Lead Learn Excel

Improve Child Outcomes through Instructional Leadership

*Lead Learn Excel™* is a professional learning program designed to enhance child outcomes by transforming early childhood education professionals into the most effective instructional leaders. We use a proven adult learning approach that combines training, coaching, and peer learning to drive program improvement. System leaders, professional development providers, and instructional leaders, participate in the program over 12 months gaining support through all phases of implementation, transforming their practice and their organizations. Our focus is on strengthening the five key organizational supports shown in the graphic.

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**TRANSFORMING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Key competencies taught during Lead Learn Excel, which are aligned to national instructional leadership and Learning Forward standards, address:

- Improving leadership and coaching skills
- Using data to inform instruction and continuous improvement
- Supporting teachers and family child care providers in creating focused lesson plans
- Facilitating professional learning communities

**ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE**

*Sustained outcomes begin with strong leadership*

The development of children who are kindergarten ready is essential. Yet early education leaders often lack access to the professional tools they need to support children’s learning and development during these critical early years.

Ounce of Prevention Fund created Lead Learn Excel based on years of research and work with early education leaders to build leaders’ capacity to create the systems and structures necessary to improve teaching quality and child outcomes.

Since launching in 2014, we have transformed over 600 early childhood education leaders across the U.S.

EMPOWERING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

LEAD LEARN EXCEL SERVES THREE KEY AUDIENCES:

Lead Learn Excel’s suite of professional learning services is designed to meet the needs of early childhood education leaders in diverse settings including: preschool programs, Head Start, Early Head Start, child care, and elementary schools with early childhood education classrooms.

State/System Leaders

Lead Learn Excel partners with state and system leaders to plan a tailored professional development experience for their early childhood education leaders.

Professional Development Providers

To build sustainable supports for instructional leaders, the Ounce provides in-person training, monthly coaching, and peer learning communities to participating professional development providers. Professional development providers include quality specialists or coaches, who in turn to deliver and sustain the Lead Learn Excel program for the instructional leaders they support.

Instructional Leaders

The Ounce provides in-person training to participating instructional leaders. Coaching and peer learning communities are delivered by the professional development providers working with these leaders. Instructional leaders include any leaders responsible for teachers and the quality of instruction in classrooms, such as:

• School principals
• Site directors
• Education coordinators
• Special education coordinators, and
• Teacher leaders

OUNCE OF PREVENTION FUND The Ounce of Prevention Fund gives children in poverty the best chance for success in school and in life by advocating for and providing the highest quality care and education from birth to age five.

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