



A note from the TARSS team

As we look forward to the new year, we are excited about launching our [Professional Learning Communities](#), planning the upcoming Trainer and RBPD Symposium, and expanding our team with the addition of a new Implementation Specialist. We invite you to join us in taking stock of all your successes over the past year and in anticipating new opportunities for growth in 2023. We wish all our readers a happy New Year!

Save the date for the Trainer and RBPD Specialist Symposium May 5–7, 2023!

The Trainer and RBPD Specialist Symposium is a retreat-style gathering of trainers and RBPD specialists from throughout Minnesota. **The 2023 event will take place May 5–7, 2023 in the Brainerd Lakes area.** In previous newsletters, we linked to a survey asking what topics you would like to learn about at the Symposium. Thank you to the 27 people who took the time to respond to the survey!

The [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) for the Symposium is now open for submissions! Are you willing to share your expertise and experience? To spark your creativity, here are topics of interest shared by our survey respondents:

- Diversity, equity and inclusion (for both coaches and trainers)
- Recommended practices for online and live training
- Accessibility considerations for trainers
- Supporting professional adult relationships for coaches
- CLASS® coaching
- Handling ethical dilemmas in coaching

Do you have another idea for a session? Describe it in your [RFP submission!](#) We are also looking for sessions presented in languages other than English. Sessions are two hours long and presenters are compensated \$200 per session

[Submit a proposal](#)

SUID/AHT TOT: Se busca instructores (trainers) bilingües!

Este TOT prepara a los instructores para enseñar el curso SUID/AHT. SUID/AHT son los siglos en inglés y significa: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death y Abusive Head Trauma. Este curso es más bien conocido como la muerte súbita inesperada infantil y el curso del síndrome del bebé sacudido. El TOT dura 6 horas e incluye clase en línea y presencial. Después de completar el TOT, los instructores recibirán los materiales para enseñar el curso SUID/AHT. Cualquier duda, mande un email a tarss@umn.edu.

[Aprende más información](#)

Last call for applications to the Professional Learning Communities!

Applications for [TARSS Professional Learning Communities](#) (PLCs) close today, December 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.! **There is still time to submit your application via our simple web form, which takes only a few minutes to complete.** Applicants will be notified by January 6, 2023.

Learn more about this opportunity for professional growth and [apply today!](#)

Work with TARSS

We are seeking applications for the position of Implementation Specialist. This exciting role will include creating and leading programs that serve Minnesota's trainer and RBPB specialist community. The Implementation Specialist will develop and manage online learning communities, trainings, and observation programs, in addition to providing coaching.

Interested? Search the [UMN job board](#) for **Job ID 353082** and apply today!

NEW! Technology for Trainers

Join us for a FREE Develop-approved training on January 21, 2023, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Participants will learn about using technology to organize training materials like Powerpoints. We will also discuss must-have hardware for in-person trainings (for example, what cords to bring). This training is limited to 20 participants. This is a great training to take if using technology isn't an integral part of your daily work!

[Register now](#)

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](#)

NEW DATES: Adult Learning Modules

Adult Learning Modules 1 and 2 help trainers meet the 12 hours of training about adult learning required for trainer approval in Minnesota. You must complete both modules to meet this requirement.

[Adult Learning Module 1: Delivery Skills](#) and [Module 2: Design Skills](#)

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

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

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

Resource refresh

The Center for Early Education and Development is releasing a new series of free [Tip Sheets for early childhood professionals](#). Each topic has an Introducing It Tip Sheet with background information and an Applying It Tip Sheet with practical strategies.

Our first Tip Sheets address stress behaviors in young children. [Download these free resources](#) and share them with your colleagues in early childhood!

What we're reading

- [Advancing a Racial Equity Action Plan for Parent Aware: Minnesota's Quality Rating & Improvement System](#)
- [Hold That Thought: Why Students Need Time to Think and Process During Lessons](#) (Lauren Barack, K-12 Dive)
- [Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less](#) (Greg McKeown)

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