



Increasing Capacity in Community-Based Preschools for Children with Special Needs: Building Sustainable Partnerships Between LEAs and Community-Based Programs

**October 18, 2019
January 29, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Room 101/102
111 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford**

This is a professional development series for teams (combined LEA and community providers) to assist with action planning and the deployment of resources to support young children in preschool programs outside of the LEA. This series will include:

- **Day 1** — A panel discussion of how community-based programs can meet the requirement of FAPE in the LRE, with “team time” for action planning, implementation, and reflection using a template;
- **Day 2** — A session for teams to come back together, working with the panel and facilitators to debrief on their progress, report out on action plans, and reflect on their work.

Also included:

- 1 hour of on-site coaching for each team
- 1 hour of technical assistance by phone conference for each team
- 1 year-end debrief with coach for each team

As a result of this professional development series, teams of participants will:

- Gain a shared understanding of how young children with special needs learn, and the value of providing special education services in the least restrictive environment, the preschool classroom
- Learn ways to reallocate resources to meet the diverse needs of young children in their functional learning environments.
- Be able to ask questions of the panel of professionals who have been successful providing special education and related services to young children in community preschool programs
- Create and implement a collaborative action plan to provide special education services in the LRE, with support from facilitators
- Examine child progress monitoring data and reflect on progress of implementation, access to the curriculum for children with special needs in the least restrictive environment
- Potentially become a state model site for other LEAs to learn from

Participants: Teams should consist of participants from the LEA and community-based programs, i.e. District and community-based preschool teachers, community-based preschool directors, special education supervisors, PPS directors.

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