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RE: Upcoming Training on NC Guiding Practices in Early Childhood Discipline

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) will be hosting regional trainings (train-the-trainer) for public school early childhood leaders on “Guiding Practices in Early Childhood Discipline” as a follow up to the recent suspension/expulsion statewide meeting and in response to recent questions and discussions around early childhood discipline practices. Licensed public preschool programs and NC Pre-K programs must adhere to child care licensure rules set forth requiring specific developmentally appropriate actions to guide young children’s behavior. These requirements and how to meet these requirements will be discussed. Specific objectives of the training include:

- 1) review current early childhood suspension/expulsion practices/impact,
- 2) review regulatory agencies monitoring public school preschool classes,
- 3) provide a comparison of federal policies, NC Pre-K program state statutes and the new revision to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which requires states to report the number and disproportionality of suspensions and expulsions for 3 through 5-year-old children starting in 2022,
- 4) review “Guiding Practices in Early Childhood Discipline,” intended to facilitate the alignment of these policies and rules for public school preschool programs, and
- 5) provide guidance on available professional development.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

We would like to extend an invitation to Head Start directors, or designee, to continue alignment of policies and practices.

Participants will be expected to train principals, administrators, and other relevant staff in their school districts or programs. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

- Vivian James, vivian.james@dpi.nc.gov or call at 919-218-8384,
- Carla Garrett, carla.garrett@dpi.nc.gov or call at 336-504-2037, or
- Karen McKnight, karen.mcknight@dpi.nc.gov or call at 919-807-3618

Please register at the link provided in the attachment.

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Attachment

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