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Welcome to the latest edition of *Training Solutions*.

We hope your year is off to a great start! January is a month of beginnings, and the new year often brings a desire to start something new. If you are looking for a new opportunity to provide your expertise, we invite you to consider becoming an Instructor for the Training and Technical Assistance Professional (T-TAP) Courses. This is a golden opportunity for you to get on the ground level in making a difference in guiding future Trainers and TA Professionals. Be sure to read on for more information.

Additionally, we also have some important information regarding the following:

- Update on background check processing
- 2022 PDAS Summit
- Breakdown of training in 2021

As always, please contact us for any questions you have regarding the news and information below.

Best Regards,
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Call for Trainer - Technical Assistance Professional (T-TAP) Instructors

Having quality professional development opportunities are critical to the early childhood care and after-school education profession. While Wisconsin has more than 600 approved Trainers and 150 TA Professionals, the need to build Trainer capacity is growing.

While there are individuals interested in becoming a Trainer or TA Professional, finding opportunities to meet the adult education requirement (completing T-TAP Courses) can be challenging. To help address this growing challenge, more instructors who offer these courses across the state are needed.

If you are passionate about the early childhood care and after-school education profession and meet the requirements, we strongly encourage you to share your knowledge and consider becoming a T-TAP Course instructor. Guiding tomorrow's Trainers and TA Professionals can be extremely rewarding. Make a lasting impact on Wisconsin's early childhood care and after-school education profession, and get started today by reviewing the **Instructor Approval Process guide** (Español).

Background Check Processing Update

Trainers and TA Professionals are now required to submit a new background check during their renewal process if the background check on file expires before their next renewal. This update will streamline the renewal process and eliminate potential gaps in Trainer and TA Professional approval.

When it is time to submit a new background check to the Wisconsin Registry, Trainers and TA Professionals will be prompted to submit this documentation during the online renewal application.

Trainers and TA Professionals must have a background check on file with the Wisconsin Registry dated within 5 years. This requirement helps maintain the integrity of both the Wisconsin Registry and the community of approved Trainers and TA Professionals providing professional development to Wisconsin's early childhood care and after-school education field. For more information on the required background check, please download the guide outlining the steps to obtain a criminal background record check.

PDAS Summit

Mark your calendars for this year's PDAS Summit on **September 22, 2022**! This year's Summit looks to dig deeply into potential solutions for some of the identified barriers to accessing professional development opportunities and building trainer capacity. With interactive activities and engaging in-depth discussions, this is an **in-person event** you won't want to miss!

Look for more information on the 2022 PDAS Summit in future communications.

By the Numbers

Below is a snapshot of the breakdown of training during the ongoing pandemic in **2021**. Here we are comparing the number of training events and training hours for in-person training against web-based and blended training*.

* Blended training is defined as a mix of (trainer led) in-person training and (independent) web-based training.

In-Person	Web-Based / Blended
792 Training Events	**2,152** Training Events
2,659.25 Number of Training Hours	**8,331** Number of Training Hours

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