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Dear Families,

On Friday, April 29, early childhood professionals in the District of Columbia are invited to attend the 2022 DC Early Educator Experience (DC Early EdX). This free professional development experience has been designed as an opportunity for early childhood professionals to learn, network, advocate and celebrate as we conclude the Month of the Young Child. More than 1,200 professionals participated last year, and we are working behind the scenes to make this annual event a success. DC Early EdX is a day for educators, designed by educators.

This professional development event will be held virtually. Active participation is required to earn six professional development hours. Therefore, participants will need to be at home or away from their work environments to fully engage in this experience.

We recognize that schedule changes and closures can be challenging, especially during a health pandemic. However, we believe that supporting the early childhood professionals who support your child benefits your child and the educators. During the event, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their roles as advocates for young children while also learning skills and strategies to improve their practice. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility, as well as your continued support. Here are additional details about DC Early EdX.

Date: Friday, April 29, 2022

Professional development hours: Participants will earn six professional development hours from an OSSE-approved training organization in the areas of Social-Emotional Development and Mental Health and Professionalism and Advocacy.

Participation verification: Only those who actively participate will be given a verification letter after the event.

Appreciation: Participants who register for this event, by Thursday, March 31, 2022, will receive an appreciation gift box. Participants will also receive an Uber Eats gift card for lunch. There will also be other surprise giveaways during the event.

Cost: The cost of this event is free due to sponsorship from the Bainum Family Foundation and support from this year's hosts: District of Columbia Association for the Education of Young Children (DCAEYC); District of Columbia Head Start Association (DCHSA); and D.C. Family Child Care Association (DCFCCA).

For additional details about DC Early EdX, please visit our website at dcearlyedx.org.