



Report: January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

Executive Summary

During the first three months of 2018, Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network (MRTQ PDN) continued its work toward promoting professionalism in the field of early childhood care and education and increasing the quality of care offered through the provision of a statewide system of professional development. The full report outlines the details of MRTQ PDN's final progress toward our contract deliverables for this period. The following are a selection of highlights of the work completed by MRTQ PDN during this quarter:

- **During the contract period, a total of five trainings began and ended; an addition 20 trainings began in this quarter and will end during the next reporting period.** In the completed trainings, 98% of participants reported "somewhat agree" and "strongly agree" to the question: "I have gained knowledge and skills presented in this training and will apply them to my practice."
- **During the contract period, a total of 24 elective trainings were delivered.** A total of 299 participants attended the elective trainings.
- **MRTQ PDN staff and Technical Assistance consultants delivered 454 hours of on-site consultation during the contract period (includes preparation, follow-up, and travel time).** This represents an increase of 57% over the previous quarter. In addition, MRTQ PDN staff fielded 450 phone and email technical assistance contacts. This includes 10 calls to the Inclusion Warm Line during this quarter. The total phone and email TA delivered increased 58% over the previous quarter.
- **There are currently 23 active Communities of Practice (CoP) groups throughout the state.** MRTQ PDN has CoP representation in all eight of the DHHS districts. This quarter 4 new CoPs began – two in Washington County, one in Aroostook County, and an online CoP for family child care providers. A total of 540 participants attended MRTQ PDN-sponsored CoP groups during the contract period. This represents a 21% increase in participation over the previous quarter.
- **The eight District Coordinators (DCs) continued introducing themselves to practitioners and programs in their districts.** The DCs also continue to participate in training – this quarter the group completed the 12-hour training "Foundations of Collaborative Consultation."
- **MRTQ PDN continued the agreement with Better Kid Care at Penn State Cooperative Extension to offer the online training *Health and Safety Basics: Requirements for Certification to Maine providers*.** This training will meet the CCDBG-required health and safety training and will be offered free to Maine providers ongoing, as needed. MRTQ PDN staff have arranged for a Maine-specific code to be used on the Better Kid Care website, with monthly reporting of provider completion from Better Kid Care to the MRTQ Registry. As of March 31, 2018, a total of 3,067 practitioners have completed the training.
- **Work continues on the new MRTQ PDN/Child Care Choices website.** The new logo has been introduced (see above). The MRTQ PDN portion of the website is nearing completion; the next phase of the redesign will involve the Child Care Choices pages and moving both the MRTQ PDN and CCC websites to the cloud.
- **MRTQ PDN continues to collaborate with the Maine Afterschool Network (MASN) on professional development opportunities for out-of-school time programs.** Highlights of the work done during the contract period are included in Attachment K.
- **MRTQ PDN has collaborated with a number of stakeholder groups during this quarter, including:**
 - Regular meetings with staff and supervisors from the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services (DLRS) to discuss the training and technical assistance needs of both child care programs and DLRS staff.



- Pam Prevost, Registry and Evaluation Manager, continues to serve on the Board of the National Workforce Registry Alliance.

These highlights represent some of the new and expanded work being done by MRTQ PDN during the first quarter of the contract. In addition to these initiatives, MRTQ PDN continues to offer its core services, including:

- **Processing 257 new Registry applications** from early childhood practitioners;
- **Attending 100% of the meetings with** the Office of Child and Family Services, Licensing Supervisor Meetings, the Maine Children's Growth Council, Professional Development Accountability Team, Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC), and the Maine PDN Advisory Committee;
- **Maintaining the Statewide Electronic Training calendar.** During the contract period there were a total of 1,681 searches from 550 unique IP addresses. Forty MRTQ PDN trainings were listed on the calendar and 15 trainings from other partners and college courses added.
- **Maintaining the Child Care Choices website with accurate data regarding licensed programs and *Quality for ME* information.**