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News for Now

Welcome to the latest edition of *News for Now*! Spring is right around the corner, and we hope you all are doing well!

In the [last edition of *News for Now*](#), we included important information regarding the Great Start to Quality (GSQ) Professional Development Indicators.

We continue with that topic in this edition and share new training opportunities available online, including the ongoing Health & Safety course, and a reminder about the number of valuable training options provided by the Resource Centers across the state. We are also including some guidance on how you can find training on the [MiRegistry Statewide Training Calendar](#) that is free and earns credit for GSQ.

As always, if you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

Best Regards,

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Great Start to Quality Professional Development Indicators

Beginning **January 1, 2022**, Great Start to Quality (GSQ) will **only** look at the completed MiRegistry approved trainings to meet the Professional Development Indicators. This means that if a Self-Assessment Survey (SAS) is submitted on or after January 1, 2022, all professional development hours within the last 12 months must come from trainings approved by MiRegistry. **This is not a requirement of Licensing at this time.**

You can find MiRegistry approved training on the [MiRegistry Statewide Training Calendar](#). Below are some training options that will count as professional development hours for GSQ. For more information about the Professional Development Indicators, please refer to our last [communication](#) sent in February 2021.

Recommendation: If your organization participates in GSQ, it is important for your staff to start or continue taking [training through MiRegistry](#) throughout this year to prepare for SAS submission in 2022.

ONGOING HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

[Michigan Ongoing Health and Safety Training Refresher 2021](#) (Refresher 2021) is now available. This FREE training meets the ongoing health and safety requirement for child care providers, is 3.0 hours, and covers the following topics:

- Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and use of safe sleep practices
- Child Development
- Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect

- Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment

Note: This communication **does not** serve as the official LARA announcement for licensed child care providers. LARA will provide an official announcement for licensed providers. When they publish that announcement, licensed providers will have 6 months from the date of the announcement to complete the training. Licensed providers may complete the training prior to the announcement, and they will receive credit.

Register for the Refresher 2021 Training

HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan's 10 Great Start to Quality Resource Centers are the perfect choice to meet your professional development needs. They offer training across all core content and CDA subject areas, and they also provide extensive coaching and consultation to support program quality improvement.

To find training sponsored by a Resource Center on the [Statewide Training Calendar](#), enter Great Start to Quality under **Sponsor Name** and click the **Search** button. For more guidance and assistance, contact your local Resource Center at 1-877-614-7328.

All professional development offered by the Great Start to Quality Resource Centers is approved in MiRegistry and counts as professional development hours for GSQ, licensing, and level 2.

FREE ONLINE TRAINING SERIES

A great option to ensure a program's or organization's staff meets the GSQ Professional Indicators is through in-house training. To do this, a program or organization must have their training approved by MiRegistry.

Programs and organizations can submit training to MiRegistry for approval through their [MiRegistry Organization Profile](#) if it is designated as a [Training Sponsor Organization \(TSO\)](#). A TSO designation allows your program to use MiRegistry to create training. With MiRegistry, your attendees will earn credit for professional development hours for GSQ and have their attendance verified immediately on their [MiRegistry Learning Record](#).

To help programs and organizations offer in-house training through MiRegistry, a **FREE** 3-part training is available. This training will walk attendees through the steps to add the necessary Training Sponsor Organization (TSO) designation to their MiRegistry Organization Profile. While this training is available for anyone to take, it is geared towards program or organization directors and/or administrators and counts for GSQ.



Part 1: Trainer Application Process (1 hour)

Part of adding the TSO designation for your MiRegistry Organization Profile is having an approved trainer on staff. Part 1 of this training series focuses on the trainer application process. If you OR anyone you know is interested in becoming an approved trainer, this 1-hour training is highly recommended.

Part 2: Become a Training Sponsor Organization (1 hour)


Part 2 of this training series focuses on the steps to add a TSO designation to your MiRegistry Organization Profile. This training is specifically for directors or administrators who manage their program's MiRegistry Organization Profile.

Part 3: Entering Courses and Events (1.5 hours)

After your MiRegistry Organization Profile is designated as a Training Sponsor Organization (TSO), you are all set to submit training to MiRegistry for approval. Part 3 of this training series focuses on how to enter courses and schedule events in MiRegistry.


*Download registration information for each part
of this FREE training series*

REGISTERING FOR TRAINING ON THE STATEWIDE TRAINING CALENDAR


 **Registration Required**

Fee

Free Event

 Register By 03/17/2021

6 days left!

 Seats Available 14

Register

Currently, there are about **2,000 training events** available on our [Statewide Training Calendar](#). Each training event listed here was submitted by a Trainer or a Training Sponsor Organization, approved by MiRegistry, and count as professional development hours for GSQ.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

When using the Statewide Training Calendar, each listed training will have **FEE** and **REGISTRATION** information (see the picture above). Fees and registration are determined by the Trainer or Training Sponsor Organization that is offering the training. If registration is required for a training, you will either:

1. Register for the training using your MiRegistry Account.
2. Be directed to the Trainer / Training Sponsor Organization's preferred website.

If you are taken to a different website, please make sure you are registered for the same training that is listed on the MiRegistry Statewide Training Calendar. If you take a training that is not approved by MiRegistry, it will not earn credit for GSQ.

For more information about how to register for training on the Statewide Training Calendar [download our support guide](#).

BY THE NUMBERS

Since first launching in 2018, MiRegistry has seen rapid growth. We proudly support you and everyone in the Early Childhood and Out of School Time Workforce.

The following information reflects MiRegistry data from March 10, 2021.

5,429

**The number of membership applications that
MiRegistry processed thus far in 2021.**

Ready to become a member or renew your membership?
Learn more about taking the next step!

1,238

The number of MiRegistry approved trainers.

Interested in sharing what you know?
Learn how you can become an approved trainer!

5,932

The number of MiRegistry organization profiles.

Are you a director or administrator and don't have an organization profile?
See what you've been missing and set up your profile today!

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