

EARLY FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

Michigan AEYC's Early Foundations Program includes training on developmentally appropriate practice and classroom management skills. It provides a strong foundation for staff who are new to their positions while supporting busy directors by assisting with this important part of the onboarding process.

This 4-month training and support cycle includes:

- 2 (15 minute) videos to watch each week at a time that is convenient for the participants
- 1 (30 minute) Individual coaching session each month via Zoom
- 1 (30 minute) Group coaching session each month via Zoom
- Additional coaching and support as needed
- Note: Coaching is typically available from 7am 7pm and is scheduled by the participant at a time that works for their schedule
- Participants earn 12 hours of training credit that is posted directly to MiRegistry at the end of the program.

Eligibility for this program is as follows:

- Participants cannot have completed a CDA Credential. Those who are currently enrolled in a CDA program but will not finish before this course starts are eligible.
- Participants cannot hold any degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or other applicable field. Reach out to the Program Coordinator if you have a degree and are unsure if it is applicable.
- Participants must either be in their first 2 years of employment in a licensed child care program OR have been in a new position/role for less than 2 years.
- Participants must be working directly with children in a classroom setting.

The registration fee for this course is \$10. Participants will receive a "Welcome to the Early Childhood Education Profession" kit, which includes a complimentary copy of *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs, 4th Edition.*

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