



DC EARLY EDX™

2026 DC EARLY EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

Dear Families,

On Friday, April 17, early childhood professionals in the District of Columbia are invited to attend the 2026 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 in recognition of the Month of the Young Child. More than 3,000 early childhood education professionals participated over the last few years, 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.

The 2026 DC Early Educator Experience will be an in-person experience. Participants will have the opportunity to attend and earn professional development hours.

We recognize that schedule changes can be challenging and appreciate your flexibility as early childhood professionals participate in this professional development experience. 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.

Here are additional details about DC Early EdX:

Event Date: Friday, April 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Professional development hours: Participants can earn up to seven professional development hours across six core knowledge areas (i.e., Curriculum, Inclusive Practices, Personal Development and Self-Care, Professionalism and Advocacy, and Social-Emotional Development, Mental Health, and Child Growth and Development).

Participation verification: Attendees will be given a participation certificate after the event. Participation in sessions will be tracked, and attendees must attend all sessions to receive the maximum number of professional development hours.

Appreciation: Participants who attend the in-person event on Friday, April 17 will hear inspiring messages, receive an event swag bag, and have the space to celebrate themselves and their field with fellow early childhood education professionals. After the event, educators will rejoin the classroom refreshed and rejuvenated.

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); D.C. Family Child Care Association (DCFCCA); and Multicultural Spanish Speaking Providers Association (MSSPA).

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