



Nevada EC Excellence Network

Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion

In partnership with Nevada's Dept. of Education, TNTP seeks 75 early childhood educators across the state to join the *Nevada Early Childhood Excellence Network: "Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion,"* becoming leaders in the field of early childhood education. Our coalition aims to implement innovative early childhood literacy and readiness programs that will boost outcomes for Nevada's youngest learners by focusing on the following goals:

1. **Evolve Understanding & Expertise in Literacy & Inclusion:** Support educators in learning about and applying effective practices in literacy and inclusion, so that more students are experiencing developmentally appropriate experiences that prepare them for kindergarten.
2. **Elevate Teachers as Leaders in ECE:** Develop a network of Nevada ECE educators (teachers and coaches) with evidence-based toolkits in literacy, inclusion and family engagement, and who are recognized across the state as leaders in the field.
3. **Extend Innovation and Impact Across Nevada:** Share and celebrate the impactful work occurring in Nevada's ECE Network classrooms in order to support and inspire colleagues across the state.



TNTP will host three separate cohorts, offering a six-session Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion course, with culminating learning through a Capstone Project. This synchronous virtual course will be open to educators across Nevada and includes both knowledge building and classroom application. Topics, still being finalized, may include:

- **Topic 1:** *Centering Students: Ensuring children's cultural, linguistic, and holistic identities are an asset in the classroom (January 18, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*
- **Topic 2:** *Inclusive Practices: Engaging multilingual learners and students with learning and thinking differences in the classroom community (February 8, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*
- **Topic 3:** *Promoting Oral Language Development Using Self- and Parallel-Talk (February 29, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*
- **Topic 4:** *Using Conversation to Promote Vocabulary Development (March 28, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*
- **Topic 5:** *Reading Foundations: Developing Phonological Awareness through Joyful Play (April 18, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*
- **Topic 6:** *Building Knowledge about the World through Complex Texts in Early Childhood (May 9, 2024 @5pm- virtual)*

Who: Nevada's ECE teachers and teacher leaders of 3-6 year olds (Pre-School and Kindergarten- public schools & childcare centers)

When: January - June 2024 (Cohort 1)

What: Develop and share early literacy & inclusion practices to support Nevada's youngest learners

How: 6 online classes and a capstone project share

Earn a \$600 stipend!

Participants will share their learning with EC educators across the state at Nevada's *EC Teacher Excellence Network Convening*. **Cohort 1 will share capstone projects in person on Saturday, June 15, 2024 in Reno.** Additional travel stipends for participants traveling more than 2 hours will be provided.

APPLY TODAY HERE!

Please submit applications by DEC 8

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