# Florida Certified Communities of Practice Facilitator Training Stipend

The Office of Early Learning is excited to share that Florida Certified Communities of Practice Facilitators are eligible for a **$225** stipend upon the successful completion of one of the two following courses by **June 30, 2021,** or until the stipend funding is depleted. Successful completion may include an end of course assessment or certificate of completion. All application and stipend forms are available here.

Certified Communities of Practice Facilitators must apply and be approved PRIOR to taking classes to receive a stipend. Courses taken prior to receiving notification of approval by PAEC do not qualify for a stipend.

**From FSU: Professional Certification in Trauma and Resilience, Level One, Cost $349.00**

**Limited to 50 participants!**

Florida State University has launched a new online curriculum for a Professional Certification in Trauma and Resilience: Level One. The curriculum was developed by the Clearinghouse on Trauma & Resilience within the Institute for Family Violence Studies in the College of Social Work. The curriculum enables professionals to develop the knowledge and skills they need to understand the impact of adult and child trauma, along with the keys to resilience. Participants will learn crucial information to improve service delivery to clients, students, human services recipients, patients, and other members of the public. This self-paced curriculum includes 20 hours of course content and 10 chapters of research-based readings, case scenarios, multi-media materials, assignments, and quizzes.

**From the Florida Association of Infant Mental Health (FAIMH): The Growing Brain from Birth to Five Years, Cost: $300 (for those with FAIMH individual or agency membership only)**

**Limited to 100 participants!**

This innovative training curriculum focuses on evidence-informed knowledge and strategies to prepare professionals who work with infants and young children for their vital role in building healthy brains. The curriculum fills a unique niche by providing a comprehensive understanding of how the brain develops, along with ways the professional can encourage healthy brain development in children from birth to 5 years old. Participants will learn skills and strategies for understanding and supporting: brain development (architecture and neurobiology) to inform their practice with infants, young children & their families; language, cognition, prosocial behavior, and social-emotional development birth to 5; and reducing toxic stress that can negatively influence brain development of young children.

Certified COP Facilitators currently employed at an early learning coalition are eligible to apply for this stipend, and **must apply through the Panhandle Area Education Consortium (PAEC) here.**

Questions can be directed to oel.questions@oel.myflorida.com

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