THE fabrikONE™ LEARNING ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM FOR THE SMART START NETWORK

The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. recently launched an e-learning platform called fabrikONE™ for the Smart Start network. The goal of fabrikONE™ is to provide a space where those working with children and families in North Carolina can go to engage in professional development, leverage knowledge from respected sources, and engage to share and solve problems. Included on the platform are engaging asynchronous and synchronous online learning options for the North Carolina early childhood system.

fabrikONE™ is built on a learning management system called SimplyDigi, that is widely utilized in early childhood systems/professional development projects around the country because of its unique features for the field and the fact that a group of state early childhood leaders continually invest in upgrades (allowing for pooling of resources and lessons learned).

NCPC envisions supporting Local Partnerships around e-learning opportunities through fabrikONE™ by: 1) Creating content helpful to those administering Smart Start; 2) Hosting or linking to good existing e-learning content from around the state and nation; and 3) Creating opportunities for Local Partnerships to easily create, manage, and grow their own e-learning portfolios.

To learn more about fabrikONE™ visit:
http://www.smartstart.org/fabrik-one/

View the growing fabrikONE™ course catalog or try a course at:
https://fabrik-one.smartstart.org

Services surrounding e-Learning that NCPC can provide to Smart Start Local Partnerships include:

1) **Course design capacity |** We work with a team of experienced instructional designers and can create an engaging online course for your users. (Professional development hosted in fabrikONE™ will maintain the banding and "ownership" of the Local Partnership that created it. Local Partnerships' training teams can track users, make changes to the course, add/remove content, access reporting, etc. in order to best manage the course as it goes live.)

2) **A space for communities of practice to engage online |** fabrikONE™ includes a virtual space for practitioners to connect, engage, and share learning around topics relevant to their role. Local Partnership staff can facilitate and manage their local discussions as they see fit. (Communities of Practice can be linked to courses.)

3) **Capacity to house or link to existing online courses |** helping extend the reach of courses Local Partnerships may already have designed/created (Courses can be targeted to specific roles, regions, or groups of people or broadened to extend to reach across the state.)

4) **Data systems connectivity |** fabrikONE™ is designed on a platform utilized by other states to bring together ECE data in powerful ways and has potential to support our work in North Carolina in similar ways. (i.e. Data might suggest what types of online professional development might be most helpful in certain areas of the state and help us get helpful content to those users.)

For additional information or to schedule a "tour" of fabrikONE™, contact James Dodson at jdodson@smartstart.org or 919.821.9550.