

Webinar Agenda: Supporting the Evaluation of Early Childhood Educators

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Jana Martella, co-director at the Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes (CEELO), will present updates to the report *State Teacher Evaluation Systems: Fifty State Scan on Resources for Early Childhood Teachers*. Martella will explain how states have addressed evaluating and supporting the knowledge and skills of their early childhood educators. Next, REL Central, in partnership with two guest presenters from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), will provide a review of a recent project to develop a resource supporting the evaluation and growth of early childhood educators.

By participating in this webinar, attendees will learn the following information:

- The professional growth needs of early childhood educators.
- Which resources, such as the *Practical Ideas for Evaluating Early Childhood Educators* guide, can be leveraged to support the growth of early childhood educators.

Agenda

11:00–11:05 a.m. Introduction to the Webinar Platform Features

Facilitator: Joshua Stewart (REL Central)

Stewart will provide an overview of the webinar’s platform features and introduce the speakers.

11:06–11:25 a.m. Overview of 50-State Scan of Early Childhood Evaluation Practices

Facilitator: Joshua Stewart

Presenter: Jana Martella (CEELO)

Martella will present her report on how early childhood educators are evaluated across the nation. Participants will have time to ask questions at the end of this section.



11:26–11:40 a.m. Overview of the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for Teachers

Facilitator: Joshua Stewart

Presenter: Courtney Cabrera (CDE)

Cabrera will provide an overview of the updated Colorado State Model Evaluation System for Teachers, its incorporation of student behaviors, and its overall goals, particularly how it supports professional growth. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of this section.

11:41–11:55 a.m. Difficulties in Applying State Model within an Early Childhood Setting

Facilitator: Joshua Stewart

Presenter: Jennifer O'Brien (CDE)

O'Brien will discuss the concerns of the early childhood stakeholders with the adoption of the new state model and how the need for additional support led to the partnership with REL Central. Participants will be invited to share the challenges and supports in their own contexts during this section.

11:56 a.m.–12:05 p.m. Development of the *Practical Ideas* Guide

Facilitator: Jeanette Joyce (REL Central)

Joyce will describe the process for revising the *Practical Ideas* guide to support early childhood educators and their evaluators through concrete “look-fors.” Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of this section.

12:06–12:25 p.m. Presentation of an Example from the *Practical Ideas* Guide

Facilitator: Jeanette Joyce

Presenters: Courtney Cabrera; Jennifer O'Brien

Cabrera and O'Brien will provide examples from the state model and show how the *Practical Ideas* guide can support its implementation. Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback at the end of this section.

12:26–12:30 p.m. Closing

Facilitator: Joshua Stewart

Stewart will close the presentation by thanking presenters and participants and by providing information on accessing the webinar resources and recording. Attendees will take a brief feedback survey to help improve future webinars.



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