

MDE Updates

ECFE

- Funding was awarded to MDE to hire two licensed parent educators to support and provide technical assistance to ECFE programs across the state.
- Implementation updates:
 - The positions will provide increased support and technical assistance to districts for ECFE programming, including program operations, outreach and engagement efforts and professional development needs.
 - We hope to fill these positions in the next 3 to 4 months.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

- [DCYF Implementation Office](#)
- MDE and MNAFEE are working with Elizabeth Ebot, Assistant Transition Director, to organize listening sessions with early childhood programs.

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Licensure and Contracts – Three Changes

- ECFE teachers right to continuing contract.
 - See [M.S. 122A.40](#)
 - Consult with your HR team
- EC teachers in collective bargaining agreements.
 - The final Labor Omnibus bill amended PELRA to include early childhood teachers
- Teacher licensure requirement by July 1, 2028.
 - There are exemptions

EC Regional Networking Groups

- Longstanding partnership between MDE and MNAFEE
- Please make sure you are connected with your colleagues!

New Coordinator Workshops

- This is year two. There are 9 sessions, which will be revised and offered next year also.
- Need your help in making these as beneficial as possible!
- More information on the [New Administrators page](#).