

Email message sent on April 4, 2013

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This message is being sent on behalf of Lana Brooks, Supervisor, DESE-Early Learning

As we are getting closer to the end of the year I would like to cover a few details that will take us into the next year. There is a lot of things happening in the next couple of months and we want programs to be prepared.

- The proposed Early Childhood Development Act (ECDA) Administrative Manual is now available on the Early Learning website. Please let me know if you have questions. This document, once it is through the review process, will serve as the requirements for reimbursements from DESE.
- On April 12th at 1:00 the Early Learning section will be hosting a webinar to review the proposed ECDA Administrative Manual. The webinar will be recorded and posted for review at a later date for individuals not able to participate. Shortly after the webinar we will post a Question & Answer document for additional clarification.
- For planning purposes, the last opportunity to submit an Invoice for PAT is April 14th. On April 15th the Final Report will replace the Invoice and serve as your final request for payment. Remember that all Invoices and the Final Report must be cumulative, including all the services provided to date.
- This year we have a new “home” for the Application information. On the Early Learning website, click on PAT, under Program Information you will find a link to the Compliance Plan Directions. This document will walk you through the process for completing and submitting the Compliance Plan which is due May 15th. Parent educators will not be listed in the Compliance Plan. The Early Learning section will pull parent educator information from Core Data. If your district is not currently loading parent educators into Core Data please begin to explore how this can happen for next year.
- Recently the Parents as Teachers national office sent out information regarding an updated “Pricing Sheet”. Several questions that have come up that warrant clarification by both the national office and DESE. We have been in collaborative conversations regarding the paths for Missouri Programs but still need to work out some details. DESE and PAT national office will be releasing more information in May that will help guide programs down the path that best meets the needs of the families they serve.

There is a high value in programs being designated as an “Affiliate Model Program.” The designation clearly demonstrates that the program meets, or will soon meet, the standards of being “evidence-based.” We strongly encourage programs to select this path. However for those programs that, for good reasons, cannot meet the requirements for this path at this time, we are working on potential options. If your program cannot select “Affiliate Model Program” status at this time, you may want to wait for guidance before making a decision on the “Approved Curriculum User” designation.

- Renewal fees through September 30, 2013 were paid by DESE if parent educators completed the renewal process with the national office and were listed on the DESE FY13 PAT Application. Please note that all future renewal fees will be the responsibility of the individual districts.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for the work you are doing supporting Missouri’s families with quality PAT services.