# Growing Leaders Within the Part C and Part B 619 Systems

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WORKING HARD FOR SOMETHING WE DONT CARE ABOUT IS CALLED STRESS. WORKING HARD FOR SOMETHING WE LOVE IS CALLED PASSION.

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." "John Quincy Adams





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- 11. Intensive Leadership Academy COHORT 2 currently in progress!



# **Hierarchy of Leadership Curriculum**

- Competencies (Knowledge and Skills)
- Self Assessment (Pre/Post of K and S)
- Learning Opportunities Structured By K and S
- Peer and Expert Mentoring
- Measurement of Acquisition of Competencies
- Final Project



## **Pilot Leadership Framework**

### **Foundational Leadership**

- Self-Knowledge
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Laws, Policies and Regulations

### **Programmatic Leadership**

- Pedagogy and Early Learning
- Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration
- Program Implementation

### **Transformational Leadership**

- Strategic Thinking and Planning
- Influencing and Leading Others
- Implementing and Sustaining Systems Change



# **Action Plan Template**

Goals/Objectives/ Activities	Person(s) Responsible	Resources (Needed)	Outcome	Projected Date of Completion	Criteria for Success
GOAL 1.					
Objective 1.1					
Activity 1.1.1.					
Activity 1.1.2.					
Objective 1.2.					
Activity 1.2.1.					
Activity 1.2.2.					
GOAL 2.					
Objective 2.1.					
Activity 2.1.1					
Activity 2.1.2					
Objective 2.2.					
Activity 2.2.1					
Activity 2.2.2					



# **Projects from Cohort 1**

- Development of a professional development plan for early childhood special education and early intervention leaders aligned with the State's Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Plan.
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- Development of a professional development program to increase the leadership knowledge and skills of the State Department of Education's Part B Section 619 special education specialists to support and provide quality technical assistance to their local preschool program personnel.
- Development and implementation of a system to understand and use statewide indicator B6 data to influence preschool inclusion initiatives.



# LEADERS DON'T CREATE FOLLOWERS, THEY CREATE **MORE LEADERS**





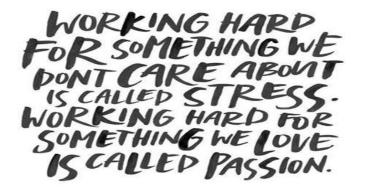
## Leadership Tools, Resources and Materials



Mary Beth Bruder Maureen Greer Darla Gundler Jennifer Kaufman







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## Leadership Initiative





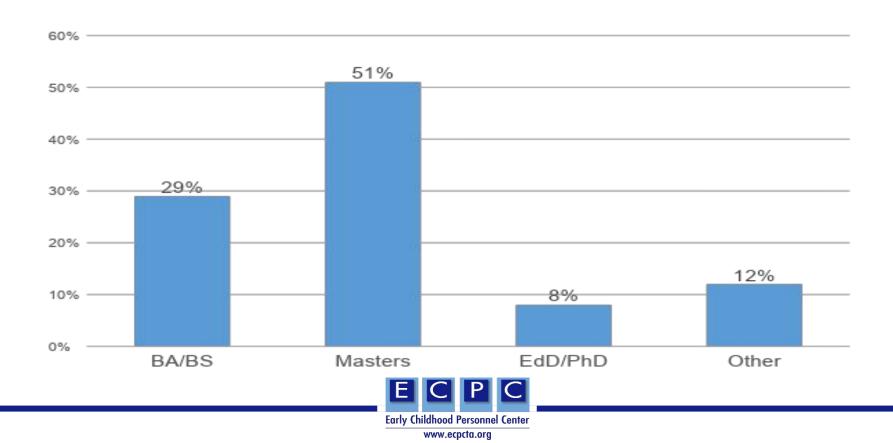
## **Part C Coordinator Demographics**



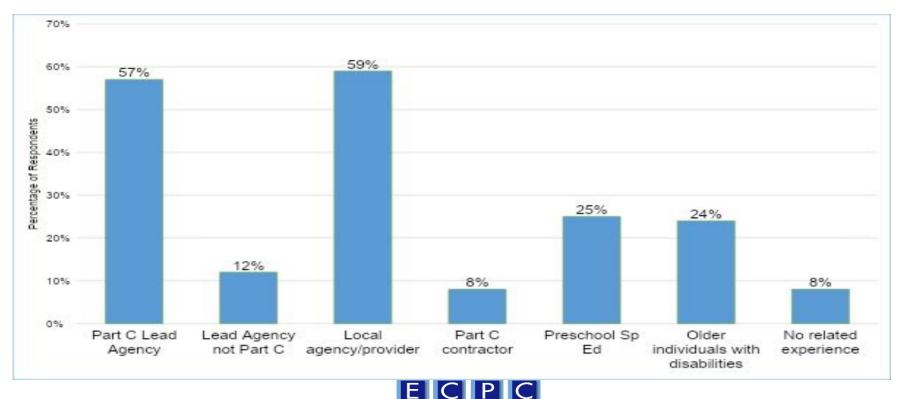
All data on demographics from the 2020 ITCA Tipping Points Survey



## **Education**

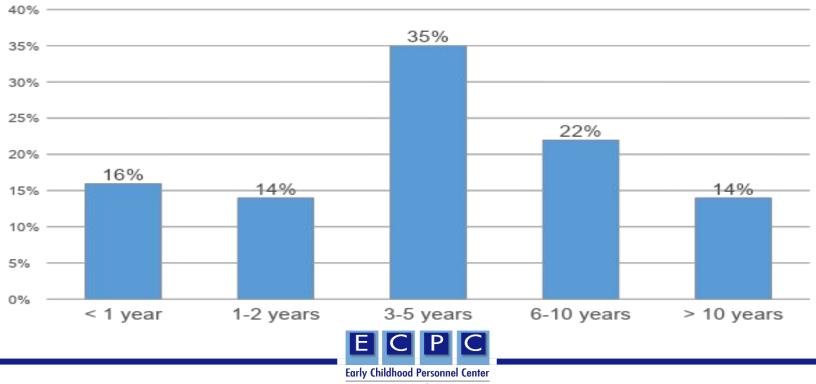


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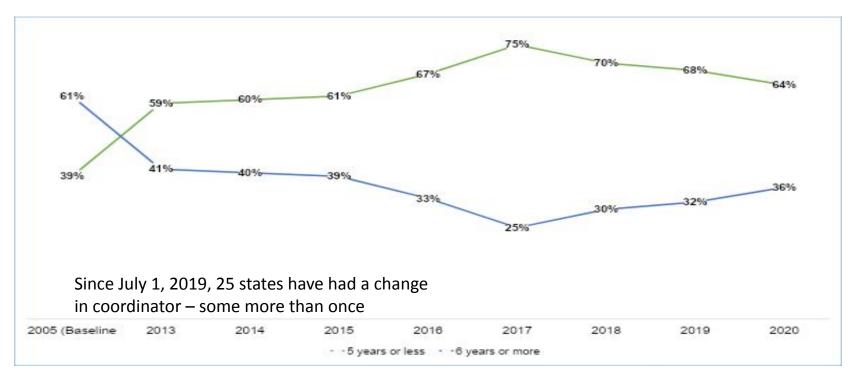


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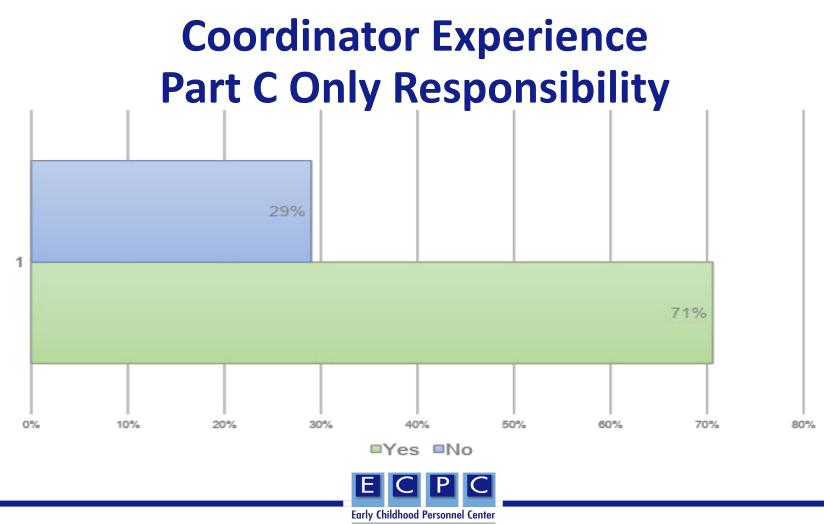
## Tenure



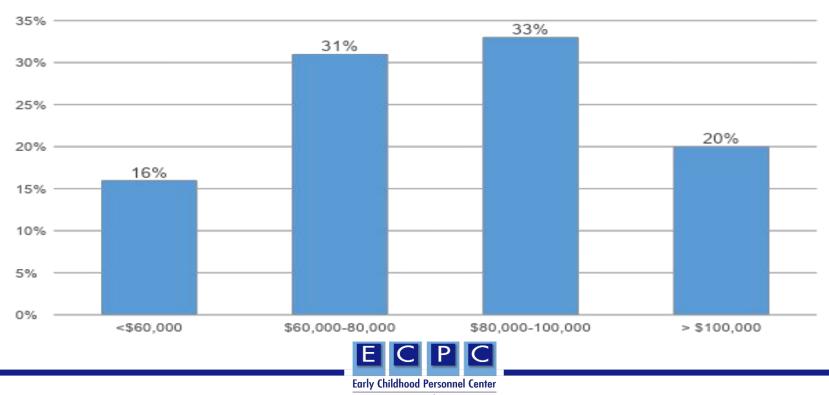
## **Trend Analysis of Tenure**



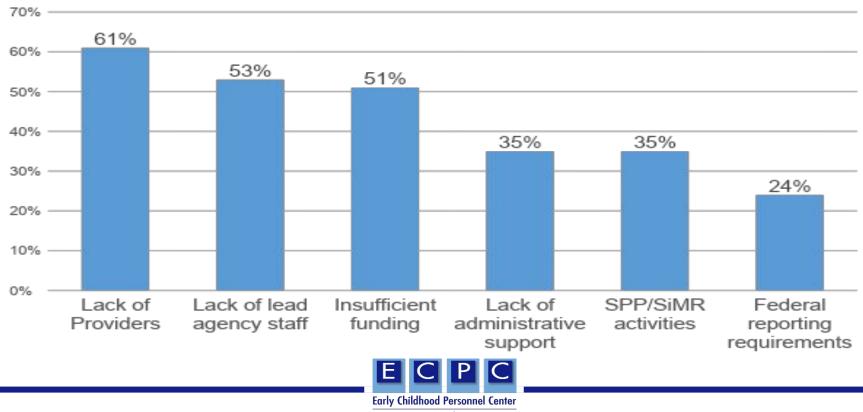




## Salary



## **Coordinator Demographics - Stress**



## Challenges

- With the diverse backgrounds, experiences, education, and state systems – how do we develop equity in leadership positions across Part C systems?
- How do we move individuals from competent Part C managers to strong leaders within Part C and across the broader early childhood system?
- The answer to these challenges lies in development of common skills and knowledge that lead to leadership excellence.



This has been and remains a priority for the Infant &

## **Early Childhood Personnel Center**

# To provide *Technical Assistance* to facilitate the implementation of **Comprehensive** Systems of Personnel Development (CSPD) for **all** disciplines serving infants and young children with disabilities was a find their families

## **COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT**

#### Inservice Training

Ongoing learning activities to maintain and build the competence of the EC workforce Leadership, Coordination & Sustainability

Structures for ongoing support of all personnel development activities

#### Evaluation

Plans for evaluating each subcomponent of the CSPD Retention

Strategies to identify, hire and maintain a qualified workforce across sectors and

#### Preservice Training

Formal program of study at an IHE to prepare for the EC workforce

#### Personnel Standards Discipline specific knowledge, skills and competencies for the

EC workforce



# Leadership is a process of mutual influence and shared responsibility set in context.



## **Essential Characteristics of Leadership**

Contextually Bound

• Can Be Learned

 The Harder the Task, The More Complex the Process of Leadership

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11 Framework and indicators will be refined and curriculum materials will be

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## **Leadership Initiatives Partnership**

Working in collaboration with IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinator Association, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center and the Affinity Board for Section 619 coordinators, National Association for State Directors of Special Education.





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## **Pilot Participants**

Began with 14 originally (7 Part C and 7 Part B/619) Ended with 7

### **Part C Coordinators**

- •Alicia Amundson AZ
- •Nicole Cossette CT
- •Jennifer Kaufman RI

### Part B/619 Coordinators

- •Kristy Doan IL
- •Suzanne Perry AZ
- •Julie Rand KS
- •Susanne Thomas MN

Cohort 1 - 30 sessions over 12 months



## **Structure and Schedule**

Date/Time	Competency/Knowledge & Skill	Торіся	Speaker	
July 28, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Self-Knowledge 1.1.1	Leadership and Collaboration	Sharon Lynn Kagan	
July 30, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Self-Knowledge 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.2.1, 1.2.2	CliftonStrengths Knowledge and Skills Statement	Deb Ziegler Mary Beth Bruder	
		Historical Perspective of Special Education and Early Intervention	Mary Beth Bruder and Maureen Greer	
		Individual Professional Development Plan and Action Planning	Mary Beth Bruder and Darla Gundler	
August 5, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Self-Knowledge 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.1.5	CliftonStrengths – Step Out With Your Strengths – Energizing Self (Self Assessment)	Beth Fennell - Gallop CliftonStrengths	
August 6, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Self-Knowledge 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.1.5	CliftonStrengths – Step Out With Your Strengths – Energizing Self	Beth Fennell	
August 18, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Ethics and Professionalism 2.1.1, 2.1.2,2.1.3	Professional Ethics in Early Childhood Education: A Conversation with Coordinators A Model for Ethical Decision – Part C and B/619 Coordinators: Vaccinations	Rud and Ann Turnbull	
August 20, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 pm ET	Ethics and Professionalism 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.6	Professional Associations – Top 2 Benefits Professional Association Ethics Statements	Peggy Kemp	



## **Strategic Plan Work Plan**

Goals/Objectives	Strategy	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Completion	Evaluation
GOAL 1.					
Objective 1.					
Activity 1.1					
Activity 1.2					
Activity 1.3					
Objective 2.					
Activity 2.1					
Activity 2.2					
Objective 3.					
GOAL 2.					
Objective 1.					
Objective 2.					
Objective 3.					



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## **Elements of Change**

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- What do we need to do to get from here to there?



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## Challenges

- COVID, COVID, and MORE COVID
- TIME Commitment
- Competing Priorities
- Zoomed OUT
- Participants Knowledge and Skills



## **Revised Leadership Tiers**

### **Foundational Leadership**

- Self-Knowledge
- Laws, Policies and Regulations
- Pedagogy and Early Learning
- Ethics and Professionalism

### **Programmatic Leadership**

- Communication and Collaboration
- Part C and/or Part B(619) Program Requirements
- System Implementation

## Strategic Leadership

- Influencing and Leading Others C
- Strategic Thinking, Planning and Implementation
- Suctome Change

# **Next Steps**

- Recruitment of Next Cohort
- Develop Self Paced Modules
- Continue to Collaborate with other TA Centers and States



## **Be a Leader of Change**

- Choose Your Style
- Learn How to Improve It
- Have Content Knowledge and Credibility
- Focus on Outcomes
- Be Kind

