

Case Study: Drupal for ECPL



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Client Overview

Early Childhood Professional Learning (ECPL) provides high-quality professional development resources and training for Illinois-based early childhood educators. Funded by the Illinois State Board of Education, ECPL offers online learning modules, registration for live events, and a comprehensive resource hub tailored to educators working with young children and families.

The Challenge

- Update and maintain the ECPL Drupal site to serve as a centralized hub for professional development, events, and educational resources.
- Ensure easy access to learning modules, downloadable materials, and calendar-based training registration.
- Enable the internal team to manage dynamic, content-rich sections like events, courses, and resource libraries.
- Prioritize accessibility and compliance with education-sector standards.

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Our Solution

- Maintain a robust and highly structured site on Drupal, enabling ECPL to manage complex content relationships with ease.
- Integrated an interactive calendar system with dynamic filtering for events by location, format, and topic.
- Designed the site for educators with varying levels of tech experience, balancing usability with deep content functionality.
- Created modular templates for resource uploads, learning modules, and educator tools to ensure consistency.

Results:

- Delivered a professional-grade educational platform tailored to state-funded requirements and educator needs.
- Enabled ECPL to scale their offerings statewide with tools to manage registration, materials, and updates in-house.
- Boosted site usage by offering a user-friendly experience that encourages self-service access to high-quality PD resources.
- Strengthened ECPL's reputation as a leader in Illinois' early childhood education landscape.

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