

Your News from Aspire

Connecting Early Childhood Professionals in New York State

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We Want to Hear from YOU!

One year ago, The Aspire Registry held our very first focus group with our members. A dedicated group of teachers, directors, and family child care providers came to our office to share their valuable opinions. We grilled them on topics such as: how they use the New York Works for Children website, The Aspire Registry application process, and social media.

We asked them to be open and honest and they delivered! As a result, we walked away learning a ton about what we are doing right, and where we can continue to grow.

The valuable feedback we gathered last May has helped guide our decision making throughout the year. As we plan to release a bunch of new system updates and content this year, we want your input!

We loved hosting the first focus group at our offices in Brooklyn, NY, but this time around we want to make it possible for Aspire members across the state to participate. For that reason, we plan to hold our next focus group virtually! That way anyone interested can log on and share their thoughts.

Would you like to join us? As a thank you, all participants will receive our popular Aspire swag bag that includes some of our favorite giveaways as well as our newest additions! We've already heard from a handful of members who are eager to participate. Can we add you to the list?

If you are interested in having your ideas heard at our next Aspire focus group, email Outreach and Communications Associate Emmanuella Pean at Emmanuella.Pean@cuny.edu and we'll add you to our outreach list. Can't wait to hear from you!



Some of last year's focus group attendees talking about the New York Works for Children's website.

FAST FACTS

We love keeping in touch with our members on social media. Are you following us on Facebook? Check out how our New York Works for Children page is doing:



Over 700
people like our page!



Over 4,000
people have seen our
posts in April alone!

Share

Over 900
shares were made on
our posts last month!



SPOTLIGHT

This month we are thrilled to have you hear from New York Works for Children’s Project Coordinator, Louisa Higgins!



Louisa Higgins
PROJECT COORDINATOR AT
NEW YORK WORKS FOR CHILDREN

“Everyday I get to work side by side with an incredible group of people. We operate as a team in all that we do- we jump in to help if someone needs it, we encourage each other, and we recognize and applaud people for their accomplishments. I can’t imagine it any other way! It has been amazing to watch people grow as our work has grown. I think that is a big part of what drives me in my work. I love watching people learn new skills and take on new responsibilities- but mostly I love seeing the sense of pride that comes with it! It reminds me a lot of my days teaching pre-school and it’s an important reminder that children and adults really aren’t all that different. Maybe we need more opportunities to jump up and down and yell “Yay! I can do it!”

The Aspire Registry Professional Development Record: Your Career Portfolio Tool

The Aspire Registry was built to track every important accomplishment in your career including your education, employment, professional development activities and contributions you have made to the field of early care and education. With that in mind, there are multiple resources we have made available to support our members in their commitment to ongoing growth and learning. One of the main resources is your Professional Development Record (PDR).

The Aspire Registry for New York's Early Childhood Workforce

Professional Development Record

Name: Jane Doe Aspire ID: 10001

Aspire Member Since: 9/1/2012

Career Ladder Level: Career Ladder Level 9B Date Expires: 4/31/2017

Application Submitted: 4/22/2016

Section One: Summary of Education, Certificates and Credentials

Higher Education			
Degree	Major	Organization	Date
Masters	Early Childhood Education	SUNY at Albany	5/14/1994
Bachelors	Master of Education, Educational Leadership	Ball State College of Education	5/10/2000
Bachelors	Childhood Education (1-6)	Brooklyn College	6/1/1992

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Professional Development Record

Employment History

Position Name/Program Name	Program Type	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Verified
Director/Administrator					
Director/Administrator	Early Childhood Program A	City Care Center	9/3/2010		5yr 4mo Verified
Director/Administrator	Early Childhood Head Start	City Care Center	3/30/2000	9/3/2009	5yr 5mo Self Reported
Teacher	Early Childhood Head Start	City Care Center	9/11/1994	9/17/2000	5yr 6mo Self Reported
Assistant Teacher	Early Childhood Head Start	City Care Center	3/30/1994	7/30/1996	2yr 4mo Self Reported

Duration indicates years and months as reported on application submission date. Verified by Program indicates the record has been verified by a Director/Administrator through the Registry Program Profile.

Current Training List Includes all Training completed between 5/6/2014 and 5/6/2016

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Quality Assured Tier 1	RD Type	CEC Area	Date	Hours	Source
Active Play/Physical Activities for Young Children	Professional Development Session	4. Environment and Curriculum/5. Health, Safety and Nutrition	6/17/2014	3.00	
				Quality Assured Tier 1 Total Verified	0.00
				2014 Total Verified	0.00
				Grand Total Verified	0.00

Sample Professional Development Record (PDR)

The Professional Development Record (PDR) is available to all early care and education professionals who have an active membership with The Aspire Registry. It outlines all of your educational and professional achievements, essentially a professional portfolio. It also serves as an organized resume supplement for current and prospective employers. Directors and Administrators may also use this record for hiring or to develop individual development plans as it contains information that has been reviewed and verified by The Aspire Registry.

You can access your PDR on your Aspire profile under My Docs. This is also where you can find other resources such as your Aspire certificate.

Make sure your PDR is kept up-to-date by sending in any new documents throughout the year!