

ECE News Update –August 2021

Take Advantage of ECE Office Hours

Commission staff have established office hours for the ECE stakeholder community. Office hours provide an opportunity when ECE staff will be available to respond to questions, comments, and other informational needs. ECE office hours will be held from 12-1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Here is the [zoom link](#) for accessing ECE office hours on the first Tuesday and the [zoom link](#) for the third Tuesday.

ECE Webpage

The [ECE Webpage](#) reflects the Commission’s current ECE work as well as providing links to prior webinars and other ECE-related events of note. Please take a moment to browse all the work that is ongoing and the updates.

Summary of Recent Event: Bringing Education Systems Together to Strengthen California's Teacher Workforce Conference

This conference was held on August 18th and 20th highlighting how the educational community in California currently supports the ways in which teachers are recruited, trained, supported, and inducted into the teaching profession. The conference focused attention on developing and strengthening connections between the systems that support teacher training pathways. Participants included stakeholders from higher education teacher preparation programs, TK-12 school districts, County Offices of Education, and state agencies. The [link](#) to the conference main sessions and breakout presentations is provided for your reference.

In addition, the conference highlighted several cross-systems involvement opportunities where all are welcome. These opportunities include several communities of practice, as follows:

[ECE CoP Listserv](#)

[EDU CoP Listserv](#)

[NEW Leadership CoP Listserv](#)

[CCCTPP calendar](#)

CDE Preschool Through Third Grade (P-3) Alignment Webpage

The CDE has developed a new webpage to highlight the cross-sector work of alignment and coherence across grades and systems to improve coordination of policies and practices in preschool, across transitions to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten, and through third grade and beyond. The [link](#) to the webpage is included for reference. To subscribe to the CDE’s P-3 listserv, email “subscribe” to subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

August 2021 Commission Agenda Item Relating to ECE Work

An agenda item providing updates on the work of both ECE Design Teams (the ECE Teaching Performance Assessment and the Program Quality Peer Review Design Team) was presented at the August 5-6, 2021, Commission meeting. The agenda item highlighted the draft new ECE Program Quality Peer Review process. The [link](#) includes a recording of the Commission agenda items and the presentation of the ECE agenda item 3D.

Update on ECE Design Teams Work Under the PDG-R Grant

The **ECE Teaching Performance Assessment Design Team** held its fifth meeting on July 27, 2021 and will resume monthly meetings beginning in August. This work is a part of a two-year process of designing and piloting a new formative ECE Teaching Performance Assessment for candidates for the Teacher level of the Child Development Permit. During this meeting, the Design Team continued its consideration of potential appropriate types of performance assessment tasks for child development permit candidates at the Teacher level that could reflect the job competencies expected of child development teachers within ECE settings at the preschool level. It is anticipated that the new performance assessment will be ready for initial piloting with program candidates during spring 2022.

The **ECE Program Quality Peer Review Design Team** has outlined a proposed Program Quality Peer Review process that blends a supportive collegial inquiry group process with a more formal program approval process. The activities of the Peer Review Design Team are described more fully in the August 2021 ECE agenda item referred to above.

ECE Pilots Applications Are Still Open!

Interested programs/institutions are encouraged to apply at any time to participate in the ECE Pilots (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECE-CDP-Pilots>). The four pilots are:

Pilot 1: Implementing TPE-aligned curriculum

Pilot 2: Implementing the ECE Program Guidelines

Pilot 3: Piloting the ECE Teaching performance Assessment once it is developed

Pilot 4: Piloting the Program Quality Peer Review process during winter/spring

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To Contact your CTC ECE Team

We are always happy to hear from you whether you have questions, comments, or suggestions. Here is our contact information:

For general ECE questions, comments, suggestions, including for the ECE Pilots:

ECE@ctc.ca.gov.

For ECE TPA-specific questions, comments, suggestions: ececaltpa@ctc.ca.gov.

We hope your new school year gets off to a great start!

Your CTC ECE Team: Phyllis, June, Debbi, and Terri
