



Lakes Country Service Cooperative

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Dear Superintendent,

There has been a lot of focus recently on aligning PreK to K-3 efforts. With the recent release of the newly revised Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIP) standards, we need to get focused on revising curriculum. Lakes Country Service Cooperative (LCSC) is inviting your Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) staff to join the FY20 ECFE Consortium to dig into the ECIPs as well as process effective evidence-based ways to educate our youngest student population.

Whether your staff is experienced, long-term teachers or recent graduates, a broad range of services are available to your district through the ECFE Consortium. The general services include:

- Five to seven consortium meetings scheduled from September – May. Teachers have the opportunity to network, collaborate, share resources and learn current research and hear presenters on current topics.
- Coordinators and teachers receive information on current legislation that affects early childhood and family education programs.
- Workshops that present model programs, research, and evidence-based parent, family and early education.

As added value, your membership to LCSC’s ECFE Consortium will also include services from our Regional ECFE Coordinator, who will:

- Observe, support, and mentor new staff.
- Provide assistance to new staff in all facets of programming including marketing, budgets, program planning, curriculum choice and identifying community resources.
- Provide assistance in resolving problems or conflicts.
- Respond to the individual needs of districts and staff.
- Visit each consortium site when requested.
- Disseminate information on scientifically-based research in the field of early and family education.
- Partner with the MN Department of Education, MNAFEE, West Central Initiative and others to provide professional development in Region IV.
- Serve as a liaison for professional parent and family organizations.

The fee to belong to Lakes Country Service Cooperative’s ECFE consortium is \$995 per district plus 55 cents per capita on the 0-4 census.

If you have any questions about joining our ECFE Consortium, please contact me at jnelson@lcsc.org or contact our Regional ECFE Coordinator at bachter@lcsc.org.

Sincerely,

Josh Nelson
Director of Educational Programs

FY20 Lakes Country Service Cooperative’s ECFE Consortium Membership

Please check one of the following options and return to Josh Nelson by **April 15, 2019**.

YES, _____ Public School will be a member of LCSC’s ECFE Consortium in FY20.

NO, _____ Public School will not be a member of LCSC’s ECFE Consortium in FY20.

Superintendent Signature

Date