Sunsetting Levels II and III of the Colorado Coaching Credential

WHAT

The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Human Services will be sunsetting Levels II and III of the Colorado Coaching Credential beginning March 1, 2020. We will continue to issue the Level I Coaching Credential.

WHY

The Departments and their coaching stakeholders have been assessing a variety of different ways to support coaches. Throughout the assessment, it became clear that for a Credential to reach its potential, another system partner has to require or incentivize it. The Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care (EQ) Initiative continue to require a current Coaching Credential at any level. However, there are currently no other system partners incentivizing the achievement of Levels II and III. With that, we have decided not to dedicate resources toward issuing Levels II and III and eliminate it.

WHO

This will apply to all early childhood professionals in Colorado.

WHEN

We will not accept Level II and III Coaching Credential applications past March 1, 2020. Applications for Level II or Level III received by March 1, 2020 will be reviewed and awarded (if approved).

A NOTE TO CURRENT LEVEL II AND III COACHES

Thank you for your dedication to the profession! Your Level II or III Coaching Credential is still a formal recognition of your expertise and is valid until it expires. We will maintain records of these Credentials until they expire.
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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