

Announcing a New Rhode Island Early Learning Standards Professional Development Opportunity for Early Childhood Practitioners:

**Next Steps in Implementing a Standards-Based Program:**

**Creating Practitioner Portfolios, Building Competencies, and Improving Practice**

Four consecutive training sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

**Saturday, April 5, 8:30- 1:00 (4 ½ hours)**

**Saturday, May 3, 8:30-12:00 (3 ½ hours)**

**Saturday, May 31, 8:30-12:00 (3 ½ hours)**

**Saturday, June 21, 8:30-12:00 (3 ½ hours)**

This opportunity is only open to early childhood practitioners who were previous participants in RI Early Learning Standards Professional Development and currently hold a Certificate for completion of the 8-10 session series: Implementing a Standards-based Program.\*

During these four sessions, practitioners will:

- Review core concepts in each of the four components of a Standards-Based program: Curriculum, Child Assessment, Differentiated Teaching and Learning, and Family Engagement
- Obtain new information based on latest research and best practice in the early childhood field
- Focus on their individual strengths and determine areas where they want to extend their knowledge and refine early childhood practice
- Work with colleagues from across the state to determine next steps in their own professional growth
- Build a Practitioner Portfolio to document their plan for developing new competencies and improving practice

**All sessions will take place at the RI Department of Education  
255 Westminster Street, Providence, Room 242.**

To register, please access our on-line registration process by visiting [www.ride.ri.gov/els](http://www.ride.ri.gov/els) and clicking **February 2008 NEW Professional Development Opportunities for Administrators and Practitioners**. Space is limited to 60 participants.

Directions: To park, take I-95 to Exit 22A (Downtown Providence-close to the Providence Place Mall). Stay in the right lane. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Francis Street. Take a right at the next light onto Exchange Terrace (Westin Hotel on your right). Follow signs for the North Garage or South Garage for the Rhode Island Convention Center. The RI Department of Education is 3 blocks from the parking garage and is located inside the Shepard Building on the corner of Washington and Union St. Room 242 is on the second floor.

Participants who successfully complete all four sessions and make progress developing a Practitioner Portfolio are eligible to receive:

- 1 URI College Credit for HD497 at the Graduate or Undergraduate level
- Certificate of Achievement for *Creating Practitioner Portfolios, Building Competencies, and Improving Practice*

\*If you are currently a practicing administrator or education coordinator, please visit [www.ride.ri.gov/els](http://www.ride.ri.gov/els) for information on professional development opportunities for administrators or contact Karen Pucciarelli, Coordinator, RI Early Learning Standards Project, 401-222-8955

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