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PD Essentials Meeting

March 12, 2024

MEETING SUMMARY

The March 12, 2024 PD Essentials meeting included 36 early childhood PD providers. There were 61 people registered.

Soft Opener

The soft opener for the virtual meeting was an open-ended question: Have you attended an in-person conference? Which ones? What are the benefits of conference attendance?

Spring PD Essentials Training Opportunities

Jaye shared upcoming Essentials for Early Childhood Professional Development Providers training. Essentials #2 and #3a are full but participants may join the waiting list. Space is available for #4 and #5. Register by clicking the link on the website at [www.vcpd.net](http://www.vcpd.net).

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| Essentials #2 | Tues Mar 26  9:00-3:30  ChildSavers in  Richmond | Techniques for Effective and Engaging Early Childhood Training |
| Essentials #3a | Tues Mar 26  Same place and participants as Essentials #2 | Designing Effective and Engaging Early Childhood Training: Part One |
| Essentials #3b | Thurs Apr 4  9:00-10:30 or  1:00-2:30  Repeated  Fri Apr 5  9:00-10:30 | Designing Effective and Engaging Early Childhood Training: Part Two (Virtual)  Repeated  Mon Apr 8  9:00-10:30 or  11:00-12:30 or 1:00-2:30 |
| Essentials #4 | Thurs Apr 25  9:00-3:30  Richmond area | Delivering Effective and Engaging Early Childhood Training |
| Essentials #5 | Tues & Weds  May 15-16  9:00-11:00 | Effective and Engaging Techniques for Virtual Training |

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Virginia PD Resources: Child Care Aware of Virginia

PD Essentials Governance member Susanne Rakes, Professional Development Coordinator at Child Care Aware of Virginia, shared that Child Care Aware delivers services to families, child care and Early Childhood Education professionals, and communities to increase the accessibility, availability, and quality of child care in Virginia. Their network consists of five regional Child Care Resource Centers and a statewide administrative “hub” in Richmond. They provide referral services for families and training including first aid & CPR, emergency preparedness, strengthening business practices, and intruder response. A new offering—Trainer-Connect—is a platform to enable approved trainers and organization to showcase their training programs in one central location. Additional resources include subsidy orientation, the Training Academy, the Virginia Shared Services network, the Job Hub, and data services.

Tips and Tricks for Trainers: Closers

PD Essentials State Coordinator Dr. Jaye Harvey described closer strategies and how providing interactive, minds-on, and hands-on strategies leads to learning. Closers summarize key topics, tie the content together, celebrate new knowledge, and develop a plan for application. They build on the Recency Effect which states that items experienced most recently are recalled best. Dr. Harvey shared 25 closer strategies with examples for virtual and in-person training.

Quick Closers for Individual Participants

* Tell Your Tale
* Pack Your Bag
* Get Around to It!
* Group Anthem (I am…, I believe…, I will…)
* Thumbs Up!
* The longest journey begins with single step.
* This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.
* One Thing
* What Stuck?
* Bumper Sticker
* Head, Heart, Hands
* An elephant never forgets. What will you remember always?
* Around the Room (pass an object—can be combined with other closers)

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Strategies to Share

* Write on handout.
* Type in chat.
* Tell a partner, table group, or breakout room.
* Share in the full group.

Group Closers for Summary and Reflection

* Snowballs
* Ball Toss
* Spider Web
* Block Designs
* Gallery Walk
* A2Z

Closers for Planning Ahead

* Whoa, Slow, Go
* What? So What? Now What?
* Wow! Worry. Wonder?
* Start, Stop, Continue, Change
* To Do List
* Action Plan

VDOE Funding for PD Essentials Ends June 30, 2024

The Virginia Department of Education funding for PD Essentials will end on June 30, 2024. Improvement Partners continue to be responsible for ensuring that their trainers are skilled; however, financial responsibility for preparing skilled trainers will now be the responsibility of the Improvement Partners.

Meeting participants moved to hosted breakout rooms to discuss existing and future needs for training. The discussion was captured on a Padlet. [https://padlet.com/jhwellons/pd-essentials-meeting-march-12-2024-5e8oslcbms8fbq3o](https://padlet.com/jhwellons/pd-essentials-meeting-march-12-2024-5e8oslcbms8fbq3o%20%20)

Announcements

Our final PD Essentials meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 3:00 until 4:30.

Closing

Jaye welcomed people to reach out for any needed support for training design and delivery.