



# Interoffice Memo

**DATE:** March 15, 2022

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**FROM:** JACQUELYN GREENE, Director  
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**TO:** MARTHA GARCIA, Staff Analyst  
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**SUBJECT: PRESCHOOL SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND VIRTUAL REGION 9  
HEAD START ASSOCIATION 2022 THE EARLY CHILDHOOD STEM INSTITUTE  
CONFERENCE**

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**Attendee Name:** Lorena Alatorre  
**Cost Center:** 5911022220  
**Dates(s) of Travel:** March 21, 2022 – March 23, 2022  
**Purpose of Travel:** Attend Virtual 2022 Region 9 Head Start Association STEAM Institute Conference

**Expenses:**

|                  |                       |          |                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Registration Fee |                       | \$332.00 | \$332.00                              |
| Child Care       | \$40 per day x 3 days | \$120.00 | \$120.00                              |
|                  |                       |          | <b>Grand Total</b><br><b>\$452.00</b> |

**Contact Name:** Martha Garcia

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**Justification:** Attending the Region 9 STEM Conference will provide the Policy Council (PC) members with information and resources needed to prepare children for kindergarten and to build lifelong learning skills. The PC member will share the information learned with fellow parents at assigned school sites, as well as with other Policy Council members.



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## Why

Why do we host the Early Childhood STEM Institute?



What fun it is – learning how to teach young children about science, technology, engineering, and math! George Washington Carver said, “Since new developments are the products of a creative mind, we must therefore stimulate and encourage that type of mind in every way possible.” And so, teaching STEM concepts to the very young is a strategy that will reap huge rewards for the future, while serving as a fun, engaging activity in the present.

From birth, children show interest in learning about the world around in many ways. STEM experiences foster a child’s natural curiosity and build their understanding through inquiry-based experiences. From skill-building in daily routines and play to exploration and collaboration activities, children are drawn and celebrate the WHYs of early years. Playing games, exploring with friends, and testing their intuitive theories about the world, STEM brings about multisensory experiences to better grasp concepts and ideas.

Efforts to improve STEM in early childhood programs and more widely in U.S. schools both inside and outside the classroom has long been a challenge. Adequate training of early education teachers in STEM concepts is essential to get a head start on STEM education. National Science Teachers Association recognizes the value and importance of nurturing young children’s curiosity and recommends that teachers and other providers who support the learning of science in young children be given professional development experiences.

R9HSA’s Early Childhood STEM Institute is focused on bringing our community a fun and engaging experience to learn science principles in an interactive, hands-on approach, enabling Head Start education staff to teach about science principles appropriately and knowledgeably.

For 2022, our theme is **Educators as Seekers**. The 2022 Early Childhood STEM Institute will focus on educators’ discovery and love of science knowledge, technology innovations, engineering creativity, and math reasoning to nurture young learners and their families. We believe in the power of scientific knowledge to ensure school success and beyond. Our emphasis will be to strengthen the STEM identity of all staff working in programs Birth – Age 5, including Home Visitors, Family Child Care partners, Teachers and Managers. Together we will inspire our next generation of STEM advocates.

## What



A three-day virtual institute providing the following learning formats:

- ✓ General Sessions – 60 minutes, live
- ✓ Learning labs – 90 minutes, live
- ✓ Education sessions – 60 minutes, live
- ✓ Education sessions (Spanish) – 60 minutes, pre recorded
- ✓ Knowledge Builders/sponsored sessions – 45 minutes, pre-recorded

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Individual and group pricing are available. 90 days on-demand viewing of all sessions, as well as conference materials are included with all registrations.

Additionally, attendees will be offered the opportunity to bundle their registration with a 12-month subscription to [continued.com's Early Child Education Online](#). With over 280+ courses online, this resource is extensive and accessible 24/7, 365. Professional development designed with Region 9's community in mind.

See below for the price breakdown:





### Members

**\$332.00 per person**

PD Bundle with 12 months of continued.com: \$421.00 per person

### Non-Members

**\$362.00 per person**

PD Bundle with 12 months of continued.com: \$461.00 per person

### Group Pricing for STEM Institute Only (Does not apply to PD Bundle)

- 25+ registrations 10% off – code STEM10
- 50+ registrations 15% off – code STEM15
- 100+ registrations 20% off – code STEM20

For questions regarding pricing please contact us at [headstartr9@region9hsa.org](mailto:headstartr9@region9hsa.org).

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