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A note from the TARSS team

We hope that everyone has been able to find a slice of joy in this lovely Minnesota summer! In the month since our first in-person conference, we've been busy launching a new round of Professional Learning Communities for New Trainers and Course Writers as well as a Training of Trainers for the RBPD Credential. We've also wrapped up this fiscal year's reports. In addition, we hosted our first round of listening sessions for trainers who work in multilingual communities. Now on to data analysis!

NEW Course Writer Workspace

Join us on August 12 at Southdale Library in Edina from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for **our first Course Writer Workspace**! Approved Course Writers are invited to stop by and get to know each other–and settle in to get some work done on your trainings! Members of the TARSS team will be available to answer broad questions about elements of course writing, including giving limited feedback on your training. Please note, we cannot tell you whether or not your course will be approved by Achieve.

The Course Writer Workspace is for approved Course Writers only. If you want to learn more about becoming a Course Writer, email us at tarss@umn.edu.

Sign up to attend **by August 7.** This event is **free**.

Fall RBPD Retreat: content survey

Calling all RBPD specialists! We've developed a short survey to learn about the sessions you'd most like to see at the 2023 Retreat. We hope you'll take a moment to let us know!

Fill out the survey

Train for Child Care Aware

Child Care Aware of Minnesota is recruiting trainers across the state! Learn more about becoming a trainer for Child Care Aware of MN by checking out their web page, emailing becomeatrainer@childcareawaremn.org, or reaching out to your local Professional Development Coordinator to learn more about training for your local Child Care Aware district.

Preparing to train and write courses for online delivery

In order to write online courses and train on them, Trainers and Course Writers must complete 16 clock hours of online training. The online training requirement applies to all Trainer types EXCEPT State Partner Trainer and Higher Education Trainer.

Trainings that fulfill the requirement include:
- Learning to Teach Online through Coursera

- Trainer must send a certificate of completion to support@mncpd.org.
- [Good Teaching Is Good Teaching Anytime](#) through Eager-to-Learn
  - Online registration is available using [Develop](#)'s Search for Training tool.
- One semester credit (15 hours) will be accepted for courses related to the design and delivery of online learning opportunities.
  - Course must be verified with an official transcript submitted as part of the Individual Membership application in Develop.

To learn more about Trainer and Course Writer approval, check out [these resources from Achieve](#).

Upcoming Trainings

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)
- Offered in person or online with live Zoom sessions
- 6 hours Develop-approved in person (8 hours online)
- 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

Our colleague Michèle Mazzoco, PhD, at the Institute of Child Development is a member of the [Development and Research in Early Math Education (DREME) network](#) at Stanford University. The DREME network offers free resources for supporting early childhood numeracy, such as videos produced by Mazzoco and her team showing [how families can have math conversations during everyday routines](#).

What we're reading

- [Bridging Community and Culture: A Conversation with Dr. Saida Abdi about the CIRCLE Project in Minneapolis](#) (Southwest Connector)
- [You're Not Powerless in the Face of Imposter Syndrome](#) (Harvard Business Review)
- [Child Care Justice: Transforming the System of Care for Young Children](#) (eds. Maurice Sykes and Kyra Ostendorf)

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