CELP Overview: ECE PDTA Hub

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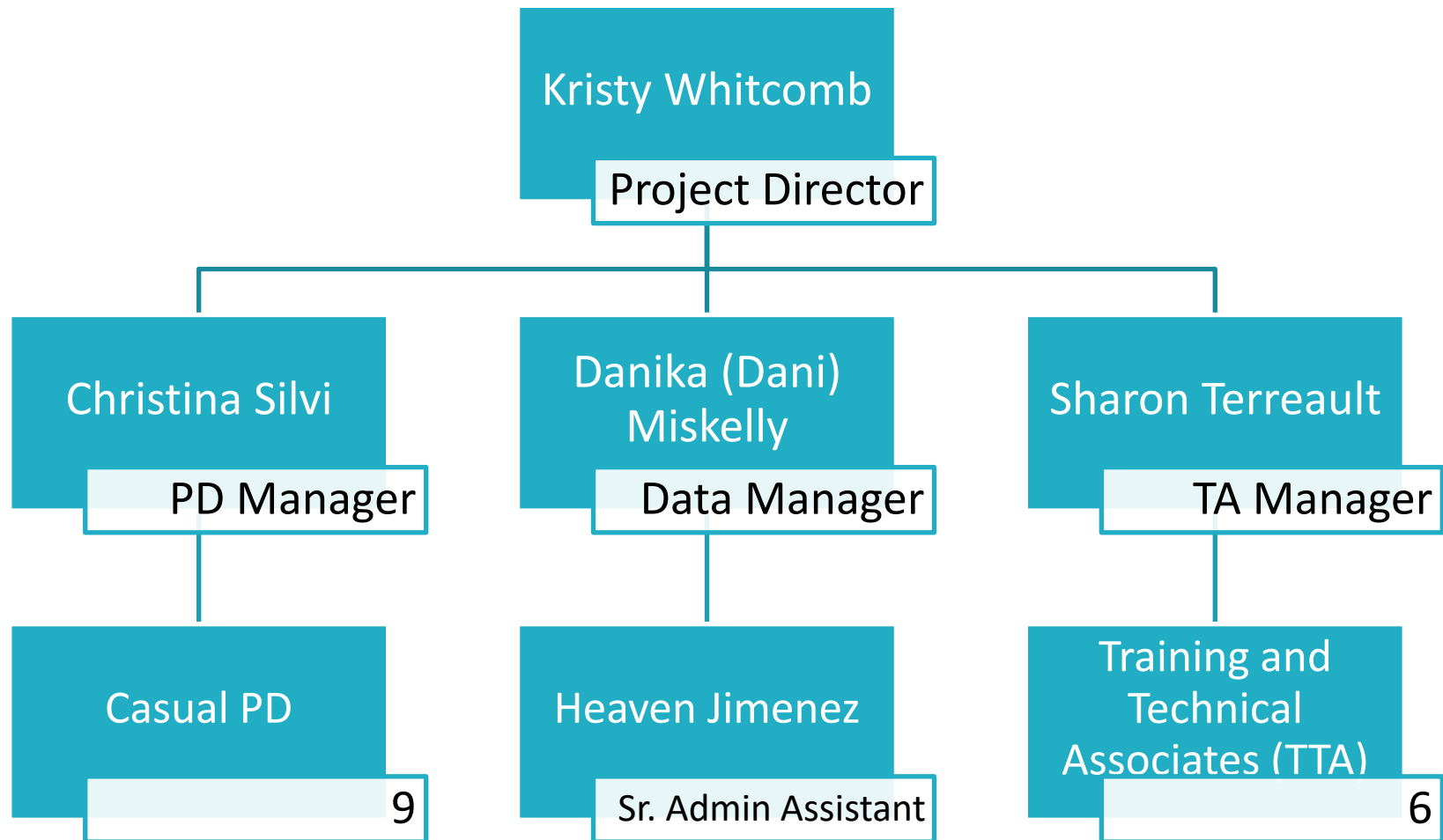
Project Overview

Agenda

- CELP Overview and Background (Kristy)

  - Background

  - CELP in the ECE Ecosystem

- Professional Development (Christina)

  - Professional Development Approval

  - External Training Verification

- Technical Assistance (Sharon)

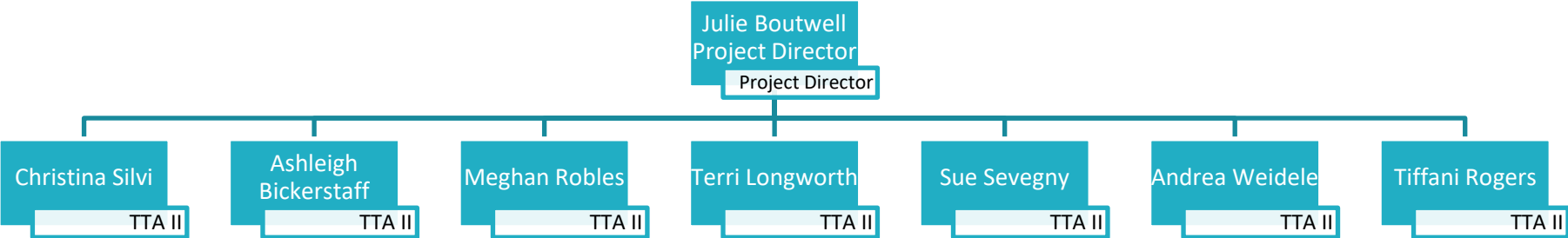 - Technical Assistance

  - QIP

CELP Background

- Opened in 2014 with original funding from Race to the Top federal funding

- Rhode Island Hub for ECE professional development (PD) and program improvement (TA); CELP and RI State Pre-K PDTA

- 18 regular staff, 9 casual staff

CELP Org Chart

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                    Kristy Whitcomb
                    Project Director
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Christina Silvi	Danika (Dani) Miskelly	Sharon Terreault
PD Manager	Data Manager	TA Manager

Casual PD	Heaven Jimenez	Training and Technical Associates (TTA)
9	Sr. Admin Assistant	6

RI State Pre-K PDTA Org Chart

Julie Boutwell
Project Director

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Christina Silvi	Ashleigh Bickerstaff	Meghan Robles	Terri Longworth	Sue Sevegny	Andrea Weidele	Tiffani Rogers
TTA II	TTA II	TTA II	TTA II	TTA II	TTA II	TTA II

CELP in the RI Early Childhood Ecosystem

- Rhode Island Early Childhood Field
  - 414 child care centers.
  - 398 Family Child Care providers
    - 299 identify as being Spanish speakers (many are bilingual)
    - 95 identify as English-only
    - 1 Creole (bilingual) 2 Portuguese (bilingual) 1 Russian (bilingual)

Professional Development

Christina

CELP Professional Development

CELP provides free PD for the ECE workforce in both English and Spanish

CELP course catalog includes:

- 10-15 instructor-led CELP PD series each semester
- 60+ online self-paced CELP courses on Talent LMS
- 21 online courses offer CEUs
- [77 titles from ProSolutions Training](#) (Health/Safety and additional topics)
- Catalog of approved PD trainings (local and national organizations)

PD Approval Processes

1. For Trainers and Organizations

   - [Submit PD approval application](#)

2. For Participants

   - [New Training Verification process required by DHS](#)

   - To apply hours to licensing regs, ALL external PD must go through verification process

RISES and CELP: System Communication and Clarification

- CELP pushes professional development data (overnight)

- RISES Clarification – these do NOT go into CELP accounts. These should be uploaded to RISES account.
  - Higher Ed / diplomas
  - Other credit-bearing courses
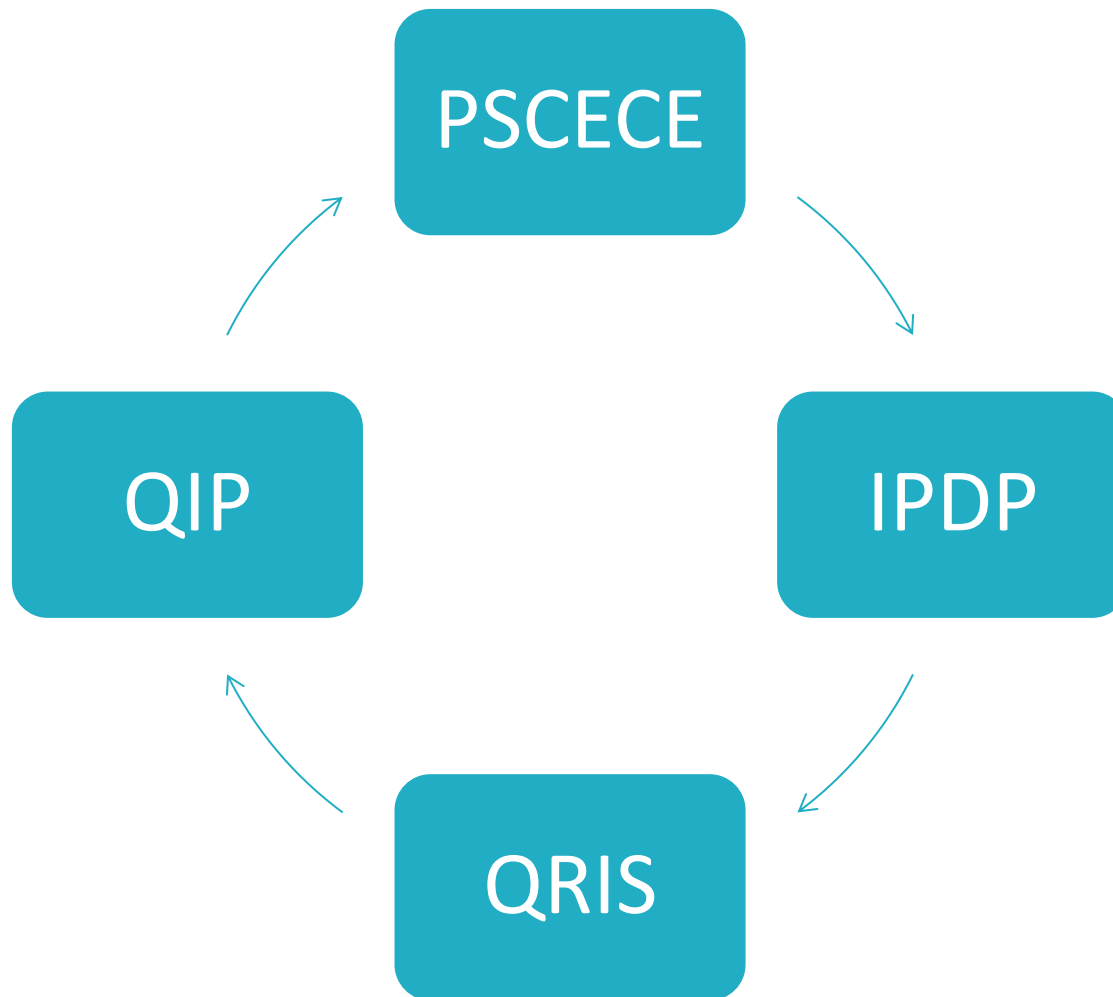
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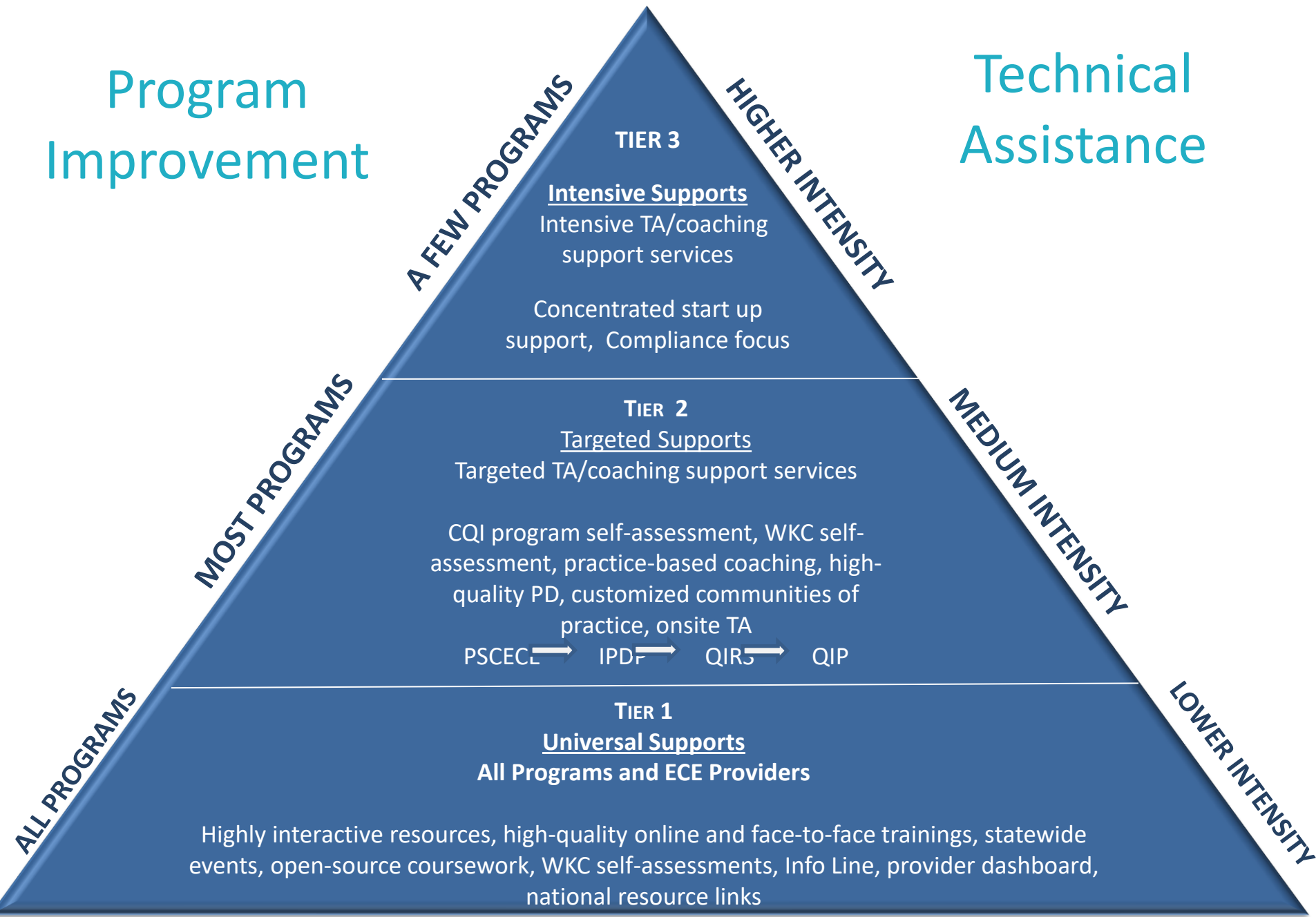
Sharon

What is TA?

TA is specialized support provided to childcare programs to improve quality, ensure compliance with regulations, and enhance professional development.

Continuous Quality Improvement

Program Improvement

Technical Assistance

TIER 3

Intensive Supports
Intensive TA/coaching support services

Concentrated start up support, Compliance focus

TIER 2
Targeted Supports
Targeted TA/coaching support services

CQI program self-assessment, WKC self-assessment, practice-based coaching, high-quality PD, customized communities of practice, onsite TA

PSCECL → IPDF → QIRS → QIP

TIER 1
Universal Supports
All Programs and ECE Providers

Highly interactive resources, high-quality online and face-to-face trainings, statewide events, open-source coursework, WKC self-assessments, Info Line, provider dashboard, national resource links

A FEW PROGRAMS

HIGHER INTENSITY

MOST PROGRAMS

MEDIUM INTENSITY

ALL PROGRAMS

LOWER INTENSITY

High Quality PDTA

Program Quality Improvement (Technical Assistance)

- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- Quality Improvement Plans (QIP)

- Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDP)

- Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)

- Coaching Supports

Resources

CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING PROFESSIONALS

A decade of collaboration with Rhode Island educators

Rhode Island ECE Workforce Pathway Resources

CELP Newsletter and Survey Reminder

- **CELP 'Tune in Tuesday' Newsletter**
  - Sent weekly – easy to sign up and receive it
  - This is a great way to stay in the loop for any updates re: systems, professional development, community resources and more!
  - Sign up is easy: https://center-elp.org/about/contact-us/
  - Website: What's New!

- **CELP Annual PDTA Survey**
  Take the survey
  Tome la encuesta

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