

Virtual Birth to Five Inclusion Conference

Wednesday January 13th, 2021 to Friday January 15th, 2021

Please join us as we celebrate the inclusion of children with disabilities in all preschool settings at the NYCDOE Virtual Birth to Five Inclusion Conference, January 2021! The conference is open to all leaders, teachers, and staff that support children with and without disabilities in birth to five classrooms across New York City, including those at District Schools (D1-32), District 75, Pre-K Centers, NYCEECs, FCC Networks, state-approved non-public preschool special education providers, DECE borough and central staff, and CPSE administrators. **Join us for the kick-off event on Wednesday, January 13th at 9am via Zoom using the link [here!](#)**

How to Register: The conference offers a mixture of live professional learning opportunities, as well as asynchronous (self-paced) courses available to through the [Protraxx Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#). **Find the list of available asynchronous courses and live sessions on the following pages. Please email DECEinclusionPL@schools.nyc.gov with any questions!**

Asynchronous (Self-Paced) Courses: To enroll for asynchronous courses, **beginning January 13th through spring 2021**. Please following the instructions below to enroll in the courses:

1. Login to your Protraxx account
2. Select "Enrollment" followed by "Search Courses"
3. Go to "Subject Area" field and select "Birth to Five Inclusion Conference."
4. Click the "Search/Filter" button
5. Find the course you are interested in and click the "Details" button for the course
6. Click "Enroll"
7. Then, select "Launch Course."

Live Events: To enroll for asynchronous courses, **beginning December 9th until registration is filled**. Please follow the instructions below to enroll in the sessions:

1. Login to your Protraxx account
2. Select "Enrollment" followed by "Search Courses,"
3. Go to the "Subject Area" field and select "Birth to Five Inclusion Conference."
 - Note that all live events will be recorded and uploaded into the LMS at a later date.
4. Click the "Search/Filter" button
5. Find the live event you are interested in and click the "Details" button for the session
6. Click "Enroll"
 - The day **before** the session, you will receive an email with directions for how to join the Zoom meeting. You do not need to have a Zoom account in order to join the session.

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Asynchronous Courses available on [Protraxx](#)

Unpacking the Individualized Education Program (IEP): This self-paced professional learning opportunity will provide an in-depth review and discussion of each component of the preschool IEP and explore how the content comprehensively describes a child's abilities, performance, strengths, and needs. Participants will develop a deep understanding of how to interpret and use the information in a child's IEP to drive instructional planning and partner with families and caregivers. Available in the LMS for CTLE 1/13/2021 through spring 2021.

Supporting Children and Families to Access Services, Birth to Five: In this course, users will go through how children from birth to five with disabilities can access services in NYC, and how to discuss this information with families. This includes how to share information about the landscape of services for children with disabilities from birth to five, how families can access Early Intervention (EI) and CPSE services, and how to support families as they transition from Early Intervention to preschool. This course contains four self-based modules. Available in the LMS for CTLE 1/13/2021 through spring 2021.

Introduction to Early Childhood Inclusion: This four-part experience is designed to introduce participants to early childhood inclusion and how they can effectively support teachers and families of children with and without disabilities who range in age from infancy through age eight. Additional modules dive more deeply into specific topics including executive function and sensory processing. Available in the LMS for CTLE 1/13/2021 through spring 2021.

Find information on how to enroll in an asynchronous course listed on the previous page. These courses will be available in the LMS on Wednesday, January 13th.





Virtual Birth to Five Inclusion Conference: Kick-Off Event

Wednesday January 13th, 2021 from 9:00AM-10:30AM

Keynote Speakers (9:00-9:15AM)

- NYCDOE Deputy Chancellor Josh Wallack
- NYCDOE Chief Academic Officer Linda Chen

Overview of Early Childhood INCLUDEnyc Services for Programs and Families (9:15AM-9:35AM)

Senior Family Educator for INCLUDEnyc, Kpana Kpoto, will share information about INCLUDEnyc. INCLUDEnyc is the Early Childhood and School-Age Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center for the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island, funded by the New York State Education Department Office of Special Education (NYSED OSE) to promote meaningful family involvement within the educational system, build collaborative community relationships, and provide information and training about available service options and delivery systems for children from birth to age 21.

INCLUDEnyc Panel on “What Educators Need to Know about the Family Experience with Inclusion” (9:35-10:30AM)

Senior Family Educator for INCLUDEnyc, Kpana Kpoto, will moderate a panel discussion on "What Educators Need to Know about the Family Experience in Inclusion." Come join and hear unique perspectives from our diverse group of panelists! There will be an opportunity for questions from participants. Panelists include:

- **Millie Franco**, parent of a child with a disability who is in a SCIS setting and member of the NYCDOE Outreach Team
- **Jessica Bacon**, Assistant Professor at Montclair State University, who focuses on early childhood education and inclusion
- **Jackie Baker**, Early Childhood Director (ECD) for NYCDOE District 10, whose program offers general and special education classrooms for 3 and 4 year olds
- **Sharon Jenkins**, teacher in a Special Class in an Integrated Setting (SCIS) in the NYCDOE District 9 Pre-K Center
- **Maxine Checchi**, NYCDOE Director of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives, Committees on Special Education (CSE)

No registration required. Join via Zoom using the link [here](#). (Note that CTLE credit is not available for this event)

Time	Wednesday, January 13th	Thursday, January 14th	Friday, January 15th
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Keynote + INCLUDEnyc Presentation and Panel on “What Educators Need to Know about the Family Experience in Inclusion”</p> <p>Keynote speakers Deputy Chancellor Josh Wallack and Chief Academic Officer Linda Chen will kick off the conference with opening remarks. Following the keynote, INCLUDEnyc will provide overview of their services for early childhood programs, and will moderate a panel discussion on "What Educators Need to Know about the Family Experience in Inclusion."</p> <p><i>No registration required. Join via Zoom using the link here. (Note that CTLE credit is not available for this event)</i></p>	<p>Multi-Tiered Systems of Support in Preschool: An Overview of the Pyramid Model and Select Classroom Strategies</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE Regional Partnership Center Team. In this session, presenters will provide an overview of the Pyramid Model, the prevention framework describing four levels practice that address the social and emotional development of all children. In this session, participants will learn about the framework, targeting the skills that are central for the social emotional development of all children. Participants will also learn about systems and strategies that are integral to the model. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>	<p>Related Services in the Preschool Setting</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE Related Services Office. This presentation will provide attendees with an overview of OT/PT/SP services in the preschool setting during blended learning with an emphasis on the benefits of classroom-based services. Participants will learn strategies that can be utilized to address common concerns observed with our youngest learners. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>
11:00-12:30	<p>Supporting Early Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE ASD Team. This presentation will discuss how to support learning in the classroom for children with autism. It will provide information on how to meet children's individual needs and learning styles, while also meeting the needs of the whole class, and how to set up the environment to be safe, nurturing and predictable. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>	<p>Partnering with Parents: Building Responsive Relationships</p> <p>Presented by Ramapo for Children. In this webinar, Ramapo for Children will identify strategies for becoming a “team” with parents, particularly those with whom they are struggling to connect and collaborate. Participants will learn the critical concepts of strategic role modeling, perspective taking, and attuned listening within the context of staff's relationships with primary caregivers. Note that this session will run from 11:00am to 1:00pm. (2.0 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>	<p>Assistive Technology (AT) & Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) 101</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE Center for Assistive Technology. This session will delve into the identification, implementation, and overall benefits of assistive technology usage with our earliest learners. Participants will become familiar with all facets of assistive technology and how the use of such tools impact our students' learning and their ability to access their early foundational curriculum. Beyond the basics, this module will also include introductions to low-tech communicative options. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>
1:00 - 2:30	<p>Related Services in the Preschool Setting</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE Related Services Office. This presentation will provide attendees with an overview of OT/PT/SP services in the preschool setting during blended learning with an emphasis on the benefits of classroom-based services. Participants will learn strategies that can be utilized to address common concerns observed with our youngest learners. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>	<p>Quality and Inclusion of Early Intervention in Child Care Programs</p> <p>Presented by the DOHMH Bureau of Early Intervention (EI). This course will be an overview of the Early Intervention program (EIP), where we will answer questions about the EIP such as how referrals to EI are made, what the quality components of an inclusion setting are, and what a natural environment for an infant looks like. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>	<p>Multi-Tiered Systems of Support in Preschool: An Overview of the Pyramid Model and Select Classroom Strategies</p> <p>Presented by the NYCDOE Regional Partnership Center Team. In this session, presenters will provide an overview of the Pyramid Model, the prevention framework describing four levels practice that address the social and emotional development of all children. In this session, participants will learn about the framework, targeting the skills that are central for the social emotional development of all children. Participants will also learn about systems and strategies that are integral to the model. (1.5 CTLE)</p> <p><i>Registration required through Protraxx Learning Management System (LMS).</i></p>