Arizona Director’s Academy (AZDAC)

Rio Salado College, in collaboration with KAET/ASSET (Arizona State University), is initiating professional development coaching model for early childhood directors and administrators. Named the Arizona Director's Academy (AZDAC), the goal of this program is to advance the quality of care and education for Arizona's children by developing and sponsoring educational opportunities for childcare personnel that improve the administration and management skills of current early childhood program administrators, directors and supervisors. The proposed design for AZDAC will serve childcare personnel in the South Phoenix Maricopa Region.

Webinars

Eight Educational Outreach-ASSET in collaboration with Rio Salado College is offering two webinars as part of the Arizona Directors Academy (AzDAC) Project. Each webinar can be accessed from your own computer. In addition, we have reserved space at two locations so that you can participate in the webinar with other webinar participants.

**March 25, 2010 - Professional 2.0: Use Today's Social Networks to Enrich Your Outreach to Parents & Community - Noon-1**

Many of today's online tools make it possible for us to connect immediately with friends and family. Put these same tools to work for you professionally! Showcase your center online, provide updates daily for parents through services like Twitter, encourage teacher and parent collaboration online through Facebook. Help younger staff already tuned into these resources find out how to use them as an early childhood professional.

**Presenter:** Kim Flack, Eight Educational Outreach-ASSET

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**April 29, 2010 - Early Childhood Advocacy - Noon-1**

The one hour Webinar will be designed for directors and leaders in the early childhood field of education. The webinar will discuss ways in which directors and leaders been be more effective advocates for the early childhood education and the children that are affected. The participants will discuss strategies to effective advocacy with their community and the public as a whole.

**Presenter:** Bruce Liggett, Arizona Childcare Association

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Webinar slots are limited so you are encouraged to participate from your own home or work location and simply log in to the website provided by Elluminate.

**However, Face to Face Locations to Participate are Available:**

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The webinars are presented in Elluminate. In order to participate from your computer you will need to have speakers (if you just want to listen) or a headset with microphone (if you want to ask a question or add to the discussion). Shortly before the scheduled webinar you will be emailed a link to access the webinar. Elluminate has the following participant reference guides and online tutorials to assist you in participating in these webinars:

- Participant Orientation (5 minutes)
- Elluminate Live! User Guide for Participants
- Elluminate Live! Quick Reference Guide for Participants
- Elluminate Participant Orientation Slides

**First Things First (FTF)**, approved by Arizona voters, works to ensure that our youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed.

Across the state, FTF regional partnership councils – in collaboration with local leaders – identify the educational and health needs of children from birth through age 5 in their communities and fund strategies to address those needs. For more information about First Things First: [www.azftf.gov](http://www.azftf.gov)

**Partnering Organizations**

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