

OEC HAPPENINGS

September 2021

WEBSITE: <https://www.mdek12.org/EC>

EARLY LEARNING COACHING COMMUNITY

Early Learning Coaching Community is being offered by the OEC for coaches as a support system to help support the implementation of quality early childhood classrooms. The Coaching Community consists of four-part virtual training series in addition to other supports and resources. The trainings series will begin September 28th. Subsequent sessions will be held on November 30, 2021, January 25, 2022, and March 29, 2022.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COACHING STATS



The OEC coaches have been quite busy! Although it can be a bit hectic trying to get back in the groove of school, the OEC coaches have jumped right in and hit the floor running!!

	August	September
Total Coaching Hours:	257	421
• Face to Face	189	335
• Virtual Coaching:	67	87
Total Collaboratives Served	18	18
Total Classrooms Served:	135	172
• Total Collaborative Classrooms Served	105	140
• Total Blended Classrooms Served	9	11
• Total Other Classrooms Served	21	21
Total Contacts	829	683



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STATS

- 116 MS PreK educators utilized OEC webinars during the month of September
- 7 hours of Professional Development was provided by OEC coaches to Early Learning Collaboratives in September



IMPORTANT DATES

Pre-K Praxis suspension deadline: December 31, 2021

ESSER Pre-K Grant Due October 28, 2021, by 2:00 p.m.
<https://mdek12.org/PN/RFP>

Early Learning Collaborative Council Cohort IV RFP due November 5, 2021, by 2:00 p.m.
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October 28th – MTSS Family Engagement

November 9th – EL Supports for Early Childhood Educators

FAMILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The coaches in the Office of Early Childhood created activities that can be used at home to enrich learning when children are out of school. The activities use everyday household items so they should be readily available. These activities are aligned to the OWL curriculum units. Please see this link to access this resource for families: <https://mdek12.org/EC/Back-to-School-Resources>.

MS BEGINNINGS: PREK

The Office of Early Childhood is working with Boston Public Schools to adopt their evidence-based curriculum that is aligned with the MS Early Learning Standards. Professional Development will be offered in spring 2022.



CONNECTING WITH COACHES

“Coaching is about inspiring and being inspired by your teachers and children!” – Oki R.

“It’s been rewarding being able to support a new teacher in a blended Pre-K classroom.” – Kathy W.

“Coaching is going well. I’m enjoying connecting with educators face to face and virtually across the state.” – Michael M.

A GUIDE FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM 2021

This has already been a very challenging school year. During this time children need to be physically distanced as much as possible, which will be a challenging task for teachers in the classroom. It is important to remember to be flexible and to check guidance regularly during these uncertain times. Please reference this document for further information: https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/physical_distancing_strategies_in_the_classroom_2021.pdf