

# Partnership for Reading Success – Massachusetts (PRISM)

## Support for Collaborating with Community-Based Preschool Providers



As part of PRISM I, DESE in collaboration with EEC, will provide significant resources in the form of funding, coaching, and technical assistance resources to PRISM LEAs and community-based preschool partners. This one-pager provides considerations for developing relationships and collaborating with community-based preschool providers.

### Which community-Based partners are appropriate for a PRISM collaboration?

Community-based providers that serve preschool aged children, including those 4-5 years old, are potential PRISM collaborators. Programs may be academic year (September-June) or full year. The LEA will not have oversight of the community-based preschool programs but will work in collaboration with these partners. The programs should be in the community served by the LEA and be EEC-licensed, such as:

- Non-profit and for-profit programs that serve preschool children
- Head Start programs
- Family childcare programs serving 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 grantees.
- PRISM Leadership Coaches will provide support in building partnerships in the first six months of the grant.

### Important Note

**Applicants to PRISM are not required to have existing partnerships with community-based preschool providers.** PRISM applicants may choose to include letters of support from PRISM stakeholders, including community-based preschool providers, to demonstrate any existing partnerships.

