

# The Professional Development Information System (PDIS)

## WHAT

The Professional Development Information System (PDIS) is a web-based system supporting career development for Colorado's early childhood workforce. It will track training and education, provide professional development (both online self-paced and face to face), and help individuals choose professional development according to their competency level, their professional development goals, their job role and their geographic location. One of the highlights of the PDIS is that it will calculate Credential level and pass this, along with other relevant information, to the system that supports the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System.

## WHY

Strengthening and supporting early childhood professionals is critical to young children's success! Children who are nurtured and taught by sensitive and well-trained teachers and caregivers are more likely to progress toward both developmental and academic goals and are more ready to enter kindergarten. The PDIS will support early childhood professionals in multiple ways throughout their career.

## WHO

The PDIS is designed to support a variety of early childhood professionals at all levels of experience and education. Whether you are a center-based professional, a family child care professional, a public school teacher, or a FFN (family, friend, or neighbor) care provider, the PDIS has something for you! Professionals working in programs that decide to progress in the new QRIS will be required to register in the PDIS. Professionals whose programs do not decide to progress in the new QRIS can still use the PDIS.

## WHERE

Go to [ecpd.costartstrong.org](http://ecpd.costartstrong.org) to get started. You'll find many resources here to support your professional development journey!

Need assistance? Contact the PDIS Help Desk at 1.844.447.4441 Option 2 or [PDISHelp@cde.state.co.us](mailto:PDISHelp@cde.state.co.us)

## 'Five Steps to PDIS Success'

- Registration
  - Demographic info
  - Employment info
- Coursework
  - Online self-paced
  - Face to face
  - Hybrid
- The Early Childhood Professional Credential
  - Formal Ed
  - Training
  - Experience
  - Demonstrated Competency
- Individual Competency Self-Assessment
  - Discover strengths and areas of growth
- Individual Professional Development Plan
  - Suggestions and resources
  - Professional goals, actions, status, etc.

