

NYS Early Learning Trainer Credential



Ensuring Quality Professional Development

History of the NYSELTC

- ❖ NYSDSS - developed in 1997 by a large compliment of NYS trainers
- ❖ Was to be administered by the SUNY Early Childhood Education and Training Program
- ❖ 2005 - documents developed as part of this process were shared with NYSAEYC and work began to refine competencies and process based on developments in the field and to mirror the processes developed for other NYS credentials.
- ❖ 2009 - Piloted in NYC with CUNY PDI with approximately 20 trainers; revisions made in early 2010 and opened up statewide; 2nd round revisions were made again and released in August 2011.

National Professional Development Overview

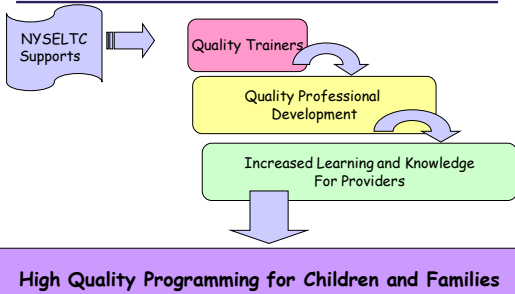
- ❖ Core Knowledge/Competencies
 - ❖ 45 States have core knowledge/competencies defined for practitioners
 - ❖ Qualifications, Credentials, Pathways
 - ❖ 31 States have a career lattice/ladder
 - ❖ 30 States have a practitioner registry
 - ❖ 42 States have credentials
 - ❖ Quality Assurance
 - ❖ 32 States have a trainer approval system
 - ❖ 27 States have a training approval system
- The National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC)

National Professional Development Overview (cont.)

- ❖ Access and Outreach
 - ❖ 16 States have mentoring/coaching to help practitioners improve their skills
 - ❖ 24 States have career advising
 - ❖ 31 States have a database or calendar of training opportunities on the internet
- ❖ Funding for Practitioners
 - ❖ 48 States have scholarships, including TEACH Early Childhood® Project
 - ❖ 23 States have wage supplements/incentive bonuses

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The Goal: To improve the quality of care for young children



The NYS Early Learning Trainer Credential:

- ❖ Verifies trainers' qualifications
- ❖ Approves quality trainers
- ❖ Trainers can apply for approval as either a:
 - ❖ *Verified Specialty Trainer*
 - ❖ *Credentialed Trainer*

Educational Incentive Program (EIP) Changes

- ❖ January 1, 2013 Trainer holding the NYSELTC Credential (Level 1, 2, 3) will be eligible for an enhanced rate of \$35/hour
- ❖ June 1, 2013 to continue to receive EIP Trainers must have completed part 1 of the NYSELTC application.
- ❖ December 1, 2013 All trainers receiving EIP must hold a NYSELTC Endorsement.

NYSELTC Fee Structure

- ❖ Verified Specialty Trainer
 - ❖ \$75 with the submission of documentation
 - ❖ *OCFS grant through 12/31/2012 – cost to candidate who meets requirements – \$25*
- ❖ Credentialed Trainer
 - ❖ \$350 - \$100 due with part 1 submission, \$250 due with part 2 submission
 - ❖ *OCFS grant through 12/31/2012 – cost to candidate who meets requirements - \$75*

Verified Specialty Trainer

- ❖ Available to those who have completed a training of trainers in a specific curricula for which they have received formal certification.
- ❖ Verified Specialty trainers are approved through the Professional Development Approval System (PDAS) to provide only the specific curricula/assessment tools in which they have successfully completed approved "Training of Trainer" courses

Verified Specialty Trainer

- ❖ Topics/content might include:
 - ❖ Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC)
 - ❖ Assessment tools – must have been trained to reliability through the issuing agency (e.g. Environmental Rating Scales, CLASS, Work Sampling System)
 - ❖ SUNY Health and Safety
 - ❖ American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, etc.

What are the steps to becoming a Verified Specialty Trainer?

1. Complete and submit the online application. Visit www.nycecpdi.org to begin.
2. Submit documentation to support your qualifications to NYSAEYC within 30 days of the online application submission.

Why become a credentialed trainer?

- ❖ Those seeking professional development will be encouraged to choose from *Credentialed Trainers*.
- ❖ Recognition on the NYS Early Learning Training Source.

Course Work

- ❖ Early Childhood Education Courses
- ❖ Child Development Courses
- ❖ Developmental, Child, and Educational Psychology Courses
- ❖ Elementary Education Courses specific to the development of children and meeting learning needs of children
- ❖ Other course work can go through an approval system with the submission of course description

What are the steps to earning the Trainer Credential?

1. Complete and submit the online application. Visit www.nycecpdi.org to begin.
2. Submit documentation to support your qualifications to NYSAEYC.
3. Submit a portfolio that reflects your competence as a trainer.

What type of documentation do I need to submit for part 1?

- ❖ Official college transcripts
- ❖ Copies of your degree certificates
- ❖ Resume
- ❖ Three professional references/verification of your professional experience in the Early Childhood field

Transcripts

- ❖ Must be original if no degree is being sent
- ❖ Include all colleges attended if credits were received through multiple institutions of higher learning
- ❖ College must be nationally accredited in the United States
- ❖ Credits obtained outside of the United States must be assessed through an approved agency (i.e. NACES)

Resume

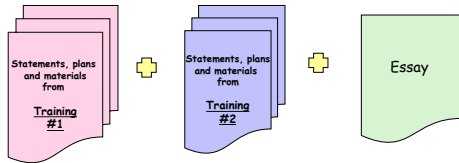
- ❖ Uploaded into the online application
- ❖ Part of your public profile
 - ❖ Remove any identifying information (i.e. home address, home phone number)
- ❖ Must include the following information for verification purposes
 - ❖ Professional experience working directly with children and families (minimum of 2 years required)
 - ❖ Professional experience providing professional development to early childhood providers

Professional References

- ❖ Must be chosen from the list of present/previous employers inputted into the application
- ❖ Must be able to speak to number of years experience
 - ❖ Minimum of 2 years of professional experience working directly with children and families (i.e. head teacher, assistant teacher, director)
 - ❖ Determine your route for total number of years experience needed for the credential

Trainer Competence Portfolio

- ❖ For each group training or consultation experience, address Knowledge Base Areas A-C. Include written statements, as well as presentation plans and materials.
- ❖ The essay should address Knowledge Base Area D: Professionalism



What happens after I submit my portfolio?

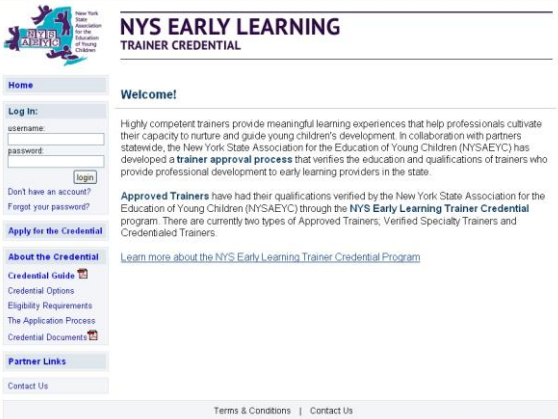
- ❖ Two reviewers at NYSAEYC will review your portfolio using the [Portfolio Scoring Instrument](#).
- ❖ Reviewers will make one of three decisions:
 - ❖ Credential awarded
 - ❖ Level determined based on Education and Experience at the approval of part 1
 - ❖ Credential deferred
 - ❖ Credential denied
- ❖ Once awarded, you will be listed on the NYS Early Learning Training Source as a **Credentialed Trainer** at the level you have achieved.

Content Specialist

- ❖ Currently under development for release in September 2012
- ❖ Individuals whose education and professional experience is in a field other than early childhood education, child development or a defined related field but offer non-credit bearing group trainings within their area of expertise (e.g. health care professionals, accountants, etc.) and has been verified by the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children.

Supports

- ❖ NYSAEYC Credential Coordinator
 - ❖ Available via email or phone for assistance through the process
- ❖ Webinars Recorded Online
- ❖ Online FAQ
- ❖ Creating Mentor Training



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