

Transcript

Dr. Lupe Jaime-Mileham: Hello. I'm Dr. Lupe Jaime-Mileham, Deputy Director of the Child Care and Development Division at California Department of Social Services. I'm excited to announce the release of twelve new series of professional development modules, funded by the Preschool Development Grant.

These free online learning experiences are designed for anyone who works with or on behalf of young children and families. Collectively they cover a wide range of topics, such as health and safety, foundational practices in early care and education, inclusive practices, social and emotional learning, and leadership.

The modules are available in multiple languages and are self-paced, and can be accessed on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. They can be taken whenever and wherever it's convenient for you. If you prefer to learn with coworkers, you might consider organizing a study group or community of practice.

As a former center director, I can clearly see the value of the modules. I would have loved the convenience of accessing these modules during my free time. I really appreciate that the core information is actionable, so I would have been able to apply it within my child care setting. And I think the ability to add reflections in the module journal is a powerful tool.

So whether you are a child care provider, trainer, coach, home visitor, or an educator, you will find these modules useful. They're interactive with engaging content, such as videos, opportunity for reflection, and journaling. We hope that by completing any of the modules, you will develop a deeper understanding of how children learn and grow, and you will learn new strategies that you can use right away in your work! When you finish each module, you will earn a certificate of completion for the module. When you finish all the modules in a series, you will earn a certificate of completion for the full series.

To access the module series, create a free online account on California Early Childhood Online (CECO). Once you log in, you'll notice that there are many topics to explore. Find the module series that most interests you and get started today. We hope you will find the topics relevant and meaningful. Enjoy!