

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if I am an eligible teacher?

- Have a Pre-K-aged classroom, with priority given to classrooms with 10 or more Pre-K-aged children
- Be a Lead Teacher, or be an Assistant Teacher in a classroom where the Lead Teacher is also applying for the same group of the study
- Have Administrator's approval to participate
- Work at a child care center or school building

What if I work at a Family Child Care Center?

- Family Child Care Providers are very important to Preschool Promise and the families we serve. While we cannot include Family Child Care providers in this research project because of class size and site variables, we will offer other ways to support Family Child Care leaders in taking next steps with Conscious Discipline. Contact latoria.marcellus@preschoolpromise.org if you are interested.

What if my students aren't 3 and 4-year-olds?

- This study evaluates preschoolers in the 3 and 4-year-old age range. Teachers who don't have this age range in their classes are invited instead to participate in other CD Professional Development (PD) offerings that Preschool Promise will announce for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 years.

What if I change classrooms or schools?

- If your role, site, or classroom changes, Preschool Promise will evaluate those changes on a case-by-case basis to ensure every effort is made for a teacher to remain eligible to participate. Teachers should notify Preschool Promise as soon as they know a change is occurring

Does Preschool Promise help fund class coverage for the CD Summer Academy in June?

- Yes, administrators can use the Quality Dollars (QD) given by Preschool Promise to help cover the additional support needed in your classroom while you're at the Summer Academy. If your site does not receive QD and you need coverage assistance, contact amanda.burkholder@preschoolpromise.org.

Can I participate in other Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at the same time?

- Participants in Group A of this research study are not eligible to participate in additional PLCs during the research period (Spring 2025 - Fall 2027) in order for research findings to remain unimpacted by other PD influences. Participants in Group B may be a part of additional PLCs.

If I already attended eDECA training for the eDECA Pilot, do I still have to attend again?

- If a participant completed an eDECA training with Preschool Promise for the previous eDECA Pilot, they will not be required to attend a second training for the study, however are invited to attend if they would like a refresher.

If I have a self-contained classrooms of all special needs preschoolers, can I apply?

- Yes! While the evaluation methods may be adjusted for these classroom types, we still invite teachers to apply to be a part of the study.

If I am attending the CD Institute in Cincinnati in June, can it replace the CD Academy Preschool Promise is holding in June?

- Yes! If you are already attending the Cincinnati Institute, it will fulfill the requirement for CD training. Participants are however still invited to the CD Academy Preschool Promise is holding should they wish to attend both.

What if I can't attend the CD Summer Academy June 2nd - June 6th?

- Preschool Promise will offer applicants other options for in-person CD training, including the Summer Institute in Cincinnati. Attending one of the options is required to participate in Group A.

Will Group B be given Conscious Discipline Professional Development after the study is complete?

- Participants in Group B will be prioritized for acceptance into CD PD after the study is completed.