Gateways Professional Development 2022-2023
Early Learning Centers

To enroll your school in any of the below membership options, use the individualized link that was emailed to you. If you need your link resent, please contact Michal Pullman.

Schools outside of Boston interested in the below types of professional development should contact us to discuss virtual options, pricing, and customization.

Basic Consortium Membership ($100)

- Participation in a monthly CoP (Community of Practice) for early childhood directors and/or developmental specialists. The focus of this CoP is to engage in critical discussions related to inclusion and accessibility in early childhood settings.
- Monthly evening Zoom sessions with early childhood specialists – open to directors and teachers to ask questions and get support (dates TBD).

Advanced Membership

Gateways offers several options for schools looking for additional support either for staff or for students.

*A $50 discount will be applied to any school purchasing both a Basic Consortium Membership and an Advanced Membership option.

1. **Monthly Coaching ($150 per year)**
   This is available for a director, developmental specialist, or a teacher who has been identified as being the lead teacher for inclusion support. Monthly coaching sessions will be conducted remotely and are intended to help the participants as they support other staff in creating inclusive learning environments and changing school culture.

2. **Staff Training ($200 per session)**
Individual School Trainings – Gateways staff will come and provide a ninety-minute professional development session, either in-person or virtually, to staff. A variety of topics are available including:

- Inclusion Strategies in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Addressing Behavior Proactively for the Early Childhood Classroom
- Talking to Parents about Social Emotional Competencies

Cross-School Training in Social Thinking – Amy Freedman, Speech and Language Pathologist

Social Thinking© is a curriculum for all ages that teaches how our words/actions create thoughts and feelings in those around us. This workshop includes concrete teaching tools and strategies to encourage positive interactions. Training will include tips on how to integrate Social Thinking into the classroom routine to make it a natural way to learn.

- Thursday October 27th 4:00PM-6:00PM (JCC, Newton)

3. Consultation and Observation with Written Follow-up ($200)

These consultations will take place on site and might involve support for a teacher and/or a classroom or for an individual child or family. Fee includes up to three on-site visits from Gateways with written follow-up, scheduled with the director or developmental specialist as needed.

Additional observation time can be purchased for $100 for a one-hour consultation with written follow-up.

Drop in Series: Introductory Workshops ($18 per person per session)

Participants can expect to gain an understanding of the topic, explore how this diagnosis will present in an early childhood school setting, and leave with three strategies to bring back to their classrooms.

Each of these one-hour workshops will take place over Zoom from 7:00PM-8:00PM.

- Promoting Positive Behavior in the Early Childhood Classroom
  - Wednesday, September 21st with Mia Hyman, Educational and Behavioral Specialist
- Occupational Therapy – Promoting Fine Motor Development & Identifying Sensory Red Flags
  - Tuesday, November 1st with Ilene Greenwald, Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language – Milestones and Development in Children 2-5
  - Wednesday, December 7th with Amanda Schouela, Speech-Language Pathologist
- Supporting Autistic Children in the Early Childhood Classroom
  - Tuesday, January 24th with Tali Cohen Carrus, Director of Jewish Education Programs
- Social Emotional Learning and Early Childhood Classrooms
  - Tuesday, March 14th with TBD
Please note that Gateways’ CPL offerings are subsidized by CJP for all schools within the CJP catchment area.