



## **Become a LEAP Trainer! Four day training begins July 24th!**

**The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and the Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) are pleased to announce an additional offering of the Low-income Education Access Project (LEAP) training-of-trainers program.**

ESE has identified a need for trainers to support Massachusetts school districts in their efforts to understand the impact of poverty on identification, placement, and student outcomes, and to address these issues through appropriate systems and strategies in the classroom, school environment, and the community.

**The second cohort for the LEAP Train-the-Trainer program is free of charge**, and is intended to help create a statewide cadre of trainers that can support all districts, regardless of a district's regional affiliation. Trainers are equipped to bring qualified training and consultative services to schools and districts and can bring access to resources and best practices to support district efforts.

All Massachusetts educational collaboratives may send individuals or teams (there is no team limit at this time) for this training, regardless of whether other members of their staff have previously attended.

**Dates:** July 24 - 27, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Location:** Best Western Royal Plaza hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough

**Audience:** Participants should be:

1. currently employed by a MA educational collaborative OR from an ESE-designated district
2. experienced in designing and facilitating professional development and consultative services for school districts

Facilitation and consultative experience is required as each participant will be expected to provide a variety of support services to districts upon program completion.

**All selected trainers must commit to participating in 100% of program activities.**

- Attendance at the four-day ToT: July 24-27, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm

- Equivalent of three full-day community of practice meetings (to be scheduled between August 2017 and June 2018)
- Active contribution to the LEAP online community space to give and receive ongoing collegial support
- Active solicitation and facilitation of LEAP-related learning opportunities: Between August 2017 and June 2018, trainers are expected to actively seek opportunities to (co-)facilitate 4-6 LEAP-related professional learning opportunities in MA public schools.
- As part of the LEAP ToT Program evaluation and ongoing development, participants are expected to record learning event information (type of learning event, district/school, date, etc.), attendance and participant feedback on forms provided by CES.

**Cost and Application:** Course participation, related materials, and three nights' lodging are free for selected trainers. Continental breakfast and lunch are also included on each training day and dinner is included on the first three training days. Participants pay travel expenses to the training site. Logistical details about making your hotel reservation and RSVPing for meals will be sent once accepted.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until July 1, 2017.

**Space will be limited, so please apply as early as possible:**

[Visit the website for the application.](#)

You may also download and submit a paper application.

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