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)
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
Federal & State Updates

Mary Graham, Children’s Village

Tyrone Scott, First Up
Advocacy
What do our Senators know about Childcare?

OUR CHILD-CARE SYSTEM ISN'T JUST THIN, IT IS BROKEN. TALK TO PARENTS, TALK TO...
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?
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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Appendix I – Attestation of Professional Development

- **DUE 12/30/2022** – Deadline to return completed form or provider agreement must be end-dated

**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
OCDEL BUSINESS PARTNERS

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The Pennsylvania Key

Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)

Professional Development Organizations (PDO)

19 Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRC)
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:
  - Standards
  - Training/Professional Development
  - Assistance,
  - Resources and
  - Support
PAST FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- **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 workforce grant were implemented

- **$106 million, CARES Act.** Stabilization grants to providers; targeted water grants to providers; Market Rate Survey and technology grants
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Patricia Joergensen
Holy Family University

Shara Epstein & Shannon Dryden
Philadelphia Department
of Public Health

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Children First

Jackie Groetsch
First Up
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.
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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
Children are vaccinated during routine childhood immunizations (MMR vaccine)
- 1st dose 12-15 months
- 2nd dose 4-6 years
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.
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/
Stephanie Blake
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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
• **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)
NAOMI,
THANK YOU!
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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.
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SPARK QUALITY SUPPORT CENTER
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
Coaches and Content Specialists
In-person & online trainings that you can request
Provider Advisory
Event Calendar
Digital learning with on-demand options
Help Desk 844-QSC-PHIL
Web-based resources on Knowledge Center
Professional learning communities
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**
  o 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

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Go to [www.phlprek.org](http://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.
Flu season is here! Visit the **PDPH Health Information Portal** at [https://bit.ly/HealthiN](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