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Shared Services Update

Early Childhood Iowa, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Human Services, and with technical assistance from Opportunities Exchange, is working on a multi-phase Shared Services project with proven success in other states. This project is in response to a recommendation in the Governor's Child Care Task Force Report.

Today, we are releasing the [June monthly project update](#). (On the webpage, click on the '+' sign to display the updates.) Continue to watch for project updates on the first Monday of each month.

Education and Career Pathways for the Early Childhood Workforce

Education and career pathways help early childhood professionals make decisions about training and education needed to develop a dynamic career in early childhood. The [Iowa Early Care and Education Teaching Roles Career Pathway](#) and the [Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway](#) documents provide guidance for the early childhood workforce.

Adult Educator and Coaching Competencies

The Iowa Adult Educator and Coaching Competencies for early childhood professionals define the necessary knowledge and skills for adult educators and technical assistance professionals. These professionals represent a wide range of disciplines and provide support to the Iowa early childhood workforce. Technical assistance professionals adhere to varying regulations and standards within their fields; and work within multiple settings, communities, programs, agencies, and systems throughout the state. The [Iowa Adult Educator and Coaching Competencies](#) support the Early Childhood Iowa cross-system and cross-sector professional development system - with the ultimate goal to provide high quality services to young children and their families.

Case Study Report Featuring Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision-Making (I2D2)

I2D2 was recently featured in a case study sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families as part of a national effort to advance the use of administrative data for program evaluation and cross-systems improvement. The report includes lessons learned and recommendations from I2D2 development, from a collection of interviews with current and former members of I2D2's founding task force. This report is being shared widely by federal partners as an example of "best practices" in the development and use of integrated data systems. Read the report: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/report/case-study-report-iowas-integrated-data-system-decision-making-i2d2>

2022 Early Learning Fall Institute! Save-the-Date

IowaAEYC is excited to invite everyone to be back in person for the 2022 Early Learning Fall Institute! Join Iowa AEYC on September 30-October 1, 2022 at a new location - Holiday Inn Des Moines-Airport. Pre-Institute sessions will take place on Thursday, September 29.

Keynote speakers include Rachel Giannini on Friday and Dr. Adolph Brown, III on Saturday! Registration information will be available soon. Visit the [IowaAEYC website](#) for additional information.

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