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**OSEP Paraprofessional Preparation Grantee Webinar**  
**April 21, 2011, 2 pm – 3 pm EST.**



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# The CONNECT Team



# In the Room Today



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# Welcome and Introductions



Who Are  
You?



Question?  
Comments?



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# Results from Pre-Webinar Survey

# Agenda

**Overview of  
CONNECT  
Modules**

**Responding  
to your  
questions  
and need  
for support**

# Overview of CONNECT Modules

- What do we do?
- What are we doing to meet your needs?



## Quick Tour: About CONNECT Modules

by FPGUNC



# About CONNECT Modules

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4-  
minute  
video

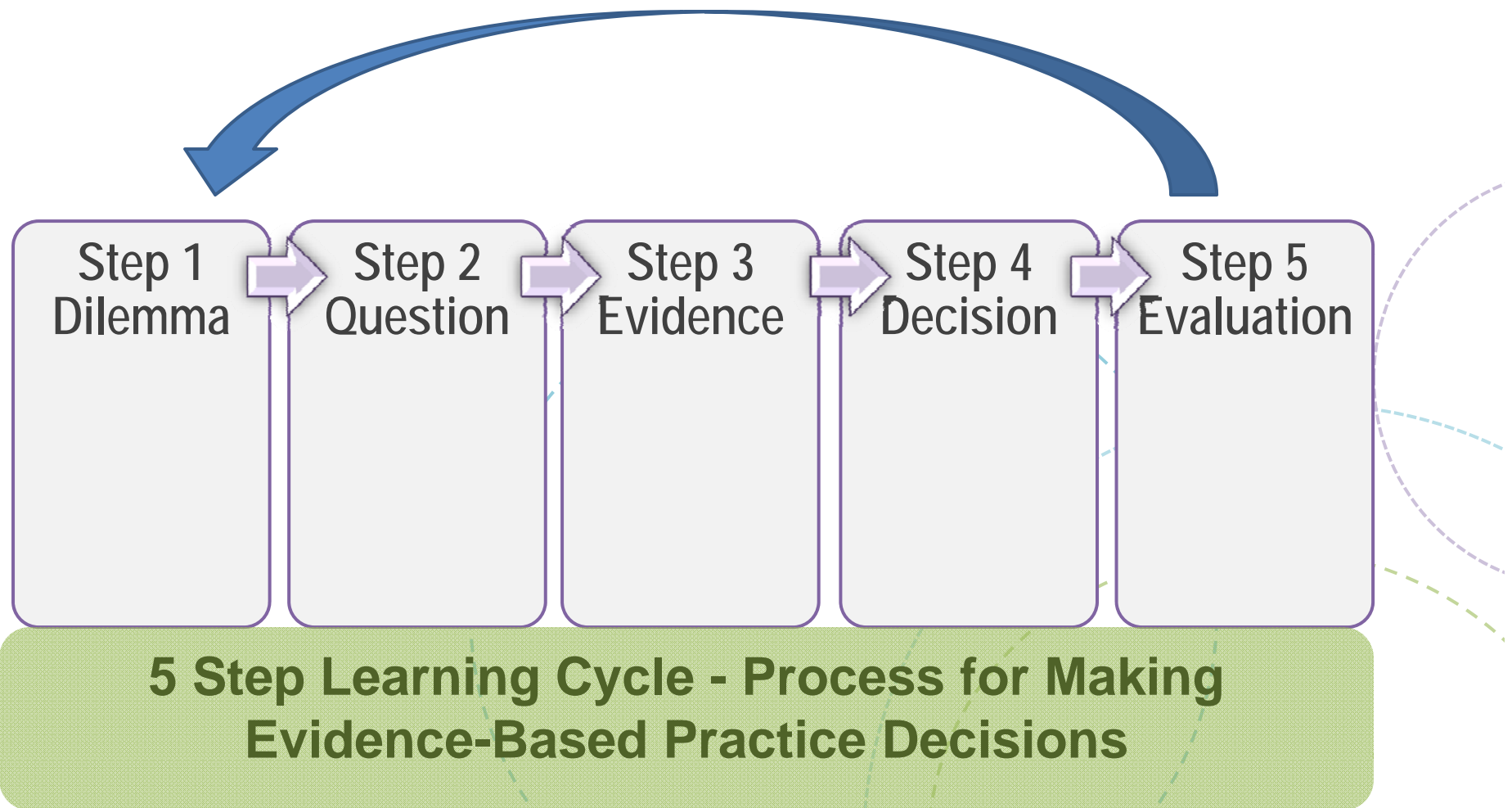
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# Innovation: An Approach for Incorporating EBP into PD



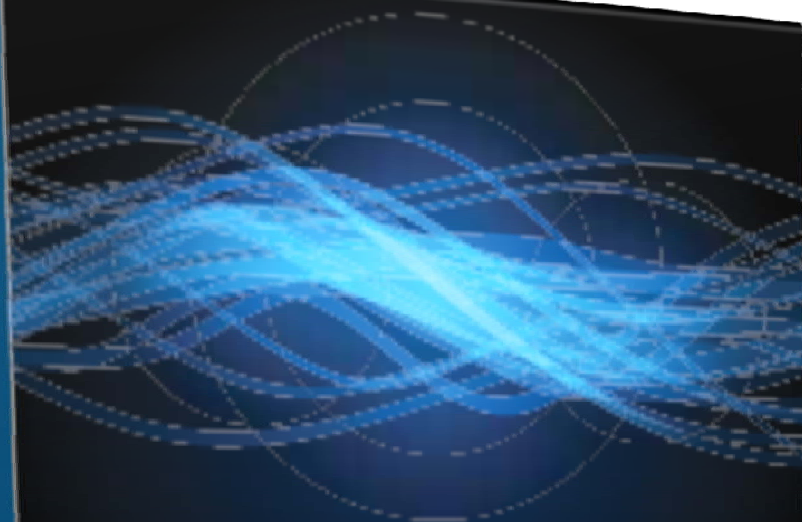
# Our Target Audience



- 2-year and 4-year college faculty
- Other professional development providers



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# CONNECT Modules: Connecting Standards to Practices

Defining Feature of Inclusion	Standards and Competencies	CONNECT Modules / Evidence-Based Practice
ACCESS	<b>CEC/DEC Standards #5, 6, &amp; 7:</b> <b>-Learning Environments and Social Interactions</b> <b>-Language</b> <b>-Instructional Planning</b> <b>NAEYC Standards #1 &amp; 4:</b> <b>- Promoting Child Development and Learning</b> <b>- Using Developmentally Effective Approaches to Connect with Children and Families</b>	Module 5: Assistive Technology
PARTICIPATION	<b>CEC/DEC Standard #4:</b> <b>Instructional Strategies</b> <b>NAEYC Standard #4:</b> <b>Using Developmentally Effective Approaches to Connect with Children and Families</b>	Module 1: Embedded Interventions  Module 6: Dialogic Reading  Module 7: Tiered approach- Social emotional development
SUPPORTS	<b>CEC/DEC Standard #10:</b> <b>Collaboration</b> <b>NAEYC Standard #2:</b> <b>Building Family and Community Relationships</b>	Module 2: Transition  Module 3: Communication for collaboration  Module 4: Family-professional partnerships

# Now Available

- Module 1: Embedded Interventions (English and Spanish versions)
- Module 2: Transition (English and Spanish versions)
- Module 3: Communication for Collaboration
- Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships

COMING SOON



- Assistive Technology
- Dialogic Reading
- Tiered Approaches
  - Social emotional
  - Academic practices
- Spanish translation of Modules 3-7



What are we doing to meet your needs?

# Online Instructor Support: Activity Guides and Alternate Activities

## Activity Guide 3.4a

### Identify examples of seeking and verifying information

#### Objective(s)

Learners watch a video clip of a teacher and specialist interacting and identify examples of seeking and verifying information.

#### Description

In this activity, learners watch a video clip of a teacher and therapist discussing how they can work together to address a student's learning goals. Learners use an observation checklist to note communication strategies used in the clip.

#### Required Materials/Resources

##### Learner Materials

- [Handout 3.1: Communication Strategies to Build Collaboration](#)
- [Handout 3.2: Communication Strategies Observation Checklist](#)
- [Handout 3.3: Communication Strategies Observation Checklist - Answer Key](#)
- [Video 3.4: Conversation with examples of seeking and verifying information](#)
- Format for learner responses (written activity form, guidance for discussion)

#### Detailed Facilitator Instructions

1. Provide access to video or transcript. Video or transcript can be viewed as a class or independently outside of class.
2. Ask learners to review [Handout 3.1](#), then watch the video clip.
3. Ask learners to view the video clip again and focus on the communication strategies of the teacher (Andi). As they watch the video this time with a focus on Andi, ask them to complete page 2 of [Handout 3.2: Communication Practices Observation Checklist - Seeking and Verifying](#), following the directions on the Handout.
4. Ask learners to compare their responses to [Handout 3.3: Communication Strategies Observation Checklist - Answer Key](#).
5. If the learner's responses differ significantly (by more than 2 check marks), have them watch the video clip again to see what they missed.

This activity is part of Module 3: Communication for Collaboration. To view the content related to this activity, go to [Step 3: Evidence](#).

#### Instructional Method

[Discovery](#)

#### Level

Beginner

#### Estimated Time Needed

5 minutes for instructor preparation

25-30 minutes for learner activity

#### Learner Form

[Activity 3.4a](#)

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# Online Instructor Support: CEC / DEC and NAEYC Standards & OSEP SPP / APR Indicators

## Instructor Guide: Standards for Module 1

### Personnel Preparation Standards

The content and resources of **Module 1: Embedded Interventions** align with the standards of national professional organizations for associate and baccalaureate personnel preparation programs.

#### CEC / DEC Initial Standards

Knowledge and Skill Base for Early Childhood Special Education/Early Intervention (Birth to age 8)



DEC = Division for Early Childhood

#### NAEYC Core Standards for Initial and Advanced Early Childhood Preparation Programs



NAEYC = National Association for the Education of Young Children

#### Learning Objectives for Module 1: Embedded Interventions

After completing the module and accompanying activities, learners will be able to:

1. Explain what is meant by embedded interventions to promote participation in inclusive settings.
2. Use a decision-making process to help a child participate more fully in an inclusive setting through embedded interventions.

## Instructor Guide: OSEP Indicators for Module 2

### OSEP Indicators and Outcomes

The state administrators in charge of early intervention services (Part C of IDEA) and preschool disabilities services (Part B Section 619 of IDEA) have certain reporting requirements to the US Department of Education – Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Part C Early Intervention and Part B-Section 619 coordinators must demonstrate yearly progress in Annual Performance Reviews (APR) of their State Performance Plans (SPP) towards performance indicators in nine areas related to early childhood outcomes. Part C has 14 indicators and Part B has 20 indicators on the SPP/APR. All states must have an improvement plan which typically includes professional development activities.

The content, activities and resources of **Module 2: Transition** can be used by professional development providers to help states make progress towards the following **OSEP Indicators**:

#### Part C – Indicator 8: Part C to Part B Transition

Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:

- A. IFSPs with transition steps and services;
- B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and
- C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

#### Part B – Indicator 12: Part C to Part B Transition

Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

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# Online Instructor Support: Help with aligning CONNECT Modules activities with NAEYC's ECADA

NAEYC A.A.S. Accreditation Standards	CONNECT Activities Learning Opportunities	EDUC 230: Young Children with Special Needs Course Assessments
<b>Standard 2: Building Family and Community Relationships</b> Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships		
<b>2a:</b> Knowing about and understanding family and community characteristics	<b>Video 4.2-</b> Family Viewpoint (Single father describing his challenges and the community in which he is raising his children)  <b>Video 4.4-</b> Home Visits	Parent Interview Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group
<b>2b:</b> Supporting and empowering families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships	<b>Video 4.2-</b> Starting a Relationship <b>Handout 4.2</b>	Parent Interview Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group
<b>2c:</b> Involving families and communities in their children's development and learning	<b>Activities 4a through 4.7:</b> and Handout 4.3	Parent Interview Exams, Quizzes Disability Report Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group

Grausam, N. (2011), Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, PA College of Technology, EDU 230- Young Children with Special Needs Course Syllabus

# Online Instructor Support: Discussion board

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/discussions/discussions/connect-modules>

## CONNECT Modules: Using CONNECT Modules to teach graduate students how they can use evidence based practices

### Embedding Module 1 into a College Course

Posted by [Johnna Darraugh](#) at Jun 21, 2010 | [Permalink](#)  
Filed under: [CONNECT Modules](#)

Learn how one faculty embedded Module 1 into both online and face-to-face classes as well as both early childhood and early childhood special education classes.

CONNECT Modules are designed using an evidence-based practice approach to professional development. Module 1: Embedded Interventions includes over 20 videos activities, and handouts. This month, instructors from both college and in-service training settings share how they incorporated Module 1 into their professional development activities. Your questions and comments are invited.

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### CONNECT Modules: Using Module 4 Family-Professional Partnerships to Enhance Students' Understanding of Families and the NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards



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### New CONNECT Module on Transition Supports National EC Priorities

Posted by [Early Childhood Community](#) at Aug 13, 2010 | [Permalink](#)

Transitions can be times for both opportunity and stress for all of us. Transitions are often moments where we need additional information to make good decisions as well as support from family, friends, and others as we take on new risks and challenges. Young children and families are no different - a toddler who has stayed at home with his family and is about to enroll in preschool or a preschooler who is preparing for kindergarten - all require sensitive planning to support the child and family.

A new CONNECT Module addresses these transitions for young children with disabilities and their families. Designed to be embedded into college courses as well as in-service training, this module outlines early childhood research and policy that should be considered in transition planning. Further, specific tools designed to enhance practice both in home visits and in classroom settings are provided. This module is particularly timely as new efforts to improve early care and education are increasingly focused on planning for transition and improving collaboration among early childhood programs.

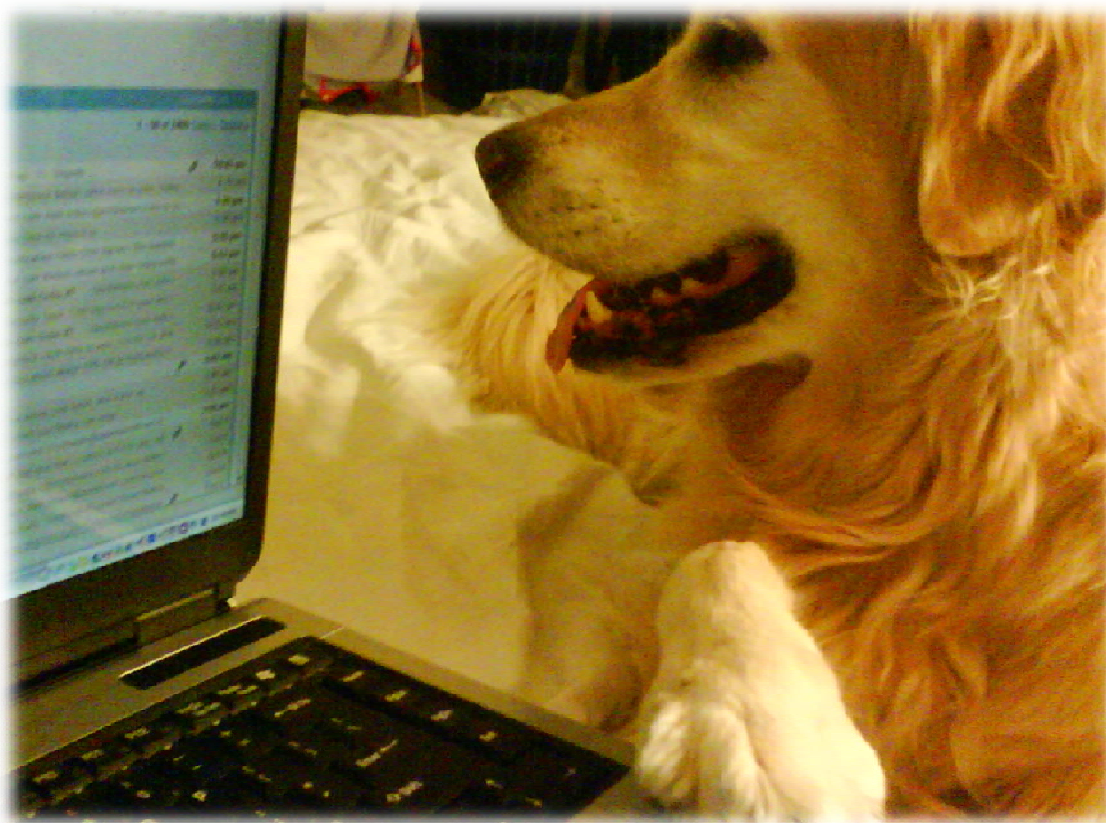


Dr. Rena Hallam, Associate Professor in the Department of Child & Family Studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville

and usefulness of the module for her and



Nancy Grausam, Pennsylvania College of Technology



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## Announcements

### OSEP Offers RFP Opportunity for Community Colleges

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has announced a new RFP focused on improving the quality of paraprofessional preservice programs. [Read More](#)

### CONNECT Modules Instructor Webinar Series Webinar Recordings Posted

Hear faculty share their tips and experiences using CONNECT Modules in a variety of ways. [View Recordings](#)

## Current Online Discussions

### CONNECT Modules

#### Using Module 4 Family-Professional Partnerships to Enhance Student Learning Standards

Posted by Nancy Grausam

Nancy Grausam from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Health Sciences shared the usefulness of the module for her and her learners.

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# Ongoing Enhancements

### Getting Started with CONNECT Modules

New to CONNECT Modules? We invite you to view a 4-minute overview of CONNECT and learn how to get started. [View About CONNECT Modules Video](#) | [All Instructions](#)



"The module was useful to both me and my students. The students appreciated the handouts. I liked the ease of the module. The information was all at my fingertips. The information was critical for early childhood preservice teachers to know."

Cindy Ryan, Instructor  
Department of Education  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



"CONNECT had had a very positive effect on my group of interns this semester. It has made learning about inclusion almost like a first-hand experience. I saw evidence of students' critical thinking in the activities that I did not always see in their reflective journals."

Dr. Patricia M. Gabel, Associate Professor  
Early Childhood Education  
Northampton Community College

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# Ongoing Enhancements: Improved accessibility

## Video Example



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### Video 2.3: Highlights of a Home Visit

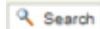
A home visit by a receiving teacher before the child starts preschool to build rapport, gather information and share information about what the first day of school will be like. (running time: 3 min, 2 sec.)

[video transcript](#) [video download \(50.3mb\)](#) [video help](#)

# Ongoing Enhancements: Proposed visual design of CONNECT Modules homepage

## CONNECT Modules

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### MODULES

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### New to CONNECT Modules?

Preview a module  
View overview of modules  
Browse module resources

### QUICK LINKS

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### Current Online Discussions



#### CONNECT Modules Getting Started Q&A

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### News and Announcements

#### CONNECT Modules Instructor Webinar Series Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 3pm EST

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- FPG Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina
- Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky
- Beach Center on Disability, University of Kansas
- Office of Special Education Programs

# Face to face opportunities: Come Join Us

**CEC 2011** April 25-28 (M-Th)  
**CONVENTION & EXPO**  
NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

April 28, 9.45-11.45 am

Demonstration presentation on how to use the 5-step learning cycle by:



Virginia Buysse  
University of  
North Carolina



Susan Fowler  
University of Illinois –  
Urbana-Champaign

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# Face to face opportunities: Come Join Us

**naeyc** PDI

Providence, Rhode Island, June 12, 2-4 pm EST.

Presentation on infusing diversity and inclusion into NAEYC  
Professional Preparation Standards by CONNECT staff  
&



Alison Lutton  
NAEYC Senior Director  
Higher Education  
Accreditation &  
Program Support



Nancy Grausam  
Assistant Professor  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology



Susan Fowler  
Professor  
University of Illinois at  
Champaign-Urbana



Johnna Darragh  
Professor  
Heartland  
Community College



# Face to face opportunities: Come Join Us



**Pre-conference workshop**  
**November 16, 2011, National Harbor, MD**



**CONNECT Team plus:**

**Faculty Team:** Pip Campbell (Thomas Jefferson University),  
Susan Fowler (University of Illinois- Champaign-Urbana),  
Rena Hallam (University of Delaware), Sharon Palsha  
(University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)



# Webinars

## CONNECT Modules: Instructor Webinar Series - Introduction to Free Early Childhood Modules on Key Topics

### CONNECT Modules: Instructor Webinar Series - Faculty Share Their Tips and Experiences Using CONNECT Modules



tags: [CONNECT Modules](#)

Materials related to the webinar on February 4, 2011 co-sponsored by CONNECT and NAEYC. Four faculty shared how they are using CONNECT modules in a variety of ways.

#### Watch the webinar recording!

**Introduction:** Alison Lutton, Senior Director, NAEYC Higher Education Accreditation & Support, shares her perspectives on the usefulness and relevance of CONNECT Modules. [Watch Recording](#)

#### Examples:

<b>Johnna Darragh</b> Professor Heartland Community College	<b>Susan Fowler</b> Professor and Former Dean of College of Education University of Illinois at Champaign- Urbana	<b>Nancy Grausam</b> Assistant Professor Pennsylvania College of Technology	<b>Nadya Pancsofar</b> Assistant Professor The College of New Jersey
			
Johnna shares how she's used Module 2: Transition with her Associate's degree students.	Susan shares how she's used Module 3: Communication for Collaboration with her graduate level students.	Nancy shares how she's used Module 1: Embedded Interventions with her Associate's degree students.	Nadya shares how she's used Module 1: Embedded Interventions with both her Bachelor's and Master's degree students.

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/resources/presentations/connect-modules-instructor-webinar-series-01-2011>

A low-angle shot of two hands reaching upwards towards a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The hand on the left is a light skin tone with a silver ring on the ring finger. The hand on the right is a darker skin tone, also with a silver ring on the ring finger, and is wearing a dark blue sleeve. The hands are positioned as if they are about to clasp or are reaching for something high in the sky.

# **RESPONDING TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND NEED FOR SUPPORT**

- Responses to requests we  
got from survey**
- Other questions**

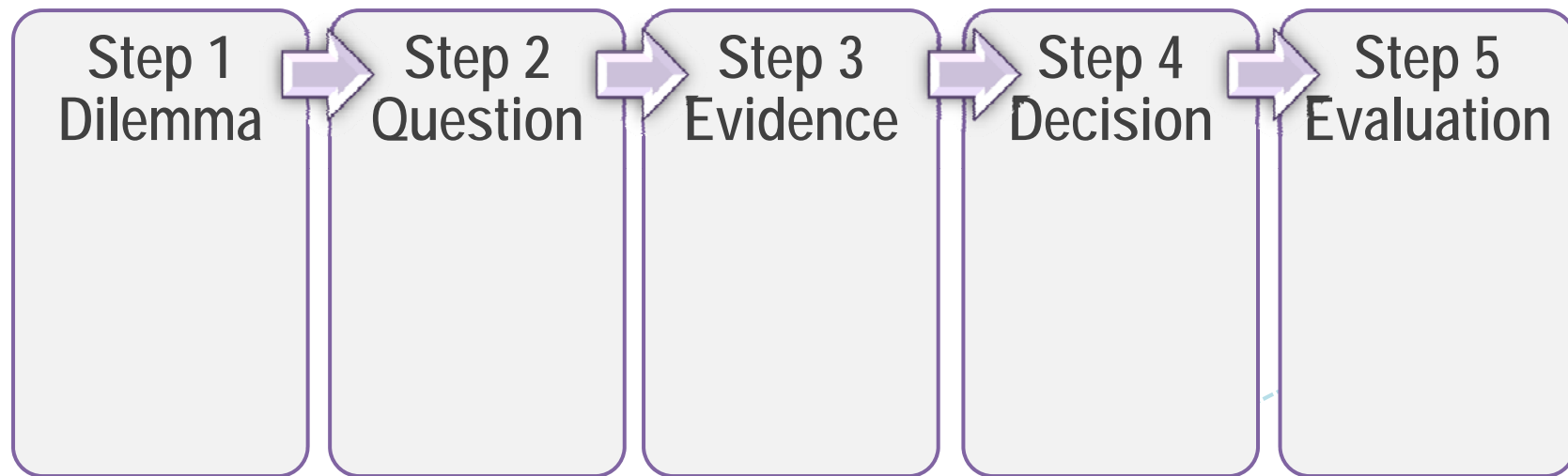
# Questions from Pre-Webinar Survey

1. Can you please provide some guidance on deciding on priority content?
2. How can I develop my own PD curriculum based on the 5-step learning cycle?

## 3 Tips for Using the Modules

1. Use the 5-step learning cycle
2. Focus on core activities
3. Prepare and facilitate

# 1. Use the 5-Step Learning Cycle



**5 Step Learning Cycle - Process for Making Evidence-Based Practice Decisions**

## 2. Focus on core activities

### A. Consider Perspectives and Contexts

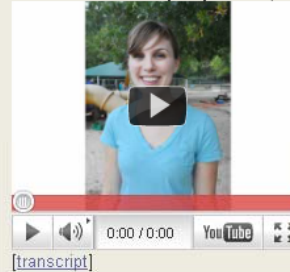
Step 3 provided an opportunity to consider general sources of evidence about engaging in partnership-oriented practices in order to develop trusting partnerships with families. Now you will need to think about what you learned in Step 3 in light of China and Aaron's unique situation. To help you understand the contexts further, listen to their perspectives.

Use the information from these perspectives to describe the unique contexts in which this dilemma occurs in [Activity 4.11a](#).

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#### Audio

##### Audio 4.7: China's perspective (little Aaron's teacher)



##### Audio 4.8: Aaron's perspective (little Aaron's father)



#### Check Your Knowledge

##### Core Activity

[Activity 4.11a: Consider the unique contexts](#)

Core activities



### 3. Prepare and facilitate



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KEY!

# Example of PD Planning Template

## Matrix for Planning & Developing Professional Development for Module 3- Communication for Collaboration

Steps	Suggested Activities (WG = Whole group, SG= Small Group, P= Partners, I=Individual)	Materials/Resources	Suggested Time
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Welcome and explanation of objectives</li> <li>o Introduce the 5 Steps of Decision-Making and the definition of Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) using the PowerPoint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o LCD Projector, screen, PowerPoint</li> </ul>	5-10 minutes
Step 1: Dilemma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Show the videos of Shawanda and Ashley (WG) <a href="http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-3/step-1">http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-3/step-1</a></li> <li>o Turn and Talk- Points of View for each person (P). Jot down on chart paper.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o LCD Projector, screen, working internet, speakers, chart paper titled "What's the dilemma?", markers, PowerPoint</li> </ul> <p>*** Be sure to check your equipment's ability to connect to the internet, the computer's ability to run the necessary applications (QuickTime, etc), and the LCD projector <i>before</i> presenting***</p>	15-20 minutes
Step 2: Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Explain how to create an answerable and researchable question from the dilemma using the PICO method (WG)</li> <li>o Show the empty PowerPoint PICO chart.</li> <li>o Choose: WG- Create group's own question or WG- Use the completed PICO chart on the PowerPoint <a href="http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-3/step-2">http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-3/step-2</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o LCD Projector, screen, PowerPoint, chart paper entitled "Answerable Question"</li> </ul> <p>* Optional: Activity sheet 3.2a</p>	10 minutes

How can I develop my own  
PD curriculum based on  
the 5-step learning cycle?



# Tool for developing your own PD curriculum using the 5-step learning cycle

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National Professional Development Center on Inclusion

## Planning Guide and Implementation Plan for Evidence-Based Professional Development

**WHO** are the learners and PD providers?

- Characteristics of the learners: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Characteristics of the PD providers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**WHAT** is the content of the PD (what learners should know and be able to do)?

- Definition of the practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- Standards and competencies that support the practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Content Resources to provide the PD: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Based on NPDCI conceptual framework on PD and CONNECT's 5-step learning cycle

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## Other Questions



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## Post-Webinar Follow-up Email:

- Webinar evaluation
- Webinar materials