

**Preschool Expansion Grant: Cape Cod Collaborative, Two-District Project 2016**  
**Dennis-Yarmouth & Monomoy Regional School Districts**  
**Including Private Preschools in the Towns of Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, and Yarmouth**

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Facts & Timeline of the Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG) 2016

Grant Facts in brief:

- MA Department of Early Education & Care is the funding and responsible agency
- Goal: *expand access to licensed, high quality preschool education for all three and four-year-olds*
  - Build and strengthen partnerships across all early childhood educators in licensed, public and private preschools
  - Enhance and implement high quality professional development for all early childhood educators
  - Build and strengthen partnerships across families and early childhood educators
  - Enhance and implement partnerships across communities, social agencies, preschools, and school districts
- Develop and publish a comprehensive, Strategic Plan for universal access to licensed, high quality, three- and four-year-old preschool education, in a mixed-delivery model, across the geographic area

Grant Timeline:

- 📅 January 15<sup>th</sup>: Grant awarded for Cape Cod Collaborative, Two-District Project
  - Grant Manager appointed
  - Coordination across districts and with Cape Cod Collaborative established
- 📅 January 26<sup>th</sup>: PEG Planning Committee formed with representatives across the districts & towns
  - Criteria established and RFP publicized for Strategic Planning Consultant
  - PEG Planning Committee meeting calendar set through March 2016
- 📅 February: PEG Planning Committee meets and work continues
  - Strategies For Children, Inc., hired as Strategic Planning Consultants
  - Data collection commences for needs assessment
  - Outreach to schools and private preschool centers – invitations to join project
  - Outreach to community and social service agencies – invitations to join project
- 📅 March: PEG Planning Committee meets and work continues with Strategies for Children, Inc.
  - Strategic Plan on-going data review and needs assessment drafted
  - Open invitation Forums scheduled and publicized
  - Outreach to parents and families of children in preschool ages (2 to 5 years)
  - Collaboration across stakeholders continues, established, needs reviewed
- 📅 April: PEG Planning Committee meets and work continues with Strategies for Children, Inc.
  - Open invitation Forums held: April 7<sup>th</sup>, Harwich; April 14<sup>th</sup>, Yarmouth
  - Data from Preschool surveys collated and analyzed as well as all data to date
  - Needs Assessment draft reviewed, revised, and edited
  - First draft/outline of Strategic Plan Vision
- 📅 May: PEG Planning Committee meets and work continues with Strategies for Children, Inc.
  - Review and analysis of data and information continues
  - Strategic Plan outline/draft approved with details added, revisions continue
  - Follow-up meetings with grant partners and community stakeholders
- 📅 June: PEG Planning Committee meets and work continues with Strategies for Children, Inc.
  - Strategic Plan drafted and distributed to partners for input, edits, etc.
- 📅 **June 14<sup>th</sup>: PEG Strategic Plan Publication and Public Celebration, Cape Cod Tech, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- 📅 **June 30<sup>th</sup>: Strategic Plan of the Cape Cod Collaborative, Two-District Project Submitted to EEC**