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PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING, AND EVALUATING PROGRAMS: PRENATAL THROUGH GRADE 3

The Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating Programs: Prenatal through Grade 3 blended course focuses on how an aligned prenatal to grade 3 (P-3) system has the potential to improve child outcomes and prevent or close achievement gaps. This coursework is designed to increase the capacity of early education and school-age leaders to understand, connect, and align the many public and private systems that are focused on the growth, development, and education of children prenatally through grade 3. This course will focus on what P-3 leaders need to know and be able to do in order to improve the quality and coherence of children's learning opportunities.

Using a nationally recognized P-3 framework, participants will explore strategies and methods for evaluating implementation efforts; as well as concrete examples of how to enrich and expand prenatal through grade 3 approaches.

The P-3 blended course offers an opportunity to bring together early education and school-age K-3 leaders in a cooperative, professional learning community. This partnership encourages an understanding of the early education and school-based educational systems which children and families navigate. It also helps to build relationships among these leaders to create coordinated, aligned, and coherent learning experiences for students and their families.

Early education program directors and school-age administrators are in a unique position in their communities. These individuals have the opportunity to acquire deeper knowledge and greater leadership skills to successfully identify and navigate the challenges and opportunities in creating P-3 alignment. The P-3 blended course is ideal for those leaders who want to take a deeper dive into collaborative learning and relationship building around early learning and P-3 alignment. PQAS and Act 45 hours are offered.

- For more information and to register for the Institute, [see the website for the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program \(PIL\)](#).

This initiative is part of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant. For more information on other initiatives

Web Link:

<http://www.pakeys.org/pa-early-learning-initiatives/p-3-approach/>

The P-3 Networking Meeting, *Strengthening Connections Across Pennsylvania*, May 5-6, 2016 was more than your typical meet-and-greet. Teams from across the commonwealth came together in Harrisburg to build sustainability through creative collaborations and stakeholder engagement. This was done by creating a statewide learning exchange to help participants step into their role as a meeting designer and refine their skills in convening and designing networking meetings.

Please visit this webpage to access information and supports to help you make P-3 connections in your local community.