

The District of Columbia's Professional Development Registry

Supporting Pathways to Professional Success



Professional Development and Training Registries are systems that store, track, and monitor the professional growth, credentialing, and education attainment of early childhood education and out-of-school time professionals. There are over 38 fully functioning professional registries nationwide. The District of Columbia is included in this number with the launch of our own Professional Development Registry (PDR) that allows access to District training resources and a career pathway to track and acknowledge advancement on the District's Career Guide!

The PDR is a system that enables individuals to record, monitor, and electronically scan their education and credentialing information (such as transcripts and certificates) into a personal profile that can be accessed from any computer. Profile information can be used for completing job applications, career planning, and documenting ongoing professional development activities. Professionals are able to access, search, and register for professional development opportunities offered by OSSE approved trainers and have their completed training certificates electronically sent to their individual PDR profile.

In addition, the PDR enables individuals to apply for levels on the District's Career Guide to acknowledge their professional development advancement. The District's Career Guide provides a pathway to help the early care and education workforce understand and plan for entry, growth, and retention in the field. The Career Guide provides an easy to understand road map of the steps in an early childhood educator's professional development advancement from entry level training through the various degree programs. It is based on research that shows the value of specialty training in early childhood education and development, in addition to the completion of college degrees.

Here are some ways in which the District's Professional Development Registry benefits educators, directors and trainers:

For Educators

- A personal file to track your advancement on the District Career Guide.
- Confidential place to store your professional information that can be updated from any computer at any time.
- Access to the system training calendar with information about available professional development and training resources.
- Ability to create a resume from your profile information.

For Program Directors

- Ability to view individual staff completed trainings, education, and professional development activities or compiled records for all staff at your program.
- Access to the trainer database that provides information on OSSE approved trainers and training courses to help facilitate the planning process for your staff's professional development needs.
- A repository for documents required by licensing including latest completion of required trainings, clock hours, credentialing, and/ or education requirements.

For Trainers

- Online systems to list, manage, and promote training events.
- The ability to send reminders and other correspondence regarding training events to attendees
- The ability to electronically send completed training certificates to attendees.
- The ability to compile your required annual training report.



For more information

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