



Considerations about EarlyEdU Alliance™ for State Teams

EarlyEdU Alliance™ is committed to increasing access to affordable bachelor's degrees in early childhood education, particularly for those already working in the field. We recognize that different states have different needs and requirements. So here are some questions to consider as you think about your state's partnership with EarlyEdU:

- What institutions of higher education (IHEs) play an important role in educating my state's early childhood workforce?
- What IHEs in my state serve working early childhood teachers who are trying to complete their bachelor's degrees?
- What community colleges in my state have articulation agreements with 4-year institutions where students can earn bachelor's degrees in early childhood education?
- What higher education programs in my state are interested in competency-based coursework that gives current and future teachers experience with evidence-based teaching practices?
- What local or state-wide organizations could partner with and support institutions belonging to the EarlyEdU Alliance?
- Are there any IHEs that could offer credit for an EarlyEdU course delivered by my state?

Here are some suggestions for working with EarlyEdU to strengthen your state's early childhood workforce:

- Find a point person on your staff to liaise with the EarlyEdU Alliance. The point person can help get the word out in your state about EarlyEdU options for early childhood professionals to complete their bachelor's degrees.
- Work to provide scholarships and incentives for early childhood professionals who want to take EarlyEdU courses to count toward their bachelor's degrees.
- Encourage the IHEs in your state that serve working teachers to join the EarlyEdU Alliance.
- Support the development of articulation agreements between Alliance community colleges and 4-year IHEs that offer bachelor's degrees in early childhood education.
- Build relationships with local organizations that can support Alliance IHEs and working teachers trying to complete their bachelor's degrees.

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