

Dear Early Childhood Educator,

As part of an ongoing commitment to support a well-prepared and effective early childhood workforce, The Align Team is providing \$1,000.00 training stipends for educators who complete the Infant Toddler Credential by September 30, 2024. These stipends are made possible by the federal Wyoming Preschool Development Grant (number 90TP0082-03-02). The Align Team administers the Preschool Development Grant on behalf of the Wyoming Department of Family Services.

Infant Toddler Credential Pathways

There are multiple pathways an educator can obtain their Infant Toddler Credential. To learn more about the different pathways, please review the Infant Toddler Director document, which can be found here. Informational sessions are also available via Zoom:

February 6th @ 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81006989577?pwd=eTBBLzU0N0IVS1IFTzFnUXNJckZCQT09

Meeting ID: 810 0698 9577

Passcode: 763100

February 7th @ 12:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86272277556?pwd=VzJXd2hLQTMybUZra1ZuYUViTHJOZz09

Meeting ID: 862 7227 7556

Passcode: 423683

Request for Stipend Timeline

- Requests for stipends will be accepted through September 30, 2024.
- A limited number of stipends are available, and stipends will be awarded as completed requests are received and funds are available (see requirements below).
- Stipends will be processed and awarded on a rolling basis.

Eligibility Requirements

- Work in a licensed or licensed-exempt Wyoming early childhood program.
- Complete all required training for the Infant Toddler credential between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024.
- Submit a request for a stipend via email with all required items (see below).

Request for Stipend Requirements

- Submit an email to Jennifer Zook <u>JZook@TheAlignTeam.org</u> and Sarah Glandt SGlandt@TheAlignTeam.org with the items below:
 - A completed W9 (<u>found here</u>). Please note that the name and address listed on the W9 is who/where the stipend will be mailed.
 - A copy of your STARS transcript reflecting the Infant Toddler Credential (see Degrees/Credentials/Certifications). ***To receive a credential, educators must submit



required training evaluations and homework assignments to STARS (dependent on the completion pathway).

• Update your STARS profile (address, employer, phone, email, etc.)

We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email: Jennifer Zook JZook@TheAlignTeam.org and Sarah Glandt SGlandt@TheAlignTeam.org.

Sincerely,

The Align Team