NAEYC Accreditation Cohort Opportunity

Maine Roads to Quality Early Care and Education Professional Development Network (MRTQ) is pleased to announce a unique opportunity for 20 center-based child care programs to join in a cohort to meet the accreditation standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This opportunity is being made available thanks to the generous contribution of the John T. Gorman Foundation. Please read the following information to learn more and to see if your program would be eligible for selection.

NAEYC COHORT DESIGN

- Programs will receive training and technical assistance provided by a Cohort Facilitator. Information regarding the NAEYC Accreditation process can be found through a link at MRTQ’s website: http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads/accreditation/center.htm
- Training will be provided in the form of a ten module online course to begin in February 2015 designed to support the understanding and work involved in the accreditation process, as well as monthly cohort meetings. Training hours will be awarded for participation.
- Technical assistance will be provided beyond the course in the form of on-site visits and additional individualized program support.
- Staff from any program participating in the cohort will have the opportunity to take part in an online course on environments which will be offered several times during the cohort period.
- Programs will be eligible for mini-grant funds once each cohort member and an additional staff member completes the course on environments. Funding awards will be made in conjunction with technical assistance.
- $1200 provided towards accreditation fees available.

Duration of the cohort will be February 2015 through June 2016.

TO QUALIFY FOR SELECTION TO THIS STATEWIDE NAEYC ACCREDITATION COHORT

- Program administrators must be able to devote a minimum of 8 hours of their time monthly to this cohort.
- Complete NAEYC Cohort Application
- All staff must be members of Maine Roads to Quality’s Professional Development Registry. To ensure that staff entries in the MRTQ Registry are updated and complete, they may access the Online Registry at https://mrtq.musk.usm.maine.edu/
- Programs should currently be at a STEP 3 on Maine’s Quality Rating System, Quality for ME. Exceptions may be made for those close to Step 3. Please contact Lee at 626-5204 to discuss assistance with moving toward Step 3.

Participant selection will take place in late January, 2015 by the MRTQ Advisory Committee.

Selected cohort participants will be informed by February 1, 2015.

Programs may receive site visits to determine selection status. Joining this cohort does not guarantee accreditation.

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