



**Erikson Institute**

THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT



Greetings!

We hope you and your family are in good health.

As you may know, data collection for the Early Development Instrument (EDI) Project was paused during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year due to the pandemic-related school closures as well as the need to be mindful of the additional responsibilities of teachers as in-person learning resumed. Jaclyn Vasquez and Rebecca Halperin and the EDI team have done amazing work and provided support to all of our community partners during these challenging times; however, Erikson has decided to place a hold on the EDI Project indefinitely. The [edi.erikson.edu](https://edi.erikson.edu) website with your community data will still be available.

We know many of you value the local data the EDI offers and if you are interested in continuing data collection using the tool, our partners at the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities still offer fee services to score data collected from communities as well as report creation with GIS maps to visualize the results. To find out more about UCLA's services, please contact Lisa Stanley at [LisaStanley@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:LisaStanley@mednet.ucla.edu) or 310-312-9083.

The connection Jaclyn and her team have made with all of our EDI community partners has been invaluable and has helped generate a lot of exciting movement—turning data into actionable strategies. The successes of the EDI Project have compelled Erikson to expand its data literacy coaching model, distilling best practices from EDI, to other early childhood datasets with plans to launch the model in 2022. Jaclyn will be shifting to a part-time consultant, lending her expertise to this work, and Rebecca will shift her focus to other projects for our Policy and Leadership Department.



In the meantime, Erikson's Policy and Leadership Department offers consultation and coaching services to build the capacity of stakeholders with early childhood science and a racial equity framework to ensure initiatives provide equitable access to opportunities for all young children and their families. For more information, please contact Veronica Vidal at [vvidal@erikson.edu](mailto:vvidal@erikson.edu).

Thank you for welcoming Erikson into your communities to help address issues critical to the early childhood development and experiences. The commitment and hard work of community members was key to giving meaning to the data. We look forward to future opportunities for partnership.

Best,



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