OER OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INITIATIVE

ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Greetings Early Childhood Education and Child Development faculty!

The ASCCC OER Initiative is actively working to increase faculty awareness, consideration, and use of OER. While most faculty recognize the value of OER as a means of reducing costs for our students, many may not realize that true OER allows for customization. In other words, the use of an OER text allows you to not only provide your students with a free resource, but it also allows you to reorganize, modify, and supplement that resource.

If you have not considered the available OER recently, we want to encourage you to do so. The options available are always changing and the ease of remixing OER will surprise you. And in these challenging times, the use of a digital OER means no one must trek to the bookstore or the library to access their text.

A lot of work has been done in OER in the past 18 months in Early Childhood Education and there are additional projects that are scheduled to be done over the next several months, mostly focused on the core/CAP 8 classes. Here are some resources we would like to share with you:

Access to OER Textbooks

LibreText Early Childhood Education bookshelf (can be remixed, imported into Canvas, and printed through Lulu Xpress)

ECE OER books translated into Spanish (through the Child Development Training Consortium)

The first version of a practicum workbook (designed to be used when students are in the field; will be expanded over the summer)

The following Google Groups contain the book in PDF and Word in English and Spanish and the individual chapters (in English, PDF). They are also a place for faculty to share out the derivative works and ancillaries they create.

Child Growth and Development Google Group (also referred to *Understanding the Whole Child: Prenatal Development through Adolescence*)

Introduction to Curriculum Google Group

[Child, Family, and Community Google Group](#)

[The Role of Equity and Diversity in Early Childhood Education Google Group](#)

[Observation and Assessment Google Group](#)

These two books are not yet done, so these Google Groups are empty.

[Health, Safety, and Nutrition](#) (scheduled to be released by July 17th)

[Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children](#) (release to be determined – Fall 2020)

Template Canvas Online Shells - Canvas Commons

Complete online course shells are being developed for most of the core/CAP 8 courses. Here is one that is already available.

[Child Growth and Development Canvas Commons link](#)

The others will be finished by December 2020.

Course Shell Libraries of Assessment for Core/CAP 8 Courses

An OERI funded project is currently underway to compile quiz banks, discussion/reflection prompts, activities, and assignments with rubrics for Core/CAP 8 courses. These are scheduled to be done, as early as August 2020.

Access to Video Library Canvas Shells

Here is the [template course](#) that links out to Canvas shells developed by ASCCC OERI that features a video library for the CAP 8 courses. This Canvas course and a course for each core/CAP 8 course are also uploaded into Canvas Commons. Search for ASCCC and they should come up.

Access to space to share Zero Textbook Cost and Open Educational Resources

[General collaboration Google Group](#) (this is a growing compilation of resources that are freely available as course content in CD/ECE coursework; be sure to check licensing to check for copyright or open licenses)

Opportunities to Collaborate and Stay Informed

Email [Jennifer Paris](#) or [Amanda Taintor](#) to be added to the ECE OER Email list. This list is used to share the release of new OER and events. It is occasionally

used to send out other important information, such as resources for our recent transition to remote/online instruction (see below for more information).

Invitations to the monthly ECE ZTC/OER Zoom Conversation are sent out through this list. These meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at noon.

Opportunities to Collaborate Around Teaching Online in COVID-19 Era

Google Doc of resources for moving ECE courses online (and other COVID-19 related resources) at https://tinyurl.com/movingECEremote - openly licensed to be shared and used freely.

Online ECE/CD Courses Collaboration Shell built in the Free for Teachers instance of Canvas. Self-enroll to share and find resources at https://canvas.instructure.com/enroll/DK7E39. Openly licensed to be shared and used freely. Will be published to the Canvas Commons.

Email Jennifer Paris to be added to the ECE OER Email list to keep updated on these efforts.

If you are aware of additional OER to teach the core/CAP 8 courses, please share that with us. The ASCCC OERI is here to support all California Community College faculty who are interested in making the move to OER. If we can help, please let us know.