**Early Childhood Educators Institute at Castleton**

**Discussion with the Professional Preparation and Development Committee**

**January 21, 2020**

Greetings from Lynne, Kati and John!

We are on the planning committee for the Early Childhood Educators Institute at Castleton which is schedule to take place the July 20 - 23, 2020. Our first planning meeting was Friday, January 10, 2020. Some questions came up for which we would love your feedback:

1. What topics do you feel your constituency group would be interested in participating in? Last year, these were the topics that were presented. Please identify if you think any of these are of continued interest and list any others you feel should be considered (we will do this on an easel sheet with sticky notes at our meeting)

\_\_\_\_Infants and Toddlers

\_\_\_\_STEM in the Early Years

\_\_\_\_Accelerated Peer Review

\_\_\_\_Sense of Wonder, Sense of Self: Nature-based Play and Learning in Early Childhood

\_\_\_\_Legal and Financial Issues in Early Childhood

\_\_\_\_Therapeutic Work with Young Children in Classroom Settings

\_\_\_\_Equity and Inclusion: Addressing Educational Disparities in Early Childhood Programs

\_\_\_\_Leadership, Mentoring and Supervision

\_\_\_\_Autism Spectrum Disorder: Stimulating Language

\_\_\_\_Building Blocks for Literacy

\_\_\_\_The Impact of Trauma

\_\_\_\_Early Childhood Special Education: Behavior Management Strategies

\_\_\_\_ Other topics:
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1. What thoughts do you have regarding the format of the Institute?

\_\_\_\_ keep it at 4 days during the week

\_\_\_\_ change to Thursday through Sunday

\_\_\_\_ add online training options

\_\_\_\_ other

*(note that while another time of year may be preferable, we cannot use Castleton or probably other institutes of higher education during the school year)*

1. Do you have any ideas for instructors that should be considered (list topic, name of instructor and contact info, if you have it):

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1. The Institute is in need of funding. Do you have any suggestions for funding opportunities to support lower tuition costs for the Institute?

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1. Do you have suggestions for the best/most effective way to share information about the institute with their networks (e.g. fliers, mailings, list serves, website, facebook, etc.)? Or what groups/networks do you want to make sure know about the institute and what is the best way to send out that information?

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1. Any other feedback about the Institute that would be helpful for the planning committee to know?

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