

Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM II)

Exploring Preschool Partners in PRISM II



PRISM II recipients will receive funding, coaching, and technical assistance from DESE, in collaboration with the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). Community-based providers serving preschool-aged children (4-5 years old) can be valuable partners in PRISM. While partnerships with community-based preschool providers are not required for PRISM II recipients, applicants interested in exploring collaborations may consider the following strategies.

Identifying Potential Community-Based Preschool Partners

Ideal partners should be EEC-licensed and located within the community. Examples of community-based preschool providers may include:

- Non-profit and for-profit programs that serve preschool children
- Head Start programs
- Family childcare programs serving preschool-aged children ages 4-5

Support for Forming a Collaboration with Community-Based Partners

- Utilize EEC's Licensed Child Care Search Web Page to identify potential community-based preschool partners within your catchment area: <https://childcare.mass.gov/findchildcare>.
- EEC will provide technical assistance to PRISM II grantees
- PRISM II Leadership Coaches will provide support in building partnerships in the first six months of the grant

Requirement for CPPI districts

Districts participating in CPPI must fully engage their CPPI partners in PRISM II, if applying to include PreK. This will include active participation on the Leadership Council and involvement in curriculum evaluation, selection, and implementation.

