

January 25, 2016

Dear MPP Authorized Representative,

The Early Learning staff is in the process of working with programs on questions around the ECERS-3 scores, accreditation and budget amendments. Please review the following for additional information that we hope you will find helpful as you continue through the process as an MPP grantee.

ECERS-3 Pilot Project Update

Several of the ECERS-3 reviews have been completed and programs are beginning to use the feedback to make changes in their MPP classroom environments. In addition to your consultant, your Early Learning Supervisor will also be provided a copy of the ECERS-3 report. It is our intent that this information will provide insight as we work together to assist programs with budget planning and professional development opportunities. Below is the tentative schedule for the 2015-2016 ECERS-3 observations.

FY14 MPP awarded classrooms – September
FY15 MPP awarded classrooms – October through February
FY16 MPP awarded classrooms – March and April

Accreditation Requirement

Accreditation of programs must be obtained through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or Missouri Accreditation (MoA). Refer to sections 2.1.11 and 2.2.7 of the MPP Administrative Manual.

- Renewal programs that are beginning their 3rd year of MPP funding should be preparing for an accreditation visit prior to the end of the school year. Programs in their third year of funding must be accredited by the start of the fourth year of funding.

Budget Amendments

The deadline for submitting budget amendments is March 30, 2016. If you have additional questions regarding the information provided, contact your Early Learning Supervisor. Thank you for your continued support of quality early learning for Missouri's families.

Sincerely,



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c: MPP Contact