

## Early Childhood Education Professional Development Stipends

### Questions & Answers (Q&A)

- Q1: Do I need to take all 7 of the Teachstone classes and then submit the certification to get a stipend for the classes?**
- A: Yes. First, you must submit your application and supporting documentation. Second, you will need to complete all seven courses, submit your certification, and application for the stipend to receive a \$75 stipend. You will be eligible for two additional \$75 stipends, if you take two additional non-Teachstone courses included on the approved *OEL Training Event/Courses for Early Childhood Educators Professional Development* list.
- Q2: I took many of the courses offered through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) before. May I retake the course and apply for a stipend?**
- A: No. The intent is to promote additional knowledge and skills and increase the number of hours of professional development of early childhood professionals in four topic areas—trauma informed care, infants and toddlers, dual language learners, emergent and early literacy, and serving children with special needs. As more courses related to those topic areas are identified, they will be added to the list of approved courses.
- Q3: We have been working on plans to get more of our instructors in the Career Pathway registry. I understand that to qualify, they must meet the core training requirements listed in the *Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway* document. Are there approved trainings on the PDG approved *OEL Training Event/Courses for Early Childhood Educators Professional Development* list for stipends that we could recommend to providers to meet the core training requirements?**
- A: Yes. Trauma Informed Care for Child Care Professionals (TICC) and Implementing the Florida Standards in Infant and Toddler Classrooms: Birth through Two Years.
- Q4: Is there a reason why the other Core courses were not included? Could this be reconsidered? It would make sense to have the professional development efforts of PDG align with the Career Pathways.**
- A: We will take that into consideration for the PDG year 2 stipends. However, for the current stipends (year 1), the course choices for the stipends are aligned with PDG priorities as indicated in the answer to Q2.
- Q5: Which courses on the PDG-approved *OEL Training Event/Courses for Early Childhood Educators Professional Development* list meet the criteria for the following? I would like to encourage my providers to take advantage of the PDG incentive to enter the Career Pathways.**
- Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards approved training
  - Florida Core Competencies for Early Educators
- A: See answer to Q3. The course choices for the stipends are aligned with PDG priorities in the areas of trauma-informed care, infants and toddlers, dual language learners, emergent and early literacy, and serving children with special needs.