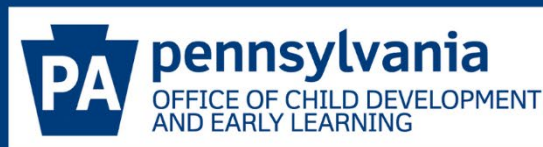


ANNOUNCEMENT

ELRC 23 #02



Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Bureau of Early Learning Policy and Professional Development

Issue Date: Mar. 21, 2023

Effective Date: Mar. 21, 2023

End Date: N/A

Subject: Ending Option for Director Instructor- Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS)

To: All Department of Human Services (DHS) Certified Child Care Providers; Early Childhood Education Professionals; Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs); Pennsylvania Key Career Pathway Verifiers and Career Pathway Staff; Professional Development Organizations (PDOs); Professional Learning Organizations (PLOs); and The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) staff

From:

Shante' Brown

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Deputy Secretary, Office of Child Development & Early Learning

PURPOSE

To end date the option for individuals to apply for and become Director Instructor (DI)- Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS) who offer training as a “Director Instructor.”

BACKGROUND

The Director Instructor (DI) - Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS) allows approved directors to provide professional development to their staff on pre-approved Director Instructor modules. The pre-approved modules include the following:

- The Child Observation Modules,
- The Pennsylvania’s Learning Standards for Early Childhood Series,
- Mind in The Making- Seven Essential Skills, and
- Step Up to Quality Supervision Series.

DISCUSSION

Effective March 21, 2023, applications for Director Instructor (DI) Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS) will no longer be accepted or processed. The DI PQAS will no longer be available as an option for individuals to provide training to child care staff. Individuals holding a DI PQAS will no longer have access to train child care staff, as a Director Instructor and the trainings will be made obsolete on **April 28, 2023**.

Directors may pursue a PQAS application and create their own content in alignment with competencies for which they are approved based on expertise and/or education. Visit [PQAS APPLICATIONS – THE PENNSYLVANIA KEY \(pakeys.org\)](https://pakeys.org) for information on applying to become a Professional Development Instructor.

For those holding an active DI PQAS, **effective March 21, 2023**, no new courses on the outdated materials should be scheduled. Any courses currently in the PD Registry under the outdated materials will be end dated **April 28, 2023**.

For child care staff seeking professional development in material similar to the outdated modules, OCDEL is supplying course content to replace the outdated modules within the PD Registry. Please see [Table A](#) below. All content in the PD Registry is offered by approved Professional Development PQAS Instructors in order to count for various professional development requirements.

Table A

Outdated Module	Options in the PD Registry
The Child Observation Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving and Using Your Observation Skills ID 142567 ➤ Observation: Discover and Strengthen Connections ID 141522 ➤ PYD Mastery: Child and Youth Observation and Assessment ID 143241 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Observation and Assessment ID 142928 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Environmental Quality ID 142955 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Professional Collaborations ID 141818 ➤ Observation: Methods and Strategies ID 141523 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Language and Literacy ID 140914 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Attachment and Teacher-Child Relationships ID 141871 ➤ Observation: An Introduction ID 141521 ➤ Observation with Purpose: Curriculum and Learn ID 141520 ➤ Introduction to Assessment Data Use: Basics for Administrators ID 343837 ➤ Assessment: Beyond the Basics of Observation and Data Utilization ID 343858
The Pennsylvania’s Learning Standards for Early Childhood Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Linking Standards, Curriculum Framework, and Assessment Online ID 345960 <p>In addition, content on specific Key Learning Areas can be found in the PD Registry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Training Events tab • Training Content • Professional Standard Area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA 5: Knowledge, Application, and Integration of Academic Content in the Early Childhood Curriculum.
<p>The Step Up to Quality Supervision Series</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Infant-Toddler Care: Quality Supervision; ID 142636 ➤ Supervision: What's Required?; ID 142657 ➤ Supervision: Teamwork; ID 142652 ➤ Supervision: Staff: Child Ratios; ID 142651 ➤ Supervision: Positioning – Where Do I Stand; ID 142650 ➤ Supervision: Playground Supervision; ID 142649 ➤ Supervision: Moving Children; ID 142648 ➤ Supervision: Counting; ID 142639 ➤ Supervision: Trabajo en Equipo; ID 143269 ➤ Supervision: Supervision del Patio de Recreo; ID 143270 ➤ Supervision: ¿Que Se Requiere?; ID 143270 ➤ Supervision: Proporción de Personal: a Niños; ID 143273 ➤ Supervision: Posicionamiento - ¿Cual Es Mi Lugar?; ID 143274 ➤ Supervision: Moviendo a los Niños; ID 143275 ➤ Supervision: Contando a los Niños; ID 143278

- *Mind in the Making*---*Seven Essential Skills* will no longer be offered

NEXT STEPS

- 1) Review and share this information with all relevant staff.
- 2) Please direct any questions to your ELRC.