

Do you need to purchase a computer to access Rhode Island's new Early Care and Education Data System (ECEDS) and fully utilize the state's early education system?

The Center for Early Learning Professionals is pleased to announce the availability of \$50,000 in **Early Education Technology Grants** to help eligible early childhood programs buy the technology that will allow them to access and participate in the state's early childhood online systems.

Each program may request up to \$1,000 for approved technology.

To be eligible for an Early Education Technology Grant, your program must:

- Currently not have computer access to the state's early childhood online systems
- Be in good standing with DCYF licensing
- Be participating in Bright Stars

Interested program leaders should attend a **Grant Application Information Session**, where you will learn how the grant process will work, how to fill out the application, and the types of technology you may request. The grant application will be available during the Information Sessions, and Center staff will be on hand to support you in filling out the application at that time.

#### **Grant Application Information Sessions:**

Wednesday, July 13, at 6 pm

Thursday, July 21, at 8:30 am

Tuesday, July 26, at 3 pm

All Information Sessions will be held at the Center, 535 Centerville Road, Suite 201, in Warwick, RI.

Grant applications may be picked up at the Center or accessed on the Center website, under the Grants tab, at [www.center-elp.org](http://www.center-elp.org).

**Applications are due no later than Monday, August 1, 2016, by 4 pm! Applications may be dropped off at the Center or emailed to Alex Arnold at [aarnold@edc.org](mailto:aarnold@edc.org).**

**Questions? Please call 401-736-1280.**