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DETR and Local Colleges Partner to Create Early Childhood Education Programs

CARSON CITY, NV – The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) is collaborating with Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), College of Southern Nevada (CSN), Western Nevada College (WNC) and Great Basin College (GBC) to reduce and alleviate the workforce shortage for skilled childcare providers impacting our communities. To make the project a success, DETR is investing \$1.4 million into creating Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs.

The goal of these programs is to assist students with tuition and costs associated with training in the Early Childhood Education industry. Early Childhood Education Skills Certificate Programs will help align and promote training programs for a skilled and more consistent pipeline of childcare providers.

“Childcare facilities throughout Nevada need a larger and more consistent supply of skilled ECE workers,” said DETR Director Christopher Sewell. “Nevada families need access to skilled and affordable childcare without having to sacrifice quality of care or having to endure long wait lists.”

After successfully passing their chosen Early Childhood Education skills certificate level, participants will be qualified for employment. Colleges will coordinate with DETR to assist graduates with job placement.

“After just one semester as an ECE Skills Certificate student, I have learned a multitude of ways to become a better teacher and role model for my future students. I always admired my teachers because they left a positive impact on my life,” said Adriana Salazar Marin, ECE Skills Certificate student at Great Basin College. “Taking classes will enable me to become a teacher that children will remember with fondness. It would have been impossible for me to attend college without the support of the ECE Skills Certificate program.”

Opportunities for spring semester courses are still available. Colleges are currently recruiting for the 2024 fall semester. Those interested in participating should email the ECE coordinator at the desired college:

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The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV Career and Business Hubs and in cooperation with its community partners.