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Early Childhood  
Assessment for  
Responsive Teaching

MKEA  
Educators and  
Administrators

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Dear Superintendents,

We are excited to have been awarded the state assessment grant to design, deliver, and coordinate screening and assessment training for Cohort 3 of the MKEA initiative.

We understand that you received official notification on February 4th from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the initiative and the services we will be providing.

We are planning to begin the assessment trainings soon after the statewide April 7, 2014 MKEA conference on the observation of young children. These trainings will include one on the Teaching Strategies GOLD online assessment tool, a foundational course on observation and documentation, and others related to child assessment.

**[Visit our MKEA program page on the website to view course descriptions.](#)**

In order to help us schedule trainings that meet your district's logistical needs, we ask that you complete the survey below. Once we receive your survey, we will be begin scheduling trainings.

**[Click here for the MKEA training survey.](#)**

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Districts will be registering their educational staff for trainings through our website. Administrators and teaching assistants are encouraged to participate. An email will follow soon on how to register.

We will be coordinating with the Readiness Center in your region to provide you with follow-up technical assistance to support the implementation of formative assessment and the use of the assessment tool in your district's practice.

If you have any questions, please contact any of our staff. We look forward to working with you.

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