

Professional Development System Overview: Rhode Island



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State	Rhode Island	
Professional Development (PD) System	<p>Title: Center for Early Learning Professionals</p> <p>Web site: http://center-elp.org/</p>	
Infrastructure/ PD System Governance	<p>Type of Governance: The RI Department of Human Services oversees the administration of the statewide PD center via contract to the Educational Development Center, Inc. as the implementation agency. Key partners, ensuring that over-arching policy decisions align with State and Federal goals, include the RI Departments of Education; Children, Youth, and Families; Health; and the Workforce Development Subcommittee of the RI Early Learning Council.</p> <p>Key Contact: Karen Beese, KBeese@dhs.ri.gov</p>	
Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS)	<p>State HS Collaboration Director: Lawrence Pucciarelli, lpucciar@dhs.ri.gov</p> <p>State HS Early Childhood Manager: Lori Colletti, lcolletti@edc.org</p>	
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce in Child Care, HS/EHS, public school, early intervention/special education 	
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)	<p>Ages Included in ELGs and Alignment with K–12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth–5 years Align with Common Core State Standards K–12 	<p>Notes</p> <p>Title: Rhode Island Early Learning & Development Standards These standards outline a continuum for birth–5 years, with six developmental benchmarks. The standards guide early care and education practices, such as curriculum and assessment choices, to ensure children receive every opportunity to make progress in the designated learning domains.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Early-Childhood/ELDS/2013_Early_Learning_and_Development_Standards.pdf</p> <p>Information on State ELGs references to dual language learners is available at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/state-guidelines/dll_guidelines.html</p>

Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKCs)	Roles	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teachers and special education/EI providers who work with children from birth–5 years ▪ Teacher assistants who work with children from birth–5 years ▪ Family child care providers who work with children from birth–5 years ▪ School-age and youth development professionals 	<p>Title: RI’s Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Early Childhood Teachers and Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Educators: Working With Children Age Birth Through 5 and Their Families Web site: https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Early-Childhood/Workforce/WKC_FINAL_TEACHERS_EI_SPED.pdf</p> <p>Title: The RI Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Early Childhood Teacher Assistants: Working With Children Age Birth Through 5 and Their Families Web site: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Early-Childhood/Workforce/WKC_FINAL_TA.pdf</p> <p>Title: RI’s Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Family Child Care Educators: Working With Children Age Birth Through 5 and Their Families Web site: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Early-Childhood/Workforce/WKC_FINAL_FAMILY_CHILD_CARE.pdf</p> <p>Title: RI Core Knowledge and Core Competencies for Afterschool and Youth Development Professionals Web site: http://afterschoolri.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/RI-ASYD-Core-Competencies-document-FINAL.pdf</p>
Approval Systems	Trainer/Training	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Center for Early Learning Professionals offers an online calendar of statewide PD opportunities Web site: http://center-elp.org/professional-development/upcoming-offerings/
Workforce Registry/Data System and Career Pathways	System(s)	Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In development 	<p>Title: TBD The RI early learning data system will serve as a registry that tracks the size and characteristics of the child care workforce, including longitudinal data to monitor changes over time. The RI Early Learning Council established the Early Learning Data System Work Team, which has focused primarily on child and program data.</p> <p>Title: RI Professional Development Plan Web site: http://earlylearningri.org/sites/default/files/images/RI_PDSsystemPlan_2012.pdf</p> <p>Title: Data System Subcommittee Web site: http://earlylearningri.org/data-sub</p>