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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Administrators, Teachers, and Coaches of Kindergarten
From: Cary A. Booker, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Early Childhood Services (DECS)

Kindergarten Consortium

To accompany the *Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines* guidance document and resources on the DECS webpage, educators of kindergarten are invited to participate in a *Kindergarten Consortium* to support developmentally appropriate practices (DAP). These sessions will reflect topics, research, and sections in the 2024 NJDOE *Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines*. The document is located on the DECS [P-3 Alignment webpage](#).

The guidelines are intended to advance a comprehensive and seamless educational continuum from preschool through grade three (P–3) in New Jersey’s school districts. School districts are encouraged to use the guidelines as a springboard for discussion and action, ensuring that kindergarten is a developmentally appropriate place for teaching and learning in New Jersey’s preschool through grade twelve education system.

Kindergarten Consortium Virtual Overview Trainings 2025

Audience: *Educators of Kindergarten who will turn-key information within district.*

The participant that registers for this consortium is encouraged to attend all four virtual sessions to turn-key the information in their district.

Time: 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Session 1: February 7, 2025: *Understanding Young Learners in Kindergarten*

Session 2: March 7, 2025: *P-3 Continuum & Transitions*

Session 3: April 8, 2025: *Play & Kindergarten Centers*

Session 4: May 16, 2025: *Standards Based Kindergarten Instruction & Parent and Family Engagement*

Please register for this consortium through the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#).

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