

Preschool Expansion Grant: Cape Cod Collaborative, Two-District Project 2016
Dennis-Yarmouth RSD, Monomoy RSD, and facilitator, Cape Cod Collaborative

Dennis-Yarmouth and Monomoy Regional School Districts, in collaboration with the Cape Cod Collaborative, have received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. The purpose of the grant is to form partnerships across these public school districts with private early learning providers in their respective communities. Through this partnership, they will develop a model strategic plan design to strengthen and increase opportunities for early childhood education for all children.

The Strategic Plan model will be developed between January and May to be submitted to the EEC on June 15, 2016. The Grant Planning Committee will seek input from communities, families, students, and agencies, to identify the needs and challenges of expanding early childhood education. Local private, early education providers are invited to join the conversations, attend Grant Planning Committee meetings and public forums, as partners in the process of the development of the Strategic Plan model. The goal of the model is to design a means of expanding and strengthening the quality and access to early childhood education while building on the success of existing programs. Additionally, the model will forge clear alignment across public and private education programs for children's continued success as well as enhance professional development opportunities for early childhood educators and care-givers.

Although the entire process for the Strategic Plan model development is compressed in a short, five-month period, multiple opportunities for public input will be announced. There will also be support for current early childhood educators and caregivers to participate throughout the process. For more information, please contact Dennis-Yarmouth and Monomoy Regional School District administrators or the Cape Cod Collaborative. They will direct you to one of the members of the Grant Planning Committee.

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