



DC EARLY EDX™

2022 DC EARLY EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

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Dear Administrator,

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 you are balancing many decisions right now as you lead during a health pandemic. Here are additional details to help you determine if this experience is the right fit for you and the early childhood educators at your program.

Date and time: Friday, April 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Professional development hours: Participants will earn six professional development hours from an OSSE-approved training organization. Core knowledge areas covered will include Social-Emotional Development and Mental Health (2 hours) and Professionalism and Advocacy (4 hours).

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. All participants will 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).

Registration: Each participant will need to register individually so we can track their registration and verify their participation. Each participant will also need to log in individually during the event.

For subsidy providers wanting to close for a professional development day: Submit your program's Appendix E form to your Education Service Monitors no later than **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**. We've completed the form for you, all you need to do is add your program's name and email the form to OSSE. For the completed form, visit <https://dcearlyedx.org/resources/>.

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