

Pre-Service	Professional Development
<p><b>Note:</b> Ensure all educators teaching and training ECE providers have also been trained on obesity prevention content as well.</p>	
<p><b>Vocational Technical High Schools</b>—These high schools offer tracks for students to graduate with a certification or training to enter into a field of their interest. Many vocational technical high schools have an early childhood certificate program and offer classes to adults. This is a good partner to include to ensure everyone graduating from the program enters the classroom with the right habits from the start.</p>	
<p>Vocational Technical High Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school training in early childhood</li> <li>• Required pre-service classes/training for teacher/provider/director</li> </ul>	<p>Vocational Technical High Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some professional development courses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Higher Education</b>—Colleges and universities, especially community colleges, offer degree programs, coursework, and training for current and future ECE providers. Colleges and universities may offer associate’s degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and other for-credit coursework in early care and education. Community colleges and universities may also indirectly assist with education and training costs in ECE settings. This group will be a critical partner to engage early in the process. As stated below, they typically provide nutrition and health as well as physical development courses. It would be important to learn what materials they use to educate and how you can help supplement and enhance what they are already doing.</p>	
<p>Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2- to 4-year degrees</li> <li>• Required pre-service classes/training for teacher/provider/director</li> </ul>	<p>Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced degrees</li> <li>• Cooperative extension</li> <li>• Continuing education courses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&amp;Rs)</b>— CCR&amp;Rs are a main source of professional development and resource and materials for ECE providers and administrators. Many times they already provide training on this material, so it would be good to learn what they are doing and then see how the information matches with nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and breastfeeding.</p>	
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<p><b>Licensing Agencies</b>—Licensing sets the standards to qualify to become a ECE provider and dictates which continuing education credits must be maintained to keep licensure. They also provide materials and training for the regulations and work closely with other partners. They are a critical partner to have to integrate obesity prevention into coursework and materials.</p>	
<p>Licensing Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes required pre-service classes/training for teacher/provider/director</li> <li>• Develop pre-service qualifications for providers, directors, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Licensing Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing education</li> <li>• Resources/materials</li> <li>• Sometimes develop training requirements for trainers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Federal Programs</b>—Federal programs, such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Head Start, and Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), provide a wide array of support and training for ECE providers. This is a natural partnership to share and leverage resources and funding to educate about obesity prevention in ECE.</p>	
<p>Federal Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required trainings to become qualified to teach or administer a program</li> <li>• Resources/materials</li> </ul>	<p>Federal Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required trainings</li> <li>• Continuing education</li> <li>• Resources/materials</li> </ul>
<p><b>Departments of Education</b>—State departments of education must train and educate on the standards set forth by the state. They would be a good partner to integrate the obesity prevention content and help gain support for the other education providers listed above.</p>	
	<p>Departments of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing education including early learning standards and state pre-K</li> </ul>