



# The Source

News and updates from the TARSS program



College of Education and Human Development

## A note from the TARSS team

We're celebrating the one-year anniversary of the first issue of The Source, our monthly newsletter! Looking for past issues? You can find them [on our website](#).

Next week we'll be hosting the [RBPD Fall Retreat](#) in Maple Grove, MN. We're so excited to be back in person to connect with everyone. With more than 100 people registered for the event and an excellent lineup of sessions, it's sure to be a nourishing professional development experience.



## Meet Daisy Corona

We're excited to share a Q & A with Daisy Corona, TARSS community program assistant, in which she shares information about her role supporting trainers and RBPD specialists throughout Minnesota.

[Read more](#)

## Course Writer Membership required courses

### [Minnesota Course Writer Orientation Module](#)

Cost: Free

This free course is for early education professionals with a Career Lattice Step 9d or higher who would like to become course writers. Course writers write approved trainings in the early education field.

[Register](#)

### [Course Writer: Design Skills](#)

Cost: \$100

- 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. It is required for Course Writer Membership. After you complete the course your attendance will appear in Develop within 3 business days.

[See upcoming dates and register](#)

### [Course Writer: Crafting and Drafting a Course](#)

Cost: \$100

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.

This 3-hour course is a live online event. It is required for Course Writer Membership. After you complete the course your attendance will appear in Develop within 3 business days.

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## Trainer orientations

[Minnesota Trainer Orientation Module 1 and Module 2](#)

Cost: Free

2 clock hours, self-paced online, no prerequisites

These free, on-demand courses are for individuals who would like to become an approved trainer in Minnesota and for those who are renewing their Trainer Membership.

[Learn more and register for Module 1](#)

[Learn more and register for Module 2](#)

### Resource refresh

The Minnesota Knowledge and Competency Frameworks (KCFs) are foundational resources that trainers and RBPD specialists should use to guide their work with Minnesota's Early Educators. Find the three KCFs on the [Minnesota Department of Education website](#).

### What we're reading

- [Bonus Checks! One Year Free! How States Are Trying to Fix a Broken Child Care System](#) (NPR)
- [Atomic Habits: An Easy and Proven Way to Build Good Habits and Break Bad Ones](#) by James Clear
- [The Benefits of Daydreaming](#) (Elizabeth Cox, TED-Ed)

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