


Child Care Resources Inc. and the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education are pleased to invite you to explore, reflect, renew and continue to grow as a leader through an exceptional, eighteen-month reflective learning opportunity developed and offered exclusively for child care center directors like you – the Early Childhood Directors Leadership Institute (ECDLI).



Early Childhood Directors Leadership Institute



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"The integration of one's personal principles and professional voice is what brings strength, passion, and power of persuasion to leadership." – Linda Espinosa

"I've never seen a great program that didn't have a great director." – Sue Bredekamp



What you will gain from ECDLI?

ECDLI will provide directors from across North Carolina with an exclusive opportunity for professional and personal growth.

Participating in ECDLI will allow you to:

- **Strengthen** your leadership skills; hone your motivational approach; and discover new ways to create an environment that is a truly great place for diverse children, families, and staff through the Institute's professional development series (three 3-day/2-night sessions).
- **Benefit** from personal attention and one-on-one support from an ECDLI coach. Your coach will help to guide you, in a non-judgmental way, as you implement new learning into practice based on your individual leadership style and strengths.
- **Exchange** ideas, examine and resolve challenges, build relationships, and connect and collaborate with other early childhood director-leaders from across the state.
- **Expand** your own professional library through director- and leadership-specific books, articles, and resource materials.

Space is limited! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to inspire and be inspired by other directors and leaders. Join us to reconnect, reenergize, and reaffirm what makes you a director and a great leader!

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What makes a great director?

What makes a great leader?

What makes a great early childhood director-leader?

Institute topics include:

- becoming a visionary, culturally competent leader;
- grounding leadership in values and ethics;
- understanding the process of change;
- understanding early childhood systems;
- gaining experience with assessment tools for program improvement;
- supporting the professional development of teachers;
- learning new strategies of effective family engagement; and
- promoting advocacy.

Hurry! Application deadline is August 15.

Questions about ECDLI?

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Who can apply?

- On-site lead directors (Level II or III N.C. Administration Credential) of child care centers serving children birth to five.
- Director must supervise at least four staff members and have a minimum of three years' experience as a child care center director (with at least one year in current position, as of October 2013).

What is required?

- Attend and actively participate in each of the three Director Leadership Institutes (first session to be held October 28-30, 2013).
- Partner with an assigned coach who will support you throughout the project.
- Evaluate your child care center policies, procedures, and practices through various methods, including the Program Assessment Scale (PAS), a tool to measure a child care center's leadership and management policies and practices.
- Develop and implement an action plan based on assessment results and your individual priorities.
- Computer and internet access for engagement in an online learning community. (Basic computer proficiencies using Word, Excel, and web browsers are required.)

How to apply:

- Download, complete, and submit the application at: ecdli.applicantpro.com
- Deadline: August 15, 2013



Acceptance notification will be emailed by September 10, 2013.



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Are you ready for an extraordinary opportunity to take the next steps in your leadership journey as an early childhood director?

If the answer is yes, open now to learn more about North Carolina's Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Early Childhood Directors Leadership Institute.

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