SEPECC Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Meeting will begin at 9:00

Agenda:

9:00 Welcome
9:05 Budget Updates
9:15 Advocacy Wins
9:35 ELRC Updates
9:55 SEPECC Celebration of Accomplishments
10:25 Opportunities for ECE Programs & Professionals
10:40 Wrap Up
10:45-11:00 Breakout Groups (Optional)
THANK YOU SEPECC CO-CHAIRPERSONS!

Zakiyyah Boone, Executive Director of Wonderspring Early Learning

Jacqueline (Jacki) Jay, Director of All My Children Learning Center

Kellie Ketchum-Umphrey, Program Manager Early Head Start (Alternate)
BUDGET UPDATES

Mary Graham, Children’s Village

Carol Austin, First Up
Advocacy
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
ECE Wins in Southeastern PA

- Over 70 ECE professionals engaged in advocacy
- Nearly 50 legislators connected with ECE professionals
- Over 20 ECE programs hosted legislators
ECE Programs who hosted legislators

Acclaim Academy  
Boyertown Children's Center  
Bright Little Scholars  
Children's Playhouse  
Children's Village  
Childspace  
Deborah's Little Shepherds  
G&T Daycare Montessori  
Generation of Scholars  
Gray's Ferry Early Learning Academy  
Heaven Sent Childcare  
Heavenly Made Creations  
KenCrest  
Kinder Academy  
Li'l Bits FCCH  
The Children's Ark at St. George's  
Today's Child  
Warwick Childcare  
Woodland Academy  
Younger Days  
Zhang Sah Martial Arts Learning Center
Southeast PA Legislators who learned from ECE Professionals

- Rep. Marylouise Isaacson
- Rep. Napoleon Neilson
- Rep. Martina White
- Rep. Morgan Cephas
- Rep. Jennifer O’Mara
- Rep. Darisha Parker
- Rep. Donna Bullock
- Rep. Melissa Shusterman
- Rep. Wendi Thomas
- Rep. Joe Webster
- Rep. Nancy Guenst
- Rep. Craig Staats
- Rep. Mary Jo Daley
- Rep. Mike Schlossberg
- Rep. Jared Solomon
- Rep. Ed Neilson
- Rep. Gina Curry

- Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler
- Rep. Joanna McClinton
- Rep. Isabella Fitzgerald
- Rep. Pam DeLissio
- Rep. Tim Briggs
- Rep. Mike Zabel
- Rep. Shelby Labs
- Rep. Milou McKenzie
- Rep. Amen Brown
- Rep. Jordan Harris
- Rep. Danilo Burgos
- Rep. Joe Hohenstein
- Rep. Regina Young
- Rep. Greg Vitali
- Rep. Matt Bradford
- Rep. Kevin Boyle
- Rep. Tim Hennessey

- Sen. Art Haywood
- Sen. Sharif Street
- Sen. Anthony Williams
- Sen. Carolyn Comitta
- Sen. Amanda Cappelletti
- Sen. Tim Kearney
- Sen. Nikil Saval
- Sen. Robert Tomlinson
- Sen. Vincent Hughes
- Sen. Maria Collett
- Sen. Christine Tartaglione

- U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
- U.S. Rep. Madeline Dean
- U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb
ECE Wins Across the U.S.
How ECE Advanced in Individual States in 2021-2022
ECE Wins for Compensation

- Kansas to give child care workers $53 million in appreciation pay.
- King County and the city of Seattle will grant $7 million in one-time payments to child care workers.
- San Francisco budget includes raises for early educators ranging from $2,000-$30,000 of the over 2,000 city-funded early educators.
New Mexico will waive subsidy copays and make child care free for one year for families earning up to 400% of the poverty level.

New York boosts share of state child care budget by $146 million and expanding subsidies to families with incomes up to 300% of the federal poverty level.

San Francisco plans $50.7 million to enact Children & Family Recovery Plan and ramp up subsidies for child care, pre-k, & after school programming.
State of Michigan intends to steer $100 million to support a goal of opening 1,000 new child care programs by 2024.

Connecticut to invest $100 million in new investments in childcare and increase infant & toddler slots by 80 percent.

New Hampshire to spend $30 million in federal funds to improve state child care system to make child care more affordable and accessible.

Washington, D.C. builds a birth-to-three strategy within comprehensive birth-to-five system.
More ECE Wins

- More employers offer child care benefits

- In California:
  - California's budget includes money for transitional kindergarten for all 4-year-old residents.
  - Gov. Newsom signs bill to improve child care access for migrant workers.
NEW MEXICO JUST BECAME THE FIRST STATE TO MAKE CHILD CARE FREE FOR NEARLY ALL FAMILIES

- Waived child care subsidy copays and expanded eligibility to make care free for one year for nearly all residents
- Expanded eligibility for state assistance to families earning up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, or $111,000 a year for a family of four.
- Beginning to reimburse providers based on how much it actually costs to provide child care, not just on the going market rate.
- In November, New Mexicans will vote on a ballot measure that would change the state constitution to enshrine a right to education not just for grades K-12, but for children ages zero to five as well.

New Mexico Just Became the First State to Make Child Care Free for Nearly All Families - Early Learning Nation (May 26, 2022)
A Continued Call to Action: Building a Comprehensive Birth-to-Three Strategy in the District of Columbia

- DC’s newly funded “baby bonds” are designed to assist in bridging the racial wealth gap between Black and White families in the District. Baby bonds function as a trust fund for children from families who earn less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

- DC’s recent wins in supporting infants and toddlers and their families build on decades of strategic, intentional, and patient progress toward creating a truly comprehensive birth-to-five early childhood system.

- Early childhood partners from across DC strategically and patiently advanced a birth-to-three agenda. As a result, the landscape is gradually evolving toward a coordinated system of comprehensive supports and services for infants and toddlers and their families.

HUB_CTA_DC2022digital-final.pdf (buildinitiative.org)
Take Action for more ECE wins!!
ELRC Update

(No OCDEL update today)
ELRC 15 Quality coaches: continue to offer in-person supports to programs either at the Resource Hub at Park Lane Elementary School in Darby or at the program location.

Delaware County Libraries: Summer Quest is a celebration of reading and learning that takes place in Delaware County Libraries during the summer months. As part of Summer Quest, our libraries partner with the Collaborative Summer Library Program to promote a unique and interesting theme for summer activities. This year’s theme is Oceans of Possibilities, and many of our libraries’ programs and activities will dive into the world of oceans and explore their history, sea-life, conservation and more. You can also download the new DelcoReads mobile app. For more information please go to www.delcolibraries.org.


Chester City Health Department, Save Your Soles & Chester Environmental Partnership Presents: The Annual Diabetes Luncheon on 6/30/22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Chester City Hall Community Room located at 1 E 4th St in Chester, PA 19013. Please see flyer for more information.
**ELRC REGION 17 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

- **HEALTH & SAFETY REGIONAL TASK FORCE MEETING:** Early Learning Resource Center Region 17 will host the next meeting of the Health and Safety Regional Task Force on **Wednesday, June 29th from 1:00 to 2:30pm.**
  Please follow the link below and register to attend the meeting:
  [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcOquqjlrGNIYWQU2USLGCVdB8_9zHS2C](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcOquqjlrGNIYWQU2USLGCVdB8_9zHS2C)

- **LOCAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:** Early Learning Resource Center Region 17 will host the next meeting of the Local Leadership Council on **Wednesday, August 17th from 1:00 to 2:30pm.**
  Please follow the link below and register to attend the meeting:
  [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjMpdumtqDsiGtCMrEnLTZ8wAmwegLC2d6gC](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjMpdumtqDsiGtCMrEnLTZ8wAmwegLC2d6gC)
SEPECC Celebration of Accomplishments
SEPECC 2022
Celebrations in Child Care
THANK YOU KAREN FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR SEPECC!
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
2022 TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF TEACHER AWARD WINNERS

- Diane Burnett | Caring People Alliance at R. W. Brown Community Center
- Kaneez Fatima | Bustleton Learning Center
- Terica Greene | Childspace Daycare Center
- Lyssa Horvath | Arch Street Preschool
- Catherine Matos | Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia
- Ariel Presley | Small World Discovery Center
BUCKS, CHESTER, DELAWARE, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY
2022 TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF TEACHER AWARD WINNERS

- Melissa Bussell  |  The Malvern School of Montgomeryville
- Melinda Greer  |  Curiosity Corner Children’s Academy
- Christina Holland  |  Wonderspring Early Education
- Angela Shaw-Halperin  |  Federation Early Learning Services/Kehillah ELC
- Jennifer Ott  |  The Malvern School of Lionville
TALONA COLEMAN, HEAVEN SENT FAMILY CHILD CARE, ACHIEVED STAR 4 - CERTIFICATES OF HONOR FROM PA SENATE & HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
KENCREST ADAMS ACHIEVED STAR 4 AND CELEBRATED WITH A VISIT FROM SENATOR TARTAGLIONE
ROBYN YOUNGER’S, YOUNGER DAYS, DESIGNATED AT STAR 4!
REPRESENTATIVE KINSEY VISITED DURING WEEK OF YOUNG CHILD
TYNESHA REMBERT-COFIELD’S PRAISE KIDS KORNER STAR 2 ➔ 4
AND PRAISE KIDZ KORNER ACADEMY PROVISIONAL ➔ STAR 1
ADRIENNE BRIGGS, LIL’ BITS FAMILY CHILD CARE - CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT YEAR!
CONGRATULATIONS MINNETTE TAYLOR!

Minnette Taylor, M.Ed., Montessori

25 yrs. of service to children and families
Owner of G & T Daycare Montessori program
Founder of Mini Montessori Academy, nonprofit 501c3
She services on 9 committees around the state of Pennsylvania
First, Pennsylvania State Representative for Childcare

Leading early learning into a new pathway.
2006 & 2020 Recognition for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2019 Women of Entrepreneurs- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
2020 Recognition as a ECE Trailblazer- First Up
2021 NAFCC Pennsylvania State Representative
2022 Voice of Children Award
Pennsylvania Association for the Education Young Children (PennAEYC)
2022 Citation Pa The House of Representatives
2022 Congratulations Senate of Pennsylvania
LORRAINE MATTHEWS’, IT’S IN THE BOOK CHILD CARE SERVICES, 13TH ANNUAL GRADUATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY
CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA ILIOPOULOS, MICHELLE DEA AND EVERYONE AT LITTLE PEOPLE’S VILLAGE!

Michelle Dea

20 years as Center Director

3 New CDA Credentials

New Associates Degrees

New Bachelor Degree in ECE
The ECE PDO at PHMC congratulates ALL ECE professionals for their commitment and accomplishments in FY22!

- Close to 700 students from the ECE workforce in the Philadelphia and Southeast regions enrolled in PHMC funded coursework!
- Dedication, peer connections, funded supports, and much more have helped with persistence in their CDA, AA and BA programs.
- Learn more about the ECE PDO at PHMC at ecepdo.phmc.org
- Sign up for our e-newsletter for upcoming degree and credential program opportunities in FY23
WONDERSPRING TEACHER’S CAROLANN WINTER, JEANNINE GIBBONS & DIANNE RITER COMPLETED INFANT/TODDLER PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE
MERCEDES FLEET-MOUNT, BRIGHT LITTLE SCHOLARS, ACHIEVED MASTERS IN ECE EDUCATION WITH PREK-4 CERTIFICATION
THOMASINA LEE, DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, ACHIEVED GRADUATE LEVEL AUTISM CERTIFICATE FROM ARCADIADIA UNIVERSITY
LESLIE SPINA, KINDERACADEMY, EARNED A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
2022 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Steering Committee
Donna Bartman
Unis Bey
Zakiyyah Boone (Co-Chair)
Laverne Cheeseboro
Traci Childress
Latonta Godboldt
Mary Graham
Jackie Groetsch
Kim Heuschkel
Shineal Hunter
Jacki Jay (Co-Chair)
Kellie Ketchum-Umphrey (Alt. Co-Chair)
Sharon McClafferty
Minette Taylor
Shawn Towey

Advocacy Workgroup
Damaris Alvarado
Dionne Chambers
Laverne Cheeseboro
Shirlee Howe
Eleanor Levie
Elizabeth Ozer
Maureen Quinn Yamamoto
Shawn Towey
Robyn Younger

Advisory Council
Stephanie Bey
Stephanie Blake
Norma Finkelstein
Diane Getzinger
Pamela Haines
Sara Jann
MaryKay Mahar
Maddy Malis
Elizabeth Ozer
Khadijah Sabir
Thank you.

We are stronger together!
Opportunities for ECE Programs and Professionals

Steph Fearse & Alix Cozen
First Up

Karen Bustard
Reinvestment Fund

Norma Finkelstein
SEPECC Volunteer
TEACHER WELLNESS PROJECT (TWP): MISSION

To facilitate a happier workforce of early childhood educators by providing access to supportive wellness services to teachers in the Greater Philadelphia Region. These services would include, but not be limited to, access to low-cost recreational/self-care services related to physical, spiritual and mental health, individualized case management supports.
Teacher Wellness Project (TWP): serving ECE teachers and directors in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

Currently in the launch and development stage!

- Seeking collaborations and forming connections with providers to develop a menu of services
- Developing original content, services and materials

Now available to work with individuals and/or centers!

Services include (but not limited to) providing access to low-cost or paid:

- Mental health services
- Physical wellness supports
- Personal self-care interests
- Wellness-driven classroom additions
Alix Cozen
Alix.cozen@firstup.org
Credit Bearing Coursework - 2022-2023

- Infant Toddler Proficiency Certificate Program
  - Partnerships with: Community College of Philadelphia; Delaware County Community College; Esperanza College of Eastern University

- Trauma Responsive Early Childhood Educator Proficiency Certificate Program
  - Partnership with: Community College of Philadelphia

- Take 3 courses with a First Up Instructor then 1 course at the partner college = 9 free credits for First Up courses and 3 credits for the class at the partner college: details at info meetings

- Applications due August 11; Space is limited so you must apply

- Informational meetings begin July 14; watch for more information or contact nancy.nicewonger@firstup.org
Karen Bustard
Program Manager,
Early Childhood Education
Reinvestment Fund
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<th>PHLpreK Bridge Loans</th>
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Flexible financing for ECE providers in Philadelphia to maintain quality:
https://www.reinvestment.com/grants/phila-ece-loan-fund/

**Uses**
- Emergency needs (roof leak, etc.)
- Bridge loans to a contract receivable
- Quality improvement activities

**Process: 1-3 months**
- Inquiry
  - Email a Contact Sheet to karen.bustard@reinvestment.com
- Underwriting
  - Share financials and program information
- Loan Closing
  - Share insurance and other due diligence items
Norma Finkelstein,
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PA ECE SUMMIT — OCTOBER 17 – 19, 2022

Thriving Together Through These Times
Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education Summit
October 17-19, 2022
earlychildhoodsummit.org

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- Discover Trends in Best Practices
- Learn from early childhood education experts,
- Earn professional development hours that meet PQAS/Keystone STARS, ACT 48, and CDA requirements.
- Up to 21 hours are available from attending live presentations; many more can be earned from viewing recordings afterwards.
- Network with your peers in Early Childhood
- Learn about state & national policies & priorities

3 days
12 sessions
60 workshops
Watch any workshop you missed for credit!
PA ECE SUMMIT — OCTOBER 17 – 19, 2022

https://earlychildhoodsummit.org/

Early Bird registration
Full 3 days, as low as $193
• **1-Minute Exit Survey** to provide feedback on the effectiveness of today’s meeting: [https://forms.gle/HJ2P6Nr9TAMtdJVu8](https://forms.gle/HJ2P6Nr9TAMtdJVu8)

• **Upcoming Meetings:** Sept. 20  
  Oct. 25  
  Nov. 15  
  Dec. 20

• **Meeting Registration Links** on First Up/SEPECC Webpage: [https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/](https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/)
We will break out into randomly assigned small groups for all who wish to join.
Early learning is vital to children’s development. Why is funding it such a struggle?

- Affordable and accessible child care is the key to the pandemic economic recovery, and solving the workforce shortage.

- Encourage more support for early education, we can do more; while we help children get a great start in life, we can also employ their parents, especially mothers.

- Members of Congress are currently negotiating a budget reconciliation bill that would strengthen the care economy, including the nation’s child care system.

- We’re calling on Congress in addition to Gov. Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania General Assembly; it’s time to invest in our greatest resource—children.
Center-based teachers with a bachelor’s degree could see their salary double with a job in transitional kindergarten. Teachers with a bachelor’s degree running a home-based family child care program could see their take-home pay increase nearly two and a half times (240%).

TK jobs, as part of the TK-12 system, offer health and retirement benefits.

While some child care advocates worry that access to TK employment will drain teachers out of the already struggling sector in a tight labor market, others are pushing to create more equitable pathways between the professions and raise wages across the field.
Colorado Gov. Polis signs school finance act, other funding measures

- Per-pupil spending will increase 6% from this year, special education funding will increase nearly 40%
- This year’s school finance act sets what’s known as total program, the base budget for Colorado K-12 schools, at $8.4 billion. The state is responsible for a little more than $5 billion, a 7.6% increase, and local school districts for roughly $3.3 billion, a 2.3% increase.
- State Rep. Julie McCluskie, a Dillon Democrat and chair of the Joint Budget Committee, said she’s optimistic lawmakers can fund schools to the level required in law in the next year or two.
- Allocate $91 million to encourage regional partnerships between colleges, employers, and K-12 school systems to better connect students with good-paying jobs.

Colorado Gov. Polis signs school finance act that boosts funding - Chalkbeat Colorado
Child Care Providers Are Organizing, Demanding More, and Winning

- As federal efforts to invest in affordable child care have stalled, a growing number of states have stepped up to enact major changes aimed at stabilizing the sector.

- As of mid-February, half of all gubernatorial state of the state addresses mentioned the need to invest in child care and early childhood education. But it’s not just lip service: States have dedicated millions of dollars of their own budgets toward new and ongoing funding for the sector.

- There is an increase of $146 million dedicated to child care in this year’s budget, and the larger four-year budget funding increase will allow families earning up to 300 percent of the federal poverty limit to qualify for subsidies.

- Shineal Hunter also closed her doors on May 9. She is a “fourth-generational child care provider,” as she calls herself, following in the footsteps of her great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother.