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2016 State Funded PreK Expansion

This is the year of the largest expansion of the RI State Pre-Kindergarten Program! Under RI's Preschool Expansion Grant, RIDE will open additional 20 classrooms in the fall of 2016. To support the many organizations that have expressed interest in the upcoming Request for Proposals to expand the RI State Pre-Kindergarten Program, RIDE is rolling out some additional resources and information:

Eligible organizations or entities include licensed child care centers, Head Start programs, public schools, and non-public schools able to operate a classroom in one of the following eligible communities: Central Falls, Cranston, East Providence, Johnston, Providence, Pawtucket, Newport, North Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket.

Anticipated Pre-K RFP Timeline:

Pre-K RFP release – on or about February 22nd
Pre-K Applications due – on or about April 1st

Comprehensive Early Childhood Education (CECE) Program Regulations/Pre-K Application Overview face-to-face-sessions:

We have scheduled overview sessions to review the CECE Approval process and key CECE regulations as they relate to the upcoming Pre-K RFP, as well as a "year in the life" of state Pre-K grantee. These sessions are open to all potential Pre-K applicants. Interested applicants need only attend one session.

Register for a session by clicking the on the session below:

[1/20/16 4:00pm-6:30 pm at East Bay Educational Collaborative](#)

[317 Market Street, Warren. Main Training Room](#)

[1/21/16 4:00pm- 6:30pm at the Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street, Providence. Development Room, Basement](#)

[1/26/16 4:00pm- 6:30pm at Cranston East High School
899 Park Ave. Cranston. Media Center](#)

[1/27/16 4:00pm- 6:30pm at Northern Rhode Island Collaborative
640 George Washington Hwy, Lincoln. Room 104B](#)

Facilities/space consultation

If you would like someone to walk through any classroom/playground space you are considering, please contact Carla Swanson at Carla.swanson@ride.ri.gov to set up an informal consultation.

Pre-K Application Webinars:

We have scheduled overview webinars for the following dates:

Monday, February 1st, 12 – 1 PM

Friday, February 5th, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

These webinars will include guidance summarized from previous Pre-K application submissions and will include “do’s and don’ts”, as well as additional opportunities for questions and answers.

Interested applicants need only attend one webinar. To register click [here](#)

Additionally, here is the link to the RIDE webpage with information on both state Pre-K and CECE Approval: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/EarlyChildhoodEducation/Programs.aspx>

