**24:14:16:01.  Comprehensive system of personnel development.** The department shall ensure the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of personnel development, including the training of primary referral sources with respect to the basic components of early intervention services available in the state. The comprehensive system of personnel development shall include:

 (1)  Training personnel to implement innovative strategies and activities for the recruitment and retention of early education service providers;

 (2)  Promoting the preparation of early intervention providers who are fully and appropriately qualified to provide early intervention services under this article; and

 (3)  Training personnel to coordinate transition services for infants and toddlers with disabilities who are transitioning from an early intervention service program under Part C to a preschool program under 20 U.S.C. § 1419 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Head Start, Early Head Start, an elementary school program under Part B, or another appropriate program.

 The comprehensive system of personnel development may include training personnel to work in rural and inner-city areas and training personnel in the emotional and social development of young children.

 The system may also include training personnel to support families in participating fully in the development and implementation of the child's individualized family service plan, and training personnel who provide services under Part C using standards that are consistent with early learning personnel development standards funded under the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care established under the Head Start Act.

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