Dates & Deadlines

- October 1 - Deadline to submit RMECC session proposals
- October 26 - TEAL Day Sessions
- October 27 - School-based PD
- October 28 - National Chocolate Day
- October 31 - Halloween
- November 6 - ECE Non-Student Contact Day for First Aid/CPR Trainings

Resources & Research

Save the Date!
The Marsico Institute 2017 Community Lecture Series will kick off on November 1, with Dr. Larry Epstein, PhD, sharing the latest research on Challenging Behaviors in Early Childhood, from 4:45-6:45 at DU.

We'll send registration information as soon as it's available!

From the field...

On September 14, at the Denver Preschool Program 10th Birthday Celebration several DPS Early Educators were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field. The first Building Blocks Award went to Abby Humphrey, who has worked and coached in many classrooms across the district. DPS Park Hill was recognized as an exemplary program, as well as stellar teachers Dorsey Davenport and Cynthia Plunkett.

New This Year!

6 hours of CLASS coaching will be provided by DPP to ALL ECE teachers, regardless of whether their program is in a CLASS rating year.

Teachers who have not had a CLASS rating in DPS in the past, as well as teachers who fell below the goal for CLASS scores will receive additional hours of coaching.

Not only will this benefit your current practices, you will also be eligible for a financial award through the DPP Teacher Achievement Award application (included in this pdf)!

Please reach out to your ECE partner if you have any questions.
Family Focus

To share with families:

The next Superintendent Parent Forum topic will be "Supporting Families in Being their Child’s First Educator and Advocate"

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel
15500 E 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239
(Far Northeast)
9:30 am – 11:30 am


GOLD Tips & Tricks

The Fall Checkpoint deadline has been extended to Friday, November 10, at 5:00 pm.

Setting initial checkpoints and uploading documentation through the month of October will streamline the checkpoint process, and give you meaningful student information to share with families during fall conferences!

Please see the Gold Tip sheet (included in this pdf), and contact max_panten@dpsk12.org or darzelle_efferson@dpsk12.org, if you’re having any tech challenges.

Self-Care and Mindfulness

The exercise below is adapted from "4 Exercises to Teach Your Kids about Mindfulness and Compassion", by Sara Schairer, for www.chopra.com

Do a Loving-Kindness Exercise (with or without kids!)

As you lie on the floor, place a favorite stuffed animal on your tummy. Watch the toy move up and down as you breathe. (This settles the mind.)

After a few moments, say to the toy, “May you be happy, [insert toy’s name].”

Pretend there is a mirror in front of you, and say “May you be happy, [insert name].”

Think of a friend and say, “May you be happy, [insert friend’s name].”

Next, send positive thoughts to family members, neighbors, and others in your community.
2017/2018 – TS GOLD/My Teaching Strategies
User Names-Access-Login / Things to know

General

For the 2017/2018 School year, DPS ECE and Kindergarten are using the new MyTeachingStrategies framework of the TS GOLD Birth-3rd Grade Developmental Assessment. This new framework will have a different interface look from what users are accustomed to (especially ECE users)! There is a wealth of information and multiple Supports and Information Resources within the website, so take some time to explore and navigate within the online website (https://teachingstrategies.com/)

Infinite Campus Connection
Almost all user account creation, classroom designation and student roster population and changes for the ECE and KINDERGARTEN platforms used for TS GOLD are now tied directly to auto application updates based on info in Infinite Campus (IC). While there might be a few rare exceptions to this, your class rosters and class designations will reflect information after changes are made by your school’s IC specialist within Infinite Campus.

ECE Teacher Logins

ECE Teachers’ “new” TS GOLD user name logins use the following naming convention: ECEJANE_DOE@dpsk12.org User names are case sensitive and in most cases will be all caps (see example). There have been a few exceptions to this in which a user name will have the following convention ECEJane_Doe@dpsk12.org (Upper case first initial first name, upper case first initial last name) - If you are experiencing TS GOLD login issues, please reach out to your school’s Early Education Dept. Tech Support to help identify the issue.

ECE Paraprofessional Logins

ECE Paraprofessionals are not included in the “new” user name “overwrite” (ECE prefix-DPS email address). If you are an ECE Paraprofessional who already has an existing TS GOLD user account, your user name and password will not change, however you might need to be “assigned” or “reassigned” to your current classroom within TS GOLD.

KEA Survey for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Survey Reminder – For the Fall 2017/2018 Checkpoint period, Kindergarten Teachers should utilize the KEA Survey with TS GOLD when setting checkpoint levels. This is the abbreviated first term checkpoint list that will set beginning of the year baseline data for your students.
2017-2018 DPP Teacher Achievement Awards
(Effective for Achievements Earned September 2017 – August 2018)

The Denver Preschool Program recognizes the time and effort it takes to build early childhood professional knowledge and skills. The DPP Teacher Achievement Awards detail the achievements critical to meeting DPP’s core values of intentional teaching, highly effective teachers, and positive teacher-child interactions as well as the awards a lead teacher or assistant teacher in a DPP classroom can earn for completing each one.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Teacher must work at a DPP Program located in Denver County and be a lead or assistant teacher exclusively assigned to a classroom with DPP-eligible children (children that live in the City and County of Denver and are in their final year of preschool before kindergarten)

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<td>CLASS®, PLC or DPP Forum Trainings: Teacher attends at least three sessions in a DPP-funded Good to Great (Pre-K CLASS®) module training series, four DPP Professional Learning Community (PLC) trainings, or four DPP Forum trainings during the school year</td>
<td>$120</td>
<td>DPP will verify from the training logs and director confirmation the teacher works in a classroom with DPP children</td>
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<td>$200</td>
<td>DPP will verify scores directly from the DPP Pre-K CLASS® Observation report.</td>
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Total Maximum Teacher Award per Calendar Year $595 To be provided via a personal check

Timeline for receiving your check: DPP will recognize your achievement as quickly as possible once we receive the completed Payment Form and verify the achievement. DPP will review data and mail checks on a monthly basis, but it could take up to 60 days to review all documentation.
2017-2018 DPP Director Achievement Awards
(Effective for Achievements Earned September 2017 – August 2018)

The Denver Preschool Program recognizes the time and effort it takes to build early childhood professional knowledge and skills. The Director Achievement Awards detail the achievements critical to meeting DPP's core values of intentional teaching, highly effective teachers, and positive teacher-child interactions as well as the awards a lead director or assistant director of a DPP Program can earn for completing each one.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Director must work at a DPP Program located in Denver County.

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<td>Coaching in Classrooms</td>
<td>$75</td>
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<td>Colorado Coaching Credential: Director earns Colorado EC Coaching Credential: <a href="http://cocoaches.net/CoachingCredential.html">http://cocoaches.net/CoachingCredential.html</a></td>
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The Achievement Awards detail the achievements critical to meeting DPP's core values of intentional teaching, highly effective teachers, and positive teacher-child interactions as well as the awards a DPP Preschool/Child Care Center can earn for completing each one.

**Eligibility Requirements**: Preschool must be a DPP Program located in Denver County.

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<td><strong>Training Participation</strong>: DPP classroom teacher or director attends three sessions in a DPP-funded Good to Great (Pre-K CLASS®) module training series, four Professional Learning Community trainings or four DPP Forum trainings during the school year</td>
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# 2017-2018 DPP Program Achievement Awards – Family Child Care Homes

The Achievement Awards detail the achievements critical to meeting DPP’s core values of intentional teaching, highly effective teachers, and positive teacher-child interactions as well as the awards a DPP Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Provider can earn for completing each one.

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**Total Maximum FCCH Achievement Award per Calendar Year** $1,595  Paid via check
WE INVITE our preschool program directors and teachers to gather for a unique, enriching experience while earning professional development clock hours.

SCHEDULE OF FORUMS

1. The Pathway to Effective Family-School Partnerships  
   Saturday, November 4, 2017  
   History Colorado Center

2. Family Capacity Building Events  
   Saturday, December 2, 2017  
   Artwork Network

3. Communication Practices That Build Family Capacity  
   Saturday, February 24, 2018  
   Denver Museum of Nature and Science

4. Differentiating Family Support: Equitable Strategies to Meet the Needs of All Families  
   Saturday, April 14, 2018  
   TBD

We encourage participants to attend all four module trainings as they build on one another, but we welcome participation in one, two or three trainings.

Earn extra points towards your early childhood professional credential by attending the full training series.

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SCHEDULE OF FORUMS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

1. The Pathway to Effective Family-School Partnerships
   Speakers: Maria Fernandez, Jenni Brasington, and Ernesto Rodriguez
   Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver

   This foundational session underscores the link between family engagement and student learning and development. During this session you will review the latest research demonstrating the impact of family engagement on student achievement, explore effective family-school partnerships and reflect on the core beliefs for engaging families.

2. Family Capacity Building Events
   Speakers: Maria Fernandez, Jenni Brasington, and Ernesto Rodriguez
   Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Artwork Network, 878 Santa Fe Dr., Denver

   Learn how to transform a typical literacy night into an event that significantly increases the likelihood families will be able to interact with their children through literacy at home. Participants will learn to identify the 5 essential elements that must be addressed in every family engagement effort, and understand how to use an observation tool to determine if family engagement efforts embed the 5 essential elements and engage in proven literacy strategies to share with families. In addition, we will cover how to categorize family engagement events and how to identify high impact strategies vs. low impact strategies.

3. Communication Practices That Build Family Capacity
   Speaker: Jenni Brasington
   Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Museum of Nature & Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver

   During this session participants will learn and practice strategies for engaging families at home and at school that build capacity. They will learn how to move from compliance engagement to implementing quality interactions with families anytime, anywhere. During this session, you will learn how to understand the difference between one-way and two-way communication, learn how to invite dialogue rather than telling parents what to do, and learn the importance of active listening.

4. Differentiating Family Support: Equitable Strategies to Meet the Needs of All Families
   Speakers: Maria Fernandez and Jenni Brasington
   Saturday, April 14, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | TBD

   During this session participants learn how to move beyond implementing “one size fits all” family engagement to implementing strategies that individualize and recognize the unique strengths of each family. By the end, they will understand the importance of respecting and addressing the needs of all families and learn strategies to tailor practices to unique cultural and linguistic family needs.

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Sábado 7 de octubre, 1 p.m.
Danzas y bailes tradicionales con Grupo Tlaloc
Espectáculo de danza en el que descubrirán todos los secretos de las danzas aztecas
Biblioteca Montbello | 12955 Albrook Dr. | 720-865-0200

Sábado 14 de octubre, 2 p.m.
Placas y escamas con el Zoológico de Denver
El mundo de los reptiles es fascinante, y más aún si se les puede ver de cerca para aprender de ellos.
Biblioteca Ross-Barnum | 3570 W. First Ave. | 720-865-0145

Sábado 21 de octubre, 11 a.m.
Ritmos caribeños con Barrio E
Prepárate para no parar de moverte al ritmo de tambores y otros instrumentos de percusión
Biblioteca Woodbury | 3265 Federal Blvd. | 720-865-0930

Sábado 28 de octubre, 2 p.m.
Calaveras de azúcar con CHAC Gallery
Disfruta de esta manualidad y demuestra tus dotes artísticas
Biblioteca Valdez-Perry | 4690 Vine St. | 720-865-0300
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DACA Renewal Clinics

Title: Free Daca Renewal Clinic hosted by Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition (CIRC)
Where: University of Colorado Law School
When: September 20th & 27th, from 10am to 4pm
Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/203260230213692/

Title: Free Daca Renewal Clinic hosted by Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition (CIRC)
Where: Josef Korbel School of International Studies
When: September 23rd, from 10am to 4pm
Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1062579393876592/

Title: ALBUJA LAW event - Supporting DACA
Where: Albuja Law
When: September 16th, from 8am to 12pm.

Title: Free Legal DACA Clinic (Colorado Latino Forum)
Where: Tivoli, Auraria Campus, Metro State University
When: September 23rd, from 8am to 3pm
Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/o/colorado-latino-forum-denver-14924355277 (register for the clinic - it’s free)

Title: Legal Nights at Centro San Juan Diego
Where: 2830 Lawrence St
When: First and Third Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Link: https://centrosanjuandiego.org/en/legal-night/

Title: Legal Nights at Mi Casa Resource Center in partnership with the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
Where: 345 S Grove St, Denver
When: Every second Tuesday of each month, from 6-8 p.m.
Link: http://www.micasaresourcecenter.org/events/mi-casa-legal-night-mi-casa-noche-legal/ (appointment required - please call 303-573-1302)

Title: Drop-In Immigration Legal Help at Denver Public Libraries
Where: Various branches around Denver (see schedule)
When: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (see schedule for each branch)
Link: https://www.denverlibrary.org/services-immigrants

Financial Assistance for DACA Renewal:
https://missionassetfund.org/daca-renewal-scholarships/