

**Professional Preparation and Development (PPD) Committee**  
**Meeting Notes Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (10 – 12)**

**Attendees:**

Becky Millard (NL@CCV); Adri Taylo-Behrman (NL@CCV); Joanne Rouleau (NL@CCV); Diane Hermann-Artim (CCV/Northern Lights); Melissa DeBlois (Prior Learning Assessment, VSC/CCV); Johanna Vaczy (STARS); Bill Bonsignore (One Planet - White River Valley SU); Lynne Robbins (CDD); Joanna Houston (Y Early Childhood Program for UVMCC); Sharron Harrington (Let's Grow Kids); Sara Forward (Personnel Development Coordinator for CIS); Michelle Maitri-Mudita (CIS Coordinator NEK); Beth Truzansky (Deputy Director, BBF); Rey Garofano (CDD); Rebecca Bishop (Head Start Bennington)

**Prior Learning Assessment presentation (Melissa DeBlois, VSC/CCV)**

- Started in 1975; several options for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) outlined below:
- Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) 3 credit course; can request unlimited number of credits in one content area
- Focused Portfolio (FP) 1 credit course; can request up to 16 credits in one content area
- Course Challenge; can select any course in the CCV catalogue to challenge
- Competency Based Pathway (CPB); standardized version of course challenge
- Credit by Exam
  - CLEP Exams (admin by College Board) – 30+ subjects available
  - DSST/Dantes Exams – 30 subjects available
  
- Huge cost and time savings for all of the above options
- Get started: attend a free PLA Webinar (offered 2x/month)
- About half of enrolled students in PLA options are in EC field
- TEACH scholarship recipients do know about PLA options
- VSAC Advancement (formerly known as non-degree) grants can cover APL or FP course, but not course challenge
- CDD tuition grants are available to cover any PLA option, including course challenge

**Review feedback from the field re: professional development recommendations (Becky)**

- Anything we should change/edit document before it's final?
- 45 people reviewed and filled out doc
- Comments: Hope for online trainings to continue
- Language around "Tiers" is clear/useful esp. w/advanced topics
- "Experience" not clearly defined on purpose
  - Many variables determine experience
  - Can bring this question to NL PD summit this summer
- Future – look at making training searchable by Tiers
- Classify trainings by adding Tiers on website
- Alphabetical and/or Knowledge area - most say list both ways
- Content areas – keep all topics; a few had no opinion
- Change "homeless families" to "families experiencing homelessness"
- Need for trainings specific to Montessori & Waldorf (central VT)

- Need for grant-writing training for both centers and family homes; how to present successful proposal (Joanna V)
- Cross-post trainings to be more inclusive of CIS and other service providers

### **Northern Lights opportunities to engage (Becky)**

- Planning for 4<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Lights PD summit
- Explore regional in-person conferences (4 locations)
- Explore practice-based coaching
- Explore statewide training evaluation process for sponsors

### **Updates and Announcements**

**Rey:** Stakeholder meeting at 1 pm today (5/18)- high level overview of child care plan; CDD hired new CIS director - Keith Williams starts 6/7; Natalie N is new systems unit admin support; hiring underway for policy director

**Beth:** State Advisory meeting this month: federal \$ coming to VT -how to spend; private funds to fill gaps? (5/24) – all welcome to attend; July meeting - VCAP committees report on priorities; think about need for policy changes or investments (7/24); Regional councils – moving forward, 4 regional managers to support 12 councils; may meet less frequently; invited to upcoming mtgs to hear more about changes

**Sharron:** VTAEYC and LGK – seek Educator of the Year Award nominations - due 6/6 (visit VTAEYC website for details)

LGK: Next round of grants for Expanding Infant and Toddler Child Care Capacity due July 9th. Informational calls scheduled for June 10th at 1:00 & 6:00. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2022. NEW this year, will consider funding programs that add non-standard hour care (evenings /weekends) will be considered an expansion. Visit LGK website for guidelines.

VTAEYC and partners have had an initial meeting about the Fall Early Education Conference. Likely to be a virtual event again this year with a keynote and breakout sessions. Still determining financial resources.

LGK: BIPOC affinity series happening now; visit LGK website for details and share with colleagues

LGK: Meeting about Child Care Bill on 5/25 (1pm & 6 pm)

**Joanna V:** Starting 6/1 STARS will be back to requiring applications and annual reports; lots of tech support happening now; flexibility w/due dates; 90 day grace period; contact STARS office w/ any questions