (Available mid-August 2012)

- Working with Diverse Families
- Relationship-Based Early Intervention
- Quality Assurance in Early Intervention
- Transition Planning
- Collaboration Within the Early Start Team and Community Resources



EARLY START PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT: *Multi-Modal Delivery Enhances Training Options*

EARLY START ONLINE provides foundational knowledge and basic skills practice through interactive, facilitated learning: narrated presentations, individual learning activities, online group interaction, and ongoing monitoring by parent-professional facilitator teams.

Foundations Series: Three courses provide content on critical Early Start requirements, procedures and practices. *Participants must complete all three Foundations Series courses before attending the Foundations Institute.*

Skill Base Series: Five courses provide content on supporting development within specific developmental domains for children with specific disability conditions. The first Skill Base Series course is scheduled for January 2013.

EARLY START INSTITUTES are face-to-face training events that support guided practice and exploration, facilitated interaction, and personal planning for integration of knowledge and skill into real work activities.

Foundations Institute: Extends the learning and focuses on the needs of staff who have completed the **EARLY START ONLINE** Foundations Series. Participants practice and problem-solve using the knowledge gained through **EARLY START ONLINE** and strategies presented by expert field professionals and parent partners.

Advanced Practice Institute: Developed in collaboration with Early Start field practitioners and managers. Beginning with the Advanced Practice Institute scheduled for spring 2013, practice-level strands will be integrated to extend learning and focus on the needs of staff who have completed the **EARLY START ONLINE** Skill Base Series.

Family Resources and Supports Institute: Planned and produced in collaboration with Early Start family resource centers and community partners. Sessions offer innovative tools and strategies for parent support, education, outreach, and services.

EARLY START NEIGHBORHOOD is an interactive, online community housing interactive groups, news and discussion forums, links to resources, and archives of training materials. Interactions in the Neighborhood support staff participation and integration of new knowledge into daily work through private, networked learning, and practice cohorts.

SPECIAL TOPIC ACTIVITIES, including live trainings and webinars, will be conducted as needed to offer timely communication to the field on topics critical to Early Start implementation. Special and critical topic webinars will be conducted in real time and archived for later access.

THE EARLY START ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM houses information for all ESPD participants and groups of participants, including records of attendance, progress, and completion.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Family Resources and Supports Institute
March 29–30, 2012
Anaheim/Garden Grove

Advanced Practice Institute
May 7–8, 2012
Sacramento

Foundations Institute
Fall 2012
Location to be announced

Registration information will be posted on the WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention website (www.wested.org/cpei) and in the Early Start Neighborhood (wed33.ning.com).

Frequently Asked Questions About Early Start Online

HOW LONG IS A COURSE?

Each Foundations Series course consists of five lessons, delivered through an online content delivery system over the course of 10 weeks. All content delivery and course interaction is online, available at the convenience of the participant. However, participants must complete the course within the allotted 10-week period to receive a certificate of completion.

WHEN WILL REGISTRATION BE AVAILABLE?

Registration for the Foundations I and II will be available in December 2011.

How much will participation cost?

There is no cost to register or participate in Early Start Online courses. However, the Online courses are prerequisite for related Institutes. For instance, completion of Early Start Online Foundations I, II, and III is required for participation in the Early Start Foundations Institute.

ARE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS AVAILABLE?

Yes.

- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered through California State University, Sacramento for \$75 for 10–15 hours; there is a 10-hour minimum.
 - o Each online course completed earns five CEU hours; to fulfill the 10-hour minimum, participants must register for and complete two or three courses concurrently.
 - For instance, a participant may register for Foundations I and II, apply for 10 CEU hours, and complete the courses during the Winter 2012 session; the courses will be activated in January 2012 and must be successfully completed within 10 weeks for CEUs to be granted.
- LCSW and MFT hours are offered for \$10 per hour through the Board of Behavioral Sciences.
 - o Each online course completed earns five CEU hours from the Board of Behavioral Sciences.
- The provider is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing for five contact hours per training day at \$10 per hour.
 - o Each online course completed earns five contact hours from the California Board of Registered Nursing; the total fee is \$50 per course.
- The provider is approved by the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board for five contact hours per training day at \$10 per hour.
 - o Each online course completed earns five contact hours from the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. The total fee is \$50 per course.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Current information on course content, registration, and CEUs is available at www.wested.org/cpei and on the Early Start Neighborhood (wed33.ning.com).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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