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An email update from the National Professional Development Center on Inclusion and CONNECT: The Center to Mobilize Early Childhood Knowledge.

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Announcements

CONNECT Modules Instructor Webinar, Thursday, December 16th, 3pm EST.

Looking for resources to use in your coursework, practica or other professional development opportunities?

Join us for a 30-minute introductory overview of free, web-based CONNECT Modules. Modules include: Embedded Interventions, Transition, Communication for Collaboration, and Family-Professional Partnerships. Hear about the variety of ways you can use the modules.

[Click Here for Free Registration](#)

Online Discussions

Be a Blogger! We invite you to share your story about using CONNECT Modules or NPDCI resources. [Contact us](#)

NPDCI State Work

Real World Applications: Virginia use of the Landscape Survey by Shelly deFosset

The results from the Landscape are being used to shape a cross-sector system of early childhood professional development in Virginia.

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Communities of Practice and Technology by Jonathan Green

Please join us for a discussion about the use of technology for facilitating communities of practice. No comment or reply is too small!

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CONNECT Modules

Using CONNECT Modules to teach graduate students how they can use evidence-based practices by Susan Fowler

Susan Fowler, Professor in Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, shares some of her insights on using

Module 3: Communication for Collaboration to teach about evidence-based practice.

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Resources

- **The Landscape: A Statewide Survey for Providers of Professional Development in Early Childhood**

The Landscape was designed to help state agency administrators who need information about what is happening in early childhood professional development (PD) activities across sectors. The information gathered by *The Landscape* can be used to describe who the learners are, what professional development content they receive, and how learners acquire core competencies and get support to apply what they learn in practice. See *The Landscape* survey and *All About the Landscape* for additional information.

- **CONNECT Modules**

CONNECT Modules are free, online and designed using an evidence-based approach to professional development. Resources include video clips, activities, and handouts. The modules focus on teaching and intervening effectively with young children in a variety of early learning environments and inclusive settings and are designed to be embedded into existing professional development curricula.

- **Module 1: Embedded Interventions**
Learn about the practice of embedded interventions to help children participate in a variety of early learning opportunities and environments promoting high quality inclusion. (Spanish version also available)
- **Module 2: Transition**
Learn about practices to help support children and families as they transition among programs in the early care and education system.
- **Module 3: Communication for Collaboration**
Learn about communication practices that can be used to promote collaboration with professionals and families in early care and education, and intervention settings.
- **Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships**
Learn about effective practices for developing trusting family-professional partnerships in early care and education programs.

"Word of Mouse"

Your word is better than ours. Forward this issue to a colleague and let them know about the work our community is doing.

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