

University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

CT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

The goal of the CT Leadership Academy is to create leaders in early childhood intervention who will provide innovation and sustained leadership to the CT Part C and Part B (619) system under IDEA. The program focuses on **competencies (below)** that are illustrated by speakers, learning activities, and a capstone project.

Foundation Leadership:

- Self-Knowledge
- Law and Policy
- Early Learning and Pedagogy
- Professional Ethics

Administrative Leadership:

- Communication and Collaboration
- Part C and Part B (619) Requirements
- System Implementation

Strategic Leadership:

- Leading Others
- Strategic Thinking and Planning
- System Change

The academy class is 2.5 hours a week via zoom for a year, beginning in January. In the spring, we will assess the feasibility of meeting monthly for one full day in person. Participants will help determine the schedule. A stipend is available for those who complete the program.

WHAT SOME OF OUR GRADUATES SHARED ABOUT THE ACADEMY:

As a public school preschool teacher, collaborating with and learning from Birth to Three providers was invaluable.
- Paige True, Head Teacher, B-3 Transition Coordinator, Early Childhood Center at BP Mission, New London Public Schools

The program is fast-paced, yet engaging and thought provoking. It created a place where all involved were able to grow their knowledge in our field.

- Shelley McCone, Kindergarten Teacher, Maple Street School Preschool Program Specialist

This course provided me incredible insight and knowledge from guest presenters. I had networking opportunities with other providers that enhanced my ability to make systemic change to better serve families and children.

- Kristina Gilbertie, MS SpEd, BCBA, LBA-CT, Rehabilitation Associates of CT, Inc., Director-Birth to Three Services

The content was relative to my everyday work and the vast knowledge I was able to take away from this class was far more than I ever expected to learn. You will not be disappointed in your experience!"

- Stephanie McClellan, MS, CCC/SLP, Birth to Three Coordinator, American School for the Deaf

Please use the following link for the CT Leadership Application by December 10, 2021:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFGP9GC>

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Madera at (860)679-5518 or email smadera@uchc.edu

