# EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS ACADEMY

2024-2025

Children's Institute's Early School Success Academy is a team-based experience for educators working to strengthen early learning (PK-3) in their communities. Many districts start with a focus on kindergarten through second grade or kindergarten through third grade.

### ESS Academy Pricing Packages for Districts and ESDs



All teams receive **5 coaching sessions** throughout the school year scheduled at their convenience.

Funding Sources to Consider. Title II, SIA, District/Contractual Professional Development, Regional Educator Network, Early Literacy Success District Grants, Early Literacy Success Birth through Five Plan, Early Learning Hub's Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund (KPI)

# The Early School Success Academy is not like most professional development you may have experienced!

In these sessions, you will work as a district team to build a strong early learning system in your community. During the Academy, you will plan changes in your school system alongside other teams working to address similar issues. The Early School Success Academy is a blend of facilitated team planning and professional development for early learning (PK-3) educators and partners.

#### Who

District or school teams, including a designated team lead responsible for coordinating the work with the ESS Academy coaches. Other members may include principals, preschool and elementary teachers, early learning coaches, equity coaches, curriculum directors, early learning coordinators, counselors, dual language teachers, special education teachers, and community partners. We strongly believe in and encourage teams to have a range of diverse perspectives.





#### What

Networked learning with and from peers in other communities

- Content focus: program development, early literacy, social emotional learning
- Expert thought partnership from culturally specific organizations
- Coaching, resources, and support from Community Design Partners and the Children's Institute.

## As a participant in the Early School Success Academy, you will:

- Develop your ability to expand or enhance early learning in your community with a lens toward equity, child and family strengths, and community voice
- Gain tools to strengthen the alignment between the early years and early grades
- Learn about real examples of work done to build and align early learning systems
- Learn how to strengthen educator leadership through a process that guides them to choose and implement improvements
- Gain skills to enact system change by examining local problems, root causes, and fostering collaboration to enact solutions
- Gain skills in program development, early literacy, and social emotional learning

#### When

 
 October
 December
 February
 March

 24
 12
 06
 20

 9:00-3:00pm via Zoom
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Coaching scheduled according to district needs.

### Registration is open!

To register or learn more, please contact Shawnté Hines at shawnté@childinst.org

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### **EARLY SCHOOL** SUCCESS ACADEMY

(formerly the Early Learning Academy)

educators share their reflections on the experience

I used to think...

we would never get to a place where the K-12 and early learning communities would truly come together.

Now I think...

I feel like it is absolutely a possibility!

I appreciate...

being included in the Early Learning Academy and having the opportunity to connect with other programs.

Because...

the diversity of perspectives leads to richer learning for all!

I appreciate...

being part of the Early Learning Academy.

Because...

I was able to make new connections with other districts and learn about resources that equipped me to better support families.

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I used to think...

there were small efforts to support early learning.

Now I think...

there are large, informed & influential changemakers elevating this important work!

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the work of the districts who are I appreciate... ahead of us, blazing the trail, and

testing solutions.

we are able to learn so much from Because... them! And inspired to support others joining the movement. 99

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I appreciate...

the amazing opportunity to network and learn from each other, team members and other visionaries across the state of Oregon.

Because...

we now share a wealth of knowledge and have access to amazing information that will help us move upward!

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