



# Nevada EC Excellence Network

Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion

In partnership with Nevada's Dept. of Education, TNTP seeks 25 early childhood educators across the state to join our third cohort of the *Nevada Early Childhood Excellence Network: "Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion,"* becoming leaders in the field of early childhood education.

Our coalition aims to implement innovative early childhood literacy and readiness programs that will boost outcomes for Nevada's youngest learners by focusing on the following goals:

1. **Evolve Understanding & Expertise in Literacy & Inclusion:** Support educators in learning about and applying effective practices in literacy and inclusion, so that more students are experiencing developmentally appropriate experiences.
2. **Elevate Teachers as Leaders in ECE:** Develop a network of Nevada ECE educators (teachers and coaches) with evidence-based toolkits in literacy, inclusion and family engagement, and who are recognized across the state as leaders in the field.
3. **Extend Innovation and Impact Across Nevada:** Share and celebrate the impactful work occurring in Nevada's ECE Network classrooms in order to support and inspire colleagues across the state.



In our most recent cohort, 100% of teacher leaders said that our shared learning topics were a worthwhile use of their time, that they learned new instructional strategies to implement in their classrooms, and had meaningful opportunities to connect and collaborate with other teachers. Teachers shared:

*"This is one of the best learning experiences I've ever experienced."  
"It's so nice to have the opportunity to collaborate and learn from other teachers across Nevada."*

The course will include a six-session Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion course focusing on the following topics:

- **Topic 1:** *Setting a Classroom Vision of Excellence that Centers Students: Ensuring children's cultural, linguistic, and holistic identities are an asset in the classroom*
- **Topic 2:** *Promoting Oral Language Development Using Self- and Parallel-Talk*
- **Topic 3:** *Inclusive Practices: Engaging multilingual learners and students with learning and thinking differences in the classroom community*
- **Topic 4:** *Reading Foundations: Developing Phonological Awareness through Joyful Play*
- **Topic 5:** *Building Knowledge about the World through Complex Texts in Early Childhood*
- **Topic 6:** *Supporting Students' Print Awareness and Emergent Writing Skills*

**Who:** Nevada's ECE teachers and teacher leaders of 3-6 year olds (Pre-School and Kindergarten-public schools & childcare centers)

**When:** February- June 2025 (Cohort #3)

**What:** Develop and share early literacy & inclusion practices to support Nevada's youngest learners

**How:** 6 online classes and an in-person capstone project share

**Earn a \$600 stipend!**

**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)**

Questions or seek more information? Reach out to Melissa Greene: [melissa.greene@tntp.org](mailto:melissa.greene@tntp.org)

**Cohort 3 will include an in-person EC Teacher Excellence Network Convening. Additional travel stipends for participants traveling more than 120 miles will be provided.**