



A note from the TARSS team

It has been a busy summer! In addition to running Course Writer trainings, implementing our first round of TOTs, and preparing for the launch of the Trainer Academy, we've also moved! CEED, the home of the TARSS program, is now back on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota campus with offices alongside our colleagues at the Institute for Child Development (ICD). Our new address is 51 E. River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

With the big move behind us, our team is making it a point to enjoy the waning days of this lovely Minnesota summer. We hope you have been finding time to relax and enjoy, too!

RBPD Fall Retreat

Reset, reenergize, and reconnect at the RBPD Fall Retreat! This event will be held IN PERSON on Friday, November 4, at the Maple Grove Community Center. The venue is located at 12951 Weaver Lake Road in Maple Grove, MN.

This year, our focus is on resetting our coaching mindsets, reenergizing our practices, and reconnecting with each other. Registration information is coming soon!

Trainer Academy

Register for our next Trainer Academy info session on [September 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom](#). Not sure if Trainer Academy is right for you? Take a look at our decision tree! (Click through for a text version on our website.)





Upcoming trainings

We're pleased to announce that we have a limited number of spots in each of the following Course Writer and Adult Learning trainings at a **scholarship rate of \$25**. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for these trainings please email tarss@umn.edu for the application.

Course Writer trainings

Course Writer: Design Skills

Cost \$100

This course is for early education professionals with a Career Lattice Step 9d or higher. It is required for Course Writer Membership.

- Learn how the basic elements of adult learning theory impact course design
- Learn to draft measurable learning objectives for adults
- Identify strategies and techniques that support adult learning acquisition, retention, and application

This 3-hour course is a live online event delivered via Zoom. After you complete the course your attendance will register in Develop within 3 business days.

[View upcoming training dates](#)

Course Writer: Crafting and Drafting a Course

Cost \$100

This course is for early education professionals with a Career Lattice Step 9d or higher who would like to become course writers.

Participants learn to describe each of the five steps of the course writing process. They also learn to link learning objectives directly to specific KCF indicators. The course includes an opportunity to practice these skills by crafting an outline for a draft of a potential course.

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Adult Learning Modules

TARSS uses a learning management system called Canvas where participants can access all the module materials.

Adult Learning Module 1: Delivery Skills

- Blended online design: self-paced modules with live Zoom sessions
- 8 hours Develop-approved
- Cost: Live or work in Minnesota: \$100. Live and work outside of Minnesota: \$200

In this module, participants will become well equipped to deliver pre-designed curriculums. The module discusses trainer competencies, adult learning basics, and facilitation skills. It also considers the impact of culture, communication, and presence on training effectiveness. The module design also includes a Personal Development Plan (PDP) built into each section to enhance the transfer of learning and encourage self-reflection.

[Register for September 30–October 23](#) with live chats on Tuesdays, October 4, 11 and 18 from 6–6:45 p.m.

Adult Learning Module 2: Design Skills

- Blended online design: self-paced modules with live Zoom sessions
- 8 hours Develop-approved
- Cost: Live or work in Minnesota: \$100. Live and work outside of Minnesota: \$200

This module will introduce the principles of content-based training design. Participants will develop training objectives, discuss the use of the learning cycle in training design, and consider evaluation strategies for measuring the effectiveness of a training session. Participants apply their knowledge using Achieve's Course Approval process.

[Register for October 28–November 13](#) with live chats on Wednesdays, November 2, 9, and 16, 6–6:45 p.m.

Resource refresh

Achieve has recently released the newly updated [Trainer Membership Companion Guide](#)! In addition to information about trainer types, it also includes information about using Develop to schedule training events and enter attendance.

What we're reading

- [Ten Tips for Cultivating Creativity, from the Director of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at MIT](#) (Mitchel Resnick, *The MIT Press Reader*)
- [Protecting Children from the Pandemic's Impacts Requires That We Support Their Parents](#) (Ann Masten, PhD, *Child and Family Blog*)
- [Why Repeating Yourself Is a Good Thing](#) (Adam Grant)

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