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Dear Colleagues,

Take Advantage of New 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 on the first Tuesday of the month from 12-1 p.m. during April-June 2021 and then will increase to the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting in August 2021. Here is the [zoom link](#) for accessing ECE office hours during April-June 2021.

Updated ECE Webpage

The [ECE webpage](#) has been updated to reflect the Commission's current ECE work. Please take a moment to see what's new.

Update on ECE Design Team Work under the PDG-R Grant

The **ECE Teaching Performance Assessment Design Team** held its first meeting on March 16-17, 2021 to begin the two-year process of designing and piloting a new ECE Teaching Performance Assessment for candidates for the Teacher level of the Child Development Permit. It is anticipated that the new performance assessment will be ready for initial piloting with program candidates during the 2022 year. Any interested two and four year institution of higher education that prepares candidates for the child development permit teacher level is eligible to participate in piloting the new assessment. More information will be provided as the work continues to move forward.

The **ECE Program Quality Peer Review Design Team** held its first meeting on February 23, 2021 and its second meeting on March 23, 2021. The Design Team is developing a new peer review process similar to accreditation for purposes of reviewing ECE preparation programs for the Teacher level of the child development permit and making recommendations to the Commission regarding potential program approval. The peer review process will rely on convincing evidence and other documentation relating to how well the program is meeting (or, for the present time, working towards meeting) the Commission's adopted Program Guidelines. It is anticipated that the draft peer review process will be presented to the Commission for review and input during summer 2021 and that pending Commission direction, will be piloting the process beginning in fall 2021.

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