

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- * ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MUTED.
- * QUESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS SHOULD BE SHARED IN THE CHAT BOX.

- * THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED, THE RECORDING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/> BY END OF DAY.

SEPECC Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Meeting will begin at 9:00

Agenda:

9:00 Welcome

9:05 Federal & State Updates

9:15 Advocacy

9:35 ELRC & DHS Announcements

9:55 SEPECC Special Presentation: ELRC Operations with Christine Reber

10:20 Community Partner Resources

10:40 Wrap Up

10:45-11:00 Breakout Groups (*Inc. PHLpreK*)



Advancing quality early care
and education in Bucks, Chester,
Delaware, Montgomery and
Philadelphia Counties

Interested in getting involved with SEPECC?

- Steering Committee
- Advocacy Workgroup
- Social Media Workgroup

To learn more:

- Complete Volunteer Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/6aZaK9JQcn2RBXqP6>
- Or email: jackie.groetsch@firstup.org

Planning and Implementing: A Director's Tool for Early Intervention

**Thursday, January 26, 2023
1:00 – 3:00pm**

Pre-register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkfumprzwsGdzyczHo2lpGeoeqYg-cEVSL>

- Include information from regulations in program handbook and policies
 - Identify regulations that programs must adhere to
 - How programs & families can collaborate to support children with special needs
- Clarify what the legal requirements/obligations are versus what is subject to provider policy

Mary Graham,
Children's Village

Tyrone Scott,
First Up

Federal & State Updates



Advocacy



What do our Senators know about Childcare?

LIVE

-10s +10s

OUR CHILD-CARE SYSTEM ISN'T JUST THIN, IT IS BROKEN. CARE & CLIMATE CHANGE TALK TO PARENTS, TALK TO SEN. PATTY MURRAY D-Washington, Assistant Majority Leader

C-SPAN2

FIRST VOTE ON TAXES, HEALTH CARE & CLIMATE CHANGE BILL LATER TODAY

00:40 / 17:43

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Educate Friends & Family About ECE

Tips for a productive conversation:

- Start from a place of connection.
- Mention your work in ECE.
- Share challenges you see.
- Listen and answer questions.
- Invite the person to support!



Talking Points on ECE

Early Childhood Education...

- Benefits the economy.
- Reduces K-12 and Special Education costs.
- Reduces crime.
- Increases graduation rates, job success, future wages and health.



New Years Resolutions & Educating New Lawmakers



- Pennsylvania has **49 new state legislators**
 - 23 Republicans
 - 26 Democrats

All need information about the Early Childhood System. Can you help?

Provider Spotlight: Mercedes Fleet-Mount, Bright Little Scholars



Morning Joe: Early Childhood Care and Education



SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, January 19



Who: SEPECC meeting attendees, volunteers, partners, and friends

What: Get Together

When: Thursday, January 19, 5-8 pm

Where: Roy Pitz Barrel House
990 Spring Garden Street, Phila.

Why: to connect with other ECE friends!

Appetizers will be provided by First Up. Free parking provided by Children First.

ELRC& DHS Announcements

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ELRC REMINDERS – ALL REGIONS

Contact your local ELRC for assistance or additional information

Appendix I – Attestation of Professional Development

- **DUE 12/30/2022** – Deadline to return completed form or provider agreement must be end-dated
- Appendix I - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/q9eqn844mxlf9gl/Regulated%20-%20Appendix%20I.pdf?dl=0>

Work Force Support Grant 2.0 - Payments distributed 1/1/2023 through 3/17/2023 (will vary by Region)

Workforce Support Grant 1.0 - Deadline to spend Staff Related Expenses is 1/31/2023

Rate Updates

- If you completed the Market Rate Survey, OCDEL used this to update and convert your Private Pay Rates effective 11/1/2022
- Check your November Payment Summary and your Appendix C2 **carefully** and report and inaccuracies immediately
- No change to the Maximum Child Care Allowance rates



Special Presentation: Christine Reber, Director of the Bureau of
Early Learning Resource Center Operations





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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND
EARLY LEARNING, BUREAU OF EARLY
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
OPERATIONS

OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LEARNING (OCDEL) STRUCTURE

**Department of
Human Services**

**PA Department of
Education**

OCDEL
Acting Deputy Secretary – Shante' Brown

**Early Learning
Policy and
Professional
Development**

Kesley Shaw

**ELRC Operations
and Monitoring**

Christine Reber

**Finance,
Administration
and Planning**

Christine
Baldini

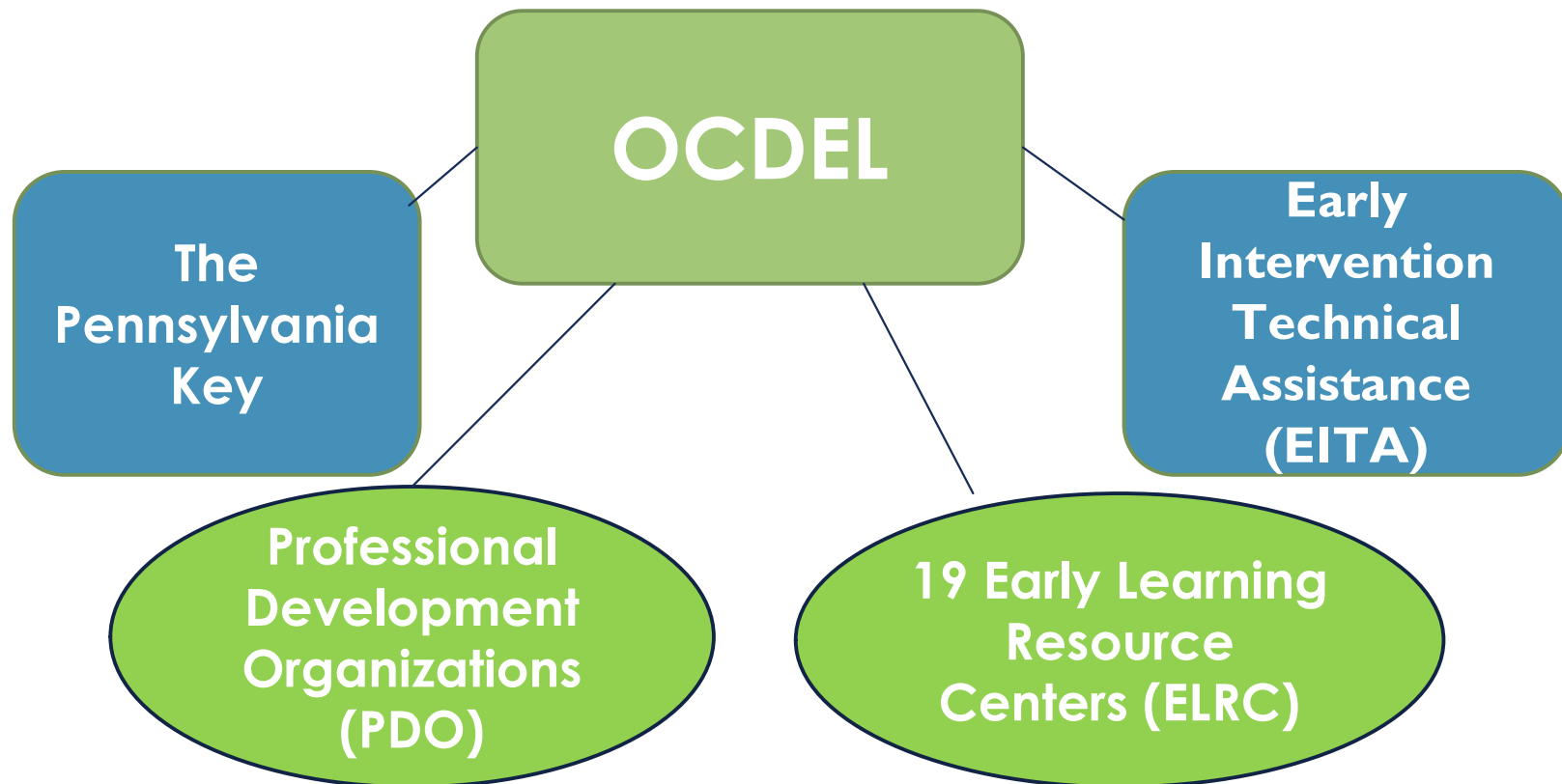
**Bureau of
Certification
Services**

Acting,
Sharon Arabia

**Early
Intervention and
Family Supports**

Lisa Parker

OCDEL BUSINESS PARTNERS



OCDEL BUREAU OF EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER OPERATIONS

**Adrienne Smyth, Chief
of the Division of
Program Management
and Operational
Supports**

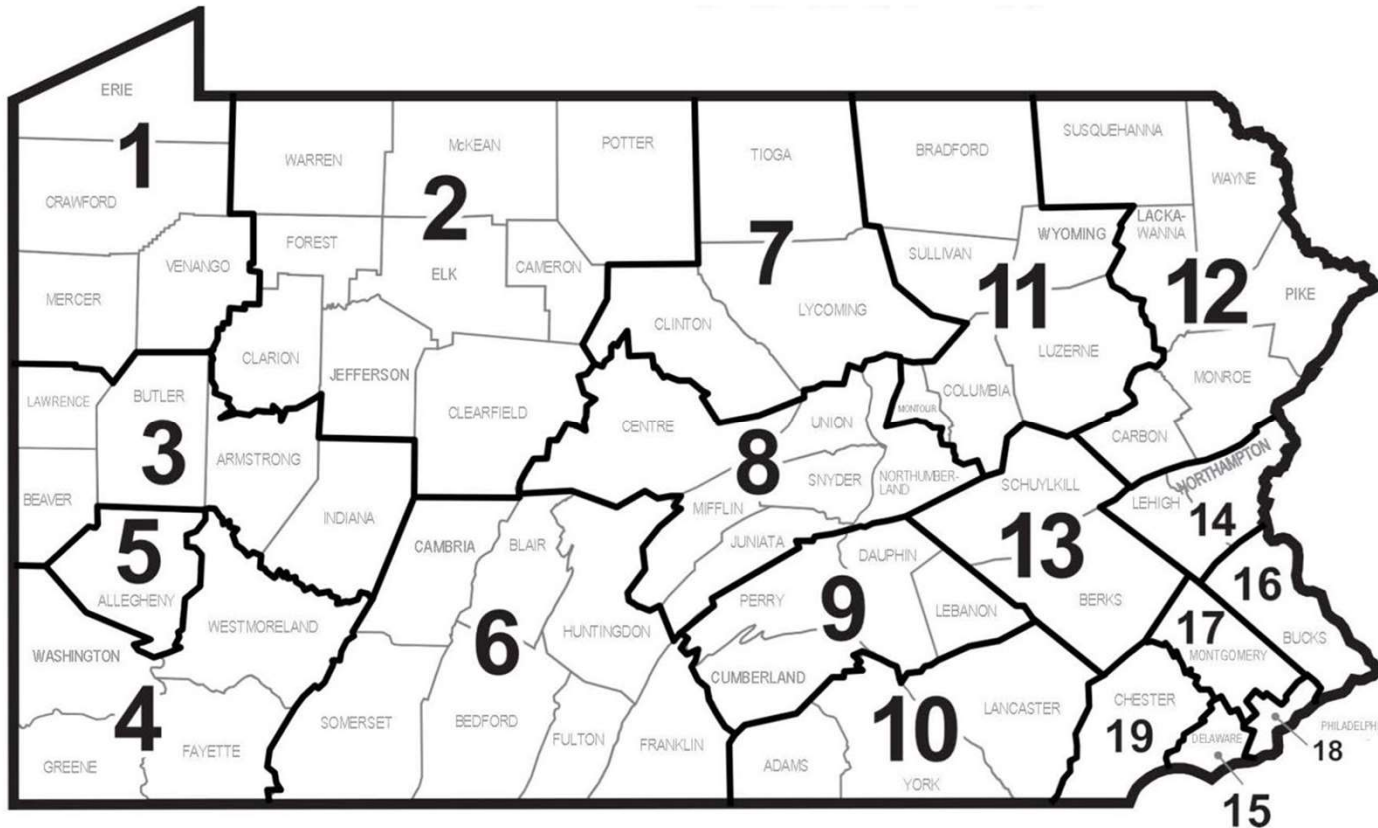
**Christine Reber, Bureau
Director**

**Robyn Arva, Chief of the
Division of Monitoring**

**Four Program
Representatives and two
Program Analysts provide
ELRC Supports &
Fiscal/Data oversight**

**Six Monitoring Program
Representatives are assigned to
provide contract oversight and
guidance of the 19 Regional ELRCs
deliverables**

EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER LOCATIONS BY REGION: WWW.RAISEYOURSTAR.ORG - SEARCH BY CITY OR ZIP CODE



EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS OVERSEE THE CHILD CARE WORKS SUBSIDY PROGRAM & THE KEYSTONE STARS PROGRAM

- Child Care Works subsidized child care program helps low-income families pay for child care
- The ELRC pays the provider a part of the child care cost as a subsidy payment
- The family pays a part of the cost through a co-pay
- The subsidy payment and the family co-pay go directly to the child care program
- Keystone STARS is Pennsylvania's Quality Rating and Improvement System which is PA's continuous quality improvement systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs.
- Keystone STARS – *Improving the quality through:*
 - **S**tandards
 - **T**raining/Professional Development
 - **A**ssistance,
 - **R**esources and
 - **S**upport

PAST FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- \$106 million, CARES Act. Stabilization grants to providers; targeted water grants to providers; Market Rate Survey and technology grants
- 2019-20: \$116 million, CARES Act via Act 24. Stabilization grants to providers
- 2020-21: \$303 million, CRRSA. Stabilization grants to providers; support increased MCCA rates in 2021-22, and retention and recruitment grants to workforce
- 2020-21: \$455 million, ARPA Discretionary. Support increased MCCA; decrease family co-payments, incentivize non-traditional child care, and support professional development
- 2021-22: \$728 million, ARPA Stabilization. Stabilization grants to providers; retention and recruitment grants to workforce
- 2022-23: \$90 million, ARPA. Retention and recruitment grants to workforce – two work force grant were implemented

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY

THE ECE PATHWAY AT HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY

Earn your PK-4 or PK4/Special Ed bachelor's degree and PA teaching certification in a part-time, accelerated format that meets the needs of busy working professionals like you!

- Dedicated advisor for students.
- Courses are offered year-round in the evenings.
- Committed faculty who loop with students/teach consecutive courses.
- In-person and online experiences.
- Courses are offered in an 8-week, accelerated format.
- T.E.A.C.H. scholars welcome.

THE ECE PATHWAY – WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

<u>FALL 2022</u> FA1: ECE 310, ESP 206 FA2: ECE 304, ESP 304	<u>SPRING 2023</u> SPI: ECE 303, ECE 311a SP2: ECE 302, ECE 311b	<u>SUMMER 2023</u> SPI: EDU 303 SP2: GND 400
<u>FALL 2023</u> FA1: ECE 301; ECE 312a FA2: ESP 308, ECE 312a	<u>SPRING 2024</u> SPI: ECE 401a, ESP 408a SP2: ECE 401b, ESP 408b	<u>SUMMER 2024</u> SPI: Extra courses (TBD) SP2: Extra courses (TBD)



Department of
Public Health

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DISEASE CONTROL

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN OHIO

- Currently 77 cases
- Started with children in several ECEs
- 69% of cases between 1-5 years old
- 19 cases in infants <1 year old
- 38% of cases hospitalized
- None of the children are fully vaccinated
- 4 partially vaccinated and one with unknown vaccination status

RECOGNIZING MEASLES



MEASLES VACCINATION

- Children are vaccinated during routine childhood immunizations (MMR vaccine)
- 1st dose 12-15 months
- 2nd dose 4-6 years



VACCINE RECORD REQUEST

The Health Department can provide parents with an official PhilaVax Immunization Information System (IIS) Immunization Record if the child got their vaccine in Philadelphia.

The PhilaVax IIS Immunization Record is official proof that they have been vaccinated.

VACCINE RECORD REQUEST

- Fill out our Immunization Record request form at bit.ly/philavaxrecordrequest
- Submit the completed form with a photo of a valid form of identification (driver's license, passport, PHL CityID, etc.).
- Due to the large number of records requests, it may take up to a week to hear back, so be sure to request your replacement record before you need it!
- Have questions? Call 215-685-5488
or email PublicHealthInfo@phila.gov

PRIMARY CARE FINDER



What is it?

A web-based tool for finding a health center in Philadelphia that offers primary or specialty care.



Who is it for?

Any Philadelphian seeking free or low-cost primary care services.



How to use it?

Filter and use the interactive map to find a primary care provider or a health center with specialty services.



What we hope:

To assist Philadelphians in taking charge of their health so they can identify and treat health problems early.

<https://www.phila.gov/primary-care/>





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The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Award



Application Deadline Extended to Friday, January 6, 2023

To learn more:

- Visit <https://firstup.org//terri-lynne-lokoff-teacher-awards/>
- Email teacheraward@firstup.org

Each award recipient will receive:

- A \$1,000 cash prize
- A paid trip to historic Philadelphia to participate in the Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards Celebration*
- Opportunity to connect with peers and exchange ideas
- Ongoing professional development and program enrichment opportunities



GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

First Up offers free, 30-minute sessions via zoom for PreK families to learn more about the kindergarten transition and application process.



. Contact Jackie.Groetsch@FirstUp.org to learn more and schedule

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- **1-Minute Exit Survey** to provide feedback on the effectiveness of today's meeting:
<https://forms.gle/dvHvJd3RXCJATNC78>
 - **Upcoming Meetings: Jan. 24, Feb. 28 & March 28**
 - **Meeting Materials & Registration Links** on First Up/SEPECC Webpage: <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc>
 - **First Up Newsletter:** www.firstup.org (Scroll to bottom of home page to subscribe)

MEETING WRAP UP





SEPECC

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2022 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

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BREAKOUT ROOMS

- If you are interested in information about PHLpreK FY24 Application Process, please remain in main room
- All others who wish to join a small group, please click “join” breakout room



QUALITY SUPPORT CENTER
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SPARK QUALITY SUPPORT CENTER

MISSION



To increase access to quality early learning by offering free Pre-Kindergarten programs to children regardless of their family's income





PHLpreK Overview

- Launched in January 2017, PHLpreK is funded by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax
- 5.5 hours of daily education for 180 days over 10 months
- Started with free pre-K to 2,000 students at 89 locations across the city
- This year the program has grown to serve 4,300 students at 180 locations
- 13,000+ students and families have participated in PHLpreK since inception

PHLpreK SYSTEM

Intermediary



Program



Supports





QUALITY SUPPORT CENTER

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Coaches and
Content
Specialists



Event Calendar



Web-based
resources on
Knowledge Center



In-person &
online trainings
that you can
request



Digital learning
with on-demand
options



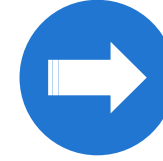
Professional
learning
communities



Provider Advisory



Help Desk 844-
QSC-PHIL



Self-assessment
and data to guide
support

PHMC – ADMINISTRATIVE INTERMEDIARY



Administration of contract with providers



Flow of funds to providers



Fiscal and compliance monitoring



Program reporting



Enrollment oversight



Data collection, management, & analysis



Strategic partnership

PHLPREK SEAT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! APPLICATIONS RELEASED DEC 13, 2022



- Plan to **increase seats** in 2023-2024
- **Simplified application** for returning and pre-qualified providers
- **Streamlined application** with reduced uploads at the time of submission
- **Language access** information:
 - Application and FAQs will be available in Spanish and Simplified Chinese
 - Application Info sessions will have subtitles available in multiple languages
 - If you require additional translation services, please let us know! Email us at phlprek@phmc.org

PHLpreK Application: Two applications available

- **Renewal/Pre-Qualified**

- a) Providers that contracted with PHLpreK in the 2022-2023 program year OR
- b) Providers who were prequalified/waitlisted to receive seats for 2022-2023 and attended an October/November Pre-Qualified Orientation session with the SPARK Quality Support Center.

- **Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for New Provider Locations**

- RFQ is designed to develop a pool of Providers to be considered for slot awards in the 2023-2024 program year to support program expansion or redistribution for existing contracts.

FY24 APPLICATION INFO SESSIONS

Type of Provider	Application Info Session	Registration Link
Renewal PHLpreK location or Pre-Qualified location	Strongly Recommended	Register to view a recording
New Location	Required	Register to view a recording



Go to
www.phlprek.org

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- Email phlprek@phmc.org if you require additional translation services and if you have application questions until **Dec 20, 2022**
- FAQ document will be released on **Jan 5, 2023** in **Spanish & Simplified Chinese**
- **Application submission deadline is January 31, 2023 at 12pm EST**

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: FALL & WINTER PREPAREDNESS UPDATES

Flu season is here! Visit the **PDPH Health Information Portal** at <https://bit.ly/HealthiN> to read their most recent newsletter and view tips and tricks for staying healthy this season. You can also:

- **View digital copies, print your own or order FREE printed** education materials including **brochures, flyers, newsletters and guides.**
- Request a **virtual or in-person workshop**
- Join the **Community Response Partner Network** to receive critical information about public health emergencies.
- Contact publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov for more information