

# EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS ACADEMY

## 2025–2026



Children's Institute's Early School Success Academy is a team-based experience for educators working to strengthen early learning (preschool through grade three) 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

**\$6000** For a team of 8-10 | District ADM 10,000+

**\$4000** For a team of 6-7 | District ADM 5000-9999

**\$2000** For a team of 4-5 | District ADM 2500-4999

**\$1000** For a team of 3 | District ADM 2499-

All teams receive **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
- Coaching, resources, and support from 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 (Tentative Dates)

<b>August</b> <b>13</b> Virtual	<b>October</b> <b>15</b> In Person	<b>February</b> <b>25</b> In Person Learning Lab	<b>April</b> <b>30</b> Virtual
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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](mailto:shawnté@childinst.org)

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*(formerly the Early Learning Academy)*

**educators share their  
reflections on the experience**

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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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*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!*

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*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!*

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*I appreciate...*

*the work of the districts who are  
ahead of us, blazing the trail, and  
testing solutions.*

*Because...*

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

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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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*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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