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Introduction

This document is a supplement to the research-to-practice brief titled, “The uses of technology to support early childhood practice: Professional Development and informal learning.” The brief describes 23 technologies that early childhood practitioners are currently using to support professional development and/or informal learning. This document contains two sets of four tables, one set for professional development and another for informal learning. Each set contains tables that list sample products and programs the categorized by four common professional development and informal learning technologies: 1) video, 2) online coursework, 3) social media networking, and 4) all other technologies. If you are interested in learning more about a specific product or program, the tables contain external hyperlinks to product or program websites. Full web addresses are also written out in a bibliography at the end of the document. Please note that as websites are updated, hyperlinks and web addresses included in this document may become inactive. In those instances, we suggest conducting a web-search for the product(s) or program(s) of interest.

Table 1. Video: Products and Programs that Support Professional Development, Classified by Types of Video Technologies

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Video Technologies Video Exemplars	Video Technologies Videotape Feedback from a Coach or Trainer	Video Technologies Case-based Hypermedia Resource	Video Technologies Web-mediated Coaching	Video Technologies Videotape Feedback Sent to Practitioners via E-mail by Coach or Trainer	Video Technologies Video Self-reflection	Video Technologies Product Training and Implementation Videos	Video Technologies Video Conference
Curriculum	1. Head Start Research-based, Developmentally-informed (REDI)*	Pennsylvania State University	x							
Curriculum	2. Pre-Kindergarten Learning System Videos and Webinar Series	InvestiGator Club	x						x	
	Professional Development Aim: Assessment									
Assessment	3. myIGDIs Training¹	Early Learning Labs							x	
Assessment	4. The Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP)^{1,2}	Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.	x						x	
	Professional Development Aim: Screener									
Screener	5. Ages and Stages Questionnaire Training and Resources¹	Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.							x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	6. Comprehensive Customer Support¹	Istation							x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	7. Galileo Pre-K Online Professional Development^{1,2}	Assessment Technology Incorporated							x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	8. Literacy Instruction and Assessments Archived Webinars¹	Imagine Learning							x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	9. Professional Development	Hatch Early Learning							x	

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Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	10. Texas Opening the World of Learning (OWL) Pre-K Curriculum and Assessment Professional Development	Pearson							x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	11. The DLM Early Childhood Express Resources	McGrawHill	x						x	
Instructional Tool	12. ActivTable¹	Promethean							x	
Instructional Tool	13. Boardmaker Support^{1,2}	Mayer-Johnson							x	
Instructional Tool	14. Interactive Whiteboard System and ActivInspire Software¹	Promethean							x	
Instructional Tool	15. Promethean Planet - The World's Largest Interactive Whiteboard Community¹	Promethean							x	
Instructional Tool	16. SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards and SMART Notebook Software^{1,4}	SMART Technologies							x	
Instructional Tool	17. SMART Table 442i Collaborative Learning Center^{1,4}	SMART Technologies							x	
Practitioner Assessment	18. MyTeachingPartner³	Teachstone	x	x	x	x				
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	19. Behavioral, Emotional, and Social Training-- Competent Learners Achieving School Success (BEST in CLASS)	University of Florida and Virginia Commonwealth University	x	x						

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In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	20. Classroom Links to Vocabulary and Phonological Sensitivity Skills (Classroom Links to Early Literacy)	Karen Diamond and Douglas Powell	x	x	x					
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	21. Distance Mentoring Model	Florida State University					x			
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	22. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC)	Office of Head Start	x							
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	23. eCIRCLE Online Professional Development	Children's Learning Institute	x			x				
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	24. Learning Language and Loving It - The Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators	The Hanen Centre	x	x						

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In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	25. Literacy Environment Enrichment Program (LEEP) ²	David Dickinson and Linda Caswell	x					x		
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	26. Professional Development Products and Resources	Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children	x							
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	27. Teacher Classroom Management Program ¹	The Incredible Years	x							
Total	27	27	13	4	2	2	1	1	16	0

Note. Products or programs that have evaluative literature are identified by *.

¹Includes technical support or customer service. ²Continuing education credits/clock hours or college credits included or optional. ³Includes coaching and mentoring.

⁴Includes mobile app to request support via one's mobile device.

Table 2. Online Coursework: Products and Programs that Support Professional Development, Classified by Types of Online Coursework Technologies

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Online Coursework Technologies Online Courses	Online Coursework Online Modules Text	Online Coursework Online Modules Embedded Video	Online Coursework Online Modules Details Not Available
Curriculum	1. Second Step Early Learning Program	Committee for Children				x
Curriculum	2. Teacher Training	International Preschool Curriculum	x			
Assessment	3. Children's Progress Academic Assessment¹	Northwest Evaluation Association	x			x
Assessment	4. COR Advantage Webinars¹	HighScope	x			
Assessment	5. myIGDIs Training¹	Early Learning Labs	x		x	
Assessment	6. The Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP)^{1,2}	Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.	x			
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	7. Comprehensive Customer Support¹	Istation			x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	8. Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence and Preschool Assessment Tool Implementation Analysis Tools	Core Knowledge Foundation				x
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	9. Galileo Pre-K Online Professional Development^{1,2}	Assessment Technology Incorporated	x			
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	10. Online Sessions for The Creative Curriculum System for Preschool and Teaching Strategies Gold²	Teaching Strategies				x
Curriculum and Assessment	11. Preschool Curriculum and Child Observation Record Assessment^{1,2}	HighScope	x			x
Integrated	12. Professional Development	Hatch Early Learning	x		x	
Instructional Tool	13. Boardmaker Support^{1,2}	Mayer-Johnson	x	x	x	
Instructional Tool	14. Promethean Planet - The World's Largest Interactive Whiteboard Community¹	Promethean	x		x	
Instructional Tool	15. SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards and SMART Notebook Software^{1,4}	SMART Technologies	x			x

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Instructional Tool	16. SMART Table 442i Collaborative Learning Center^{1,4}	SMART Technologies	x		x	
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	17. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC)	Office of Head Start		x	x	
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	18. Early Childhood Online Distance Learning Program²	Colorado Community College	x			
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	19. eCIRCLE Online Professional Development	Children's Learning Institute	x			
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	20. Center for Early Education and Development: Online Courses²	University of Minnesota	x			
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	21. Learner Services²	MyCourseRoom	x			
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	22. National Director Credential Modules²	Aim4Excellence	x			x
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	23. Online Professional Development Courses²	Childcare Education Institute	x			

		Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Online Coursework Technologies Online Courses	Online Coursework <i>Online Modules</i> Text	Online Coursework <i>Online Modules</i> Embedded Video	Online Coursework <i>Online Modules</i> Details Not Available
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	24. Professional Development Products and Resources	Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children				x
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	25. Professional Development ²	Quality Assist	x			
TOTAL	25	25	19	2	7	8

¹Includes technical support or customer service. ²Continuing education credits/clock hours or college credits included or optional. ³Includes coaching and mentoring.

⁴Includes mobile app to request support via one's mobile device.

Table 3. Social Media Networking: Products and Programs that Support Professional Development, Classified by Types of Social Media Networking Technologies

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Social Media Outlets Facebook	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Social Media Outlets LinkedIn	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Twitter	Social Media Networking Technologies Alternative Social Media Site	Social Media Networking Technologies Blogs	Social Media Networking Technologies Photo or Video Sharing	Social Media Networking Technologies Forum
Curriculum	1. Second Step Early Learning Program	Committee for Children					x		x
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	2. Galileo Pre-K Online Professional Development^{1,2}	Assessment Technology Incorporated							x
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	3. PreK-3 Blended Learning Program Professional Development and Digital Learning Community¹	AWE Digital Learning Solutions					x	x	x
Instructional tool	4. Promethean Planet - The World's Largest Interactive Whiteboard Community¹	Promethean					x		x
Instructional tool	5. SMART Exchange, EDCompass Blog, and CoursePark Discussion Board	SMART Technologies					x	x	x
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	6. eCIRCLE Online Professional Development	Children's Learning Institute							x
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	7. Learner Services	MyCourseRoom	x	x	x				x
TOTAL	7	7	1	1	1	0	4	2	7

¹Includes technical support or customer service. ²Continuing education credits/clock hours or college credits included or optional.

Table 4. Other: Products and Programs that Support Professional Development, Classified by Other Types of Technologies

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Other Professional Development Technologies Audio Self-reflection	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Documents Library and User Guides	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Reliability Exercises or Tests	Other Professional Development Technologies User Resource Exchange	Other Professional Development Technologies Streaming or Pre-Recorded Audio	Other Professional Development Technologies Telephone Conference	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars <i>Archived</i>	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars <i>Live</i>	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Peer-to-Peer Interaction
Curriculum	1. KidSmart Early Learning Program Resources	KidSmart		x							
Curriculum	2. Pre-Kindergarten Learning System Videos and Webinar Series	InvestiGator Club							x		
Curriculum	3. Second Step Early Learning Program	Committee for Children		x							
Curriculum	4. Splash into Pre-K Curriculum Support¹	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt		x							
Assessment	5. Children's Progress Academic Assessment¹	Northwest Evaluation Association		x				x	x	x	
Assessment	6. COR Advantage Webinars¹	HighScope							x	x	
Assessment	7. myIGDIs Training¹	Early Learning Labs							x		
Assessment	8. The Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP)^{1,2}	Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.							x		
Assessment	9. The Ounce Scale Training¹	Pearson		x					x	x	
Assessment	10. Work Sampling Online Training¹	Pearson		x					x	x	
Screener	11. Ages and Stages Questionnaire Training and Resources¹	Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.		x					x		

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Screener	12. Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) Infant And Toddler Program Informational Webinars¹	Devereux Foundation							x	x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	13. Comprehensive Customer Support¹	Istation							x	x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	14. Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence and Preschool Assessment Tool Implementation Analysis Tools	Core Knowledge Foundation		x					x		
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	15. Curiosity Corner Professional Development³	Success For All		x				x		x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	16. Galileo Pre-K Online Professional Development^{1,2}	Assessment Technology Incorporated		x	x						
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	17. Literacy Instruction and Assessments Archived Webinars¹	Imagine Learning							x	x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	18. Online Sessions for The Creative Curriculum System for Preschool and Teaching Strategies Gold²	Teaching Strategies			x						
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	19. PreK-3 Blended Learning Program Professional Development and Digital Learning Community¹	AWE Digital Learning Solutions		x					x	x	x

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Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	20. Preschool Curriculum and Child Observation Record Assessment^{1,2}	HighScope			x				x		
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	21. Professional Development	Hatch Early Learning		x					x	x	
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	22. Texas Opening the World of Learning (OWL) Pre-K Curriculum and Assessment Professional Development	Pearson		x							
Integrated Curriculum and Assessment	23. The DLM Early Childhood Express Resources	McGrawHill		x							
Instructional Tool	24. ActivTable¹	Promethean		x							
Instructional Tool	25. Boardmaker Support^{1,2}	Mayer-Johnson		x					x	x	
Instructional Tool	26. Interactive Whiteboard System and ActivInspire Software¹	Promethean		x							
Instructional Tool	27. LeapPad 2 Learning Tablet Parent Guides and Support¹	LeapFrog		x							
Instructional Tool	28. Promethean Planet - The World's Largest Interactive Whiteboard Community¹	Promethean		x		x			x	x	x
Instructional Tool	29. SMART Board Interactive Whiteboards and SMART Notebook Software^{1,4}	SMART Technologies		x					x	x	

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Other Professional Development Technologies Audio Self-reflection	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Documents Library and User Guides	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Reliability Exercises or Tests	Other Professional Development Technologies User Resource Exchange	Other Professional Development Technologies Streaming or Pre-Recorded Audio	Other Professional Development Technologies Telephone Conference	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars Archived	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars Live	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Peer-to-Peer Interaction
Instructional Tool	30. SMART Exchange, EDCompass Blog, and CoursePark Discussion Board	SMART Technologies				x					
Instructional Tool	31. SMART Table 442i Collaborative Learning Center^{1,4}	SMART Technologies		x					x	x	
Practitioner Assessment	32. MyTeachingPartner³	Teachstone		x	x				x		
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	33. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC)	Office of Head Start		x					x	x	
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	34. Literacy Environment Enrichment Program (LEEP)²	David Dickinson and Linda Caswell	x								
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	35. Professional Development Products and Resources	Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children		x			x		x	x	

Professional Development Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Other Professional Development Technologies Audio Self-reflection	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Documents Library and User Guides	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Reliability Exercises or Tests	Other Professional Development Technologies User Resource Exchange	Other Professional Development Technologies Streaming or Pre-Recorded Audio	Other Professional Development Technologies Telephone Conference	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars <i>Archived</i>	Other Professional Development Technologies Webinars <i>Live</i>	Other Professional Development Technologies Online Peer-to-Peer Interaction
In-service Programs for Various Pedagogical Strategies and Subject Areas	36. Professional Development Products and Resources ²	STARNET Illinois					x		x	x	
TOTAL	36	36	1	24	4	2	2	2	23	17	2

¹Includes technical support or customer service. ²Continuing education credits/clock hours or college credits included or optional. ³Includes coaching and mentoring. ⁴Includes mobile app to request support via one's mobile device.

Table 5. Video: Products and Programs that Support Informal Learning, Classified by Types of Video Technologies

Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Video Technologies Video Exemplars	Video Technologies Videotape Feedback from a Coach or Trainer	Video Technologies Case-based Hypermedia Resource	Video Technologies Web-mediated Coaching	Video Technologies Videotape Feedback Sent to Practitioners via E-mail by Coach or Trainer	Video Technologies Video Self-reflection	Video Technologies Product Training and Implementation Videos	Video Technologies Video Technologies
Independent Learning Aim									
1. Kidvision Virtual PreKindergarten Teacher Development	PBS Learning Media							x	
2. Professional Development	Los Angeles County Office of Education								x
3. Professional Development Videos and Resources	Eastern Connecticut State Center for Early Childhood Education	x							
TOTAL 3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Table 6. Online Coursework: Products and Programs that Support Informal Learning, Classified by Types of Online Coursework Technologies

Informal Learning Aim:	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Online Courses	Online Coursework Technologies <i>Online Modules</i> Text	Online Coursework Technologies <i>Online Modules</i> Embedded Video	Online Coursework Technologies <i>Online Modules</i> Details Not Available
Independent Learning Aim	1. Birth to 3 Professional Development and On-Line Learning	University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Center	x		x	
	2. Professional Development	Los Angeles County Office of Education	x		x	
TOTAL	2	2	2	0	2	0

Table 7. Social Media Networking: Products and Programs that Support Informal Learning, Classified by Types of Social Media Networking Technologies

Informal Learning Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Social Media Outlets <i>Facebook</i>	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Social Media Outlets <i>LinkedIn</i>	Social Media Networking Technologies Connections to Common Social Media Outlets <i>Twitter</i>	Social Media Networking Technologies Alternative Social Media Site	Social Media Networking Technologies Blogs	Social Media Networking Technologies Photo or Video Sharing	Social Media Networking Technologies Forum
Independent Learning	1. Early Childhood Professional Development Resources and Social Media	Engagement Strategies, LLC					x		
Peer Collaboration	2. Early Childhood Exchange	Ning				x	x	x	x
	3. Think Early Childhood: Maryland's Online Community for Early Childhood Educators	Ning				x	x	x	x
	4. Video Sharing	TeacherTube				x		x	x
TOTAL	4	4	0	0	0	3	3	3	3

Table 8. Other: Products and Programs that Support Informal Learning, Classified by Other Types of Technologies

Informal Learning Aim	Program or Product	Company, Publisher, or Developer(s)	Other Informal Learning Technologies Audio Self-Reflection	Other Informal Learning Technologies Online Documents Library and User Guides	Other Informal Learning Technologies Online Reliability Exercises or Tests	Other Informal Learning Technologies User Resource Exchange	Other Informal Learning Technologies Streaming or Pre-Recorded Audio	Other Informal Learning Technologies Telephone Conference	Other Informal Learning Technologies Webinars <i>Archived</i>	Other Informal Learning Technologies Webinars <i>Live</i>	Other Informal Learning Technologies Online Peer-to-Peer Interaction
Independent Learning	1. Birth to 3 Professional Development and On-Line Learning	University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Center		x			x	x			
	2. Early Childhood Professional Development Resources and Social Media	Engagement Strategies, LLC							x	x	x
	3. Professional Development	Los Angeles County Office of Education							x	x	
Peer Collaboration	4. Early Childhood Exchange	Ning				x					x
	5. Think Early Childhood: Maryland's Online Community for Early Childhood Educators	Ning									x
	6. Video Sharing	TeacherTube									x
TOTAL	6	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	4

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