

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- \* ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MUTED.
- \* PLEASE SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS IN THE CHAT BOX.
- \* THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED & AVAILABLE AT: <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/>



# SEPECC Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026



## Agenda:

- 12:30 Welcome
- 12:40 Federal, State & Local Budget/Policy Updates
- 12:50 ECE Advocacy in Action
- 1:10 Celebrating Successes and Achievements
- 1:30 ELRC Announcement
- 1:35 Wrap Up

Meeting will begin at 12:30pm

# Language Justice Justicia del lenguaje



The right to communicate in the language you feel most connected with- the language of your heart.



El derecho a expresarse en el idioma con el que se sientan más cómodos y conectados: el idioma de su corazón.

We will be using interpretation as a tool for opening communication

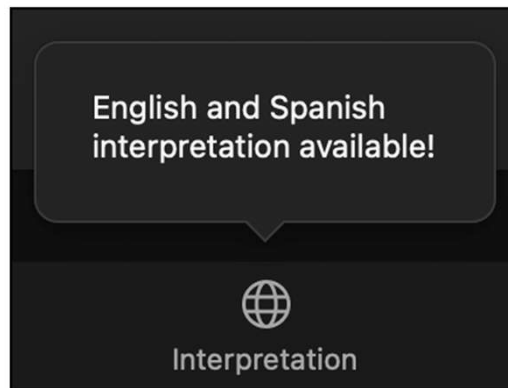


Usaremos la interpretación como una herramienta para expandir la comunicación.

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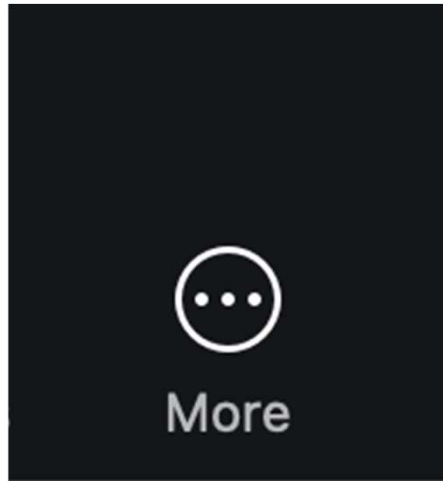
- Join the meeting using the Zoom app (not a web browser, if possible).
- In your meeting/webinar controls, click Interpretation.
- Click the language that you would like to hear.
- (Optional) To only hear the interpreted language, click Mute Original Audio



- Únase a la reunión usando la aplicación de Zoom (no desde un navegador web, si es posible).
- En los controles de la reunión o seminario web, haga clic en Interpretación. Haga clic en el idioma que desea escuchar. (Opcional) Para escuchar solo el idioma interpretado, haga clic en Silenciar audio original.

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- Si no ve el ícono del globo, haga clic en los tres puntos que dicen Más.
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# SEPECC OBJECTIVES & PQAS

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2. Email that links to your PD Registry account \*

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3. PD Registry Number

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4. Please comment if you have any questions or feedback.

## OBJECTIVES

- NAEYC standard 6a- Identify as a committed professional in the early childhood education field.
- NAEYC standard 8b- Describe supports and resources to develop highly effective staff.

Please complete sign in

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<https://forms.office.com/r/RfzSg97k7j>



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Yesenia Velasquez

Drop "**NEW**" in the chat if this is your FIRST SEPECC meeting and  
Want to enter in the draw for next month..

**MAY**  
FIRST TIME  
ATTENDEE  
WINNER!

# BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES

- FEDERAL -

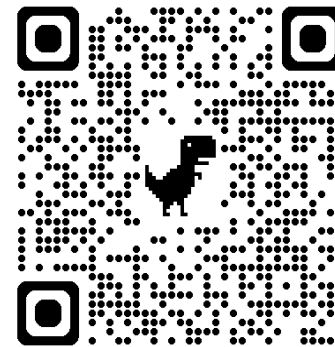
MARY GRAHAM,  
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE



Contact your Member of Congress and urge them to protect and prioritize funding for:

- Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five (PDG B-5)

<https://www.ffyf.org/actions/2026/email-congress/>



 FIRST FIVE  
YEARS FUND

# BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES

- STATE -

## TYRONE SCOTT, FIRST UP

First Up



Champions for Early Education

PA budget negotiations are happening right now! Urge your state Senator to help solve Pennsylvania's child care crisis.

[https://secure.everyaction.com/jwB\\_LcDkgU-kTufvvhwgxQ2](https://secure.everyaction.com/jwB_LcDkgU-kTufvvhwgxQ2)



children first  
ACTION FUND

# BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES

- LOCAL -

**TYRONE SCOTT,**  
FIRST UP

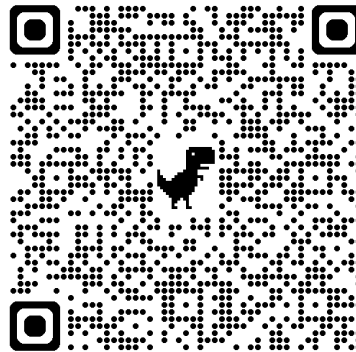
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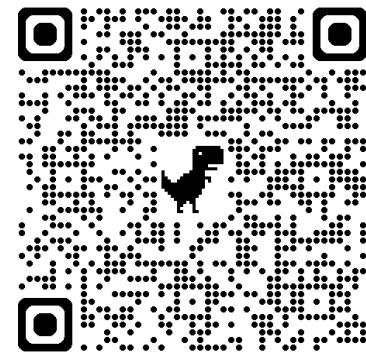
Champions for Early Education

Is your ECE program facing challenges with business insurance premiums and coverage?

[ECE Insurance Crisis Sign on Letter \(simplified\) – Fill out form](#)

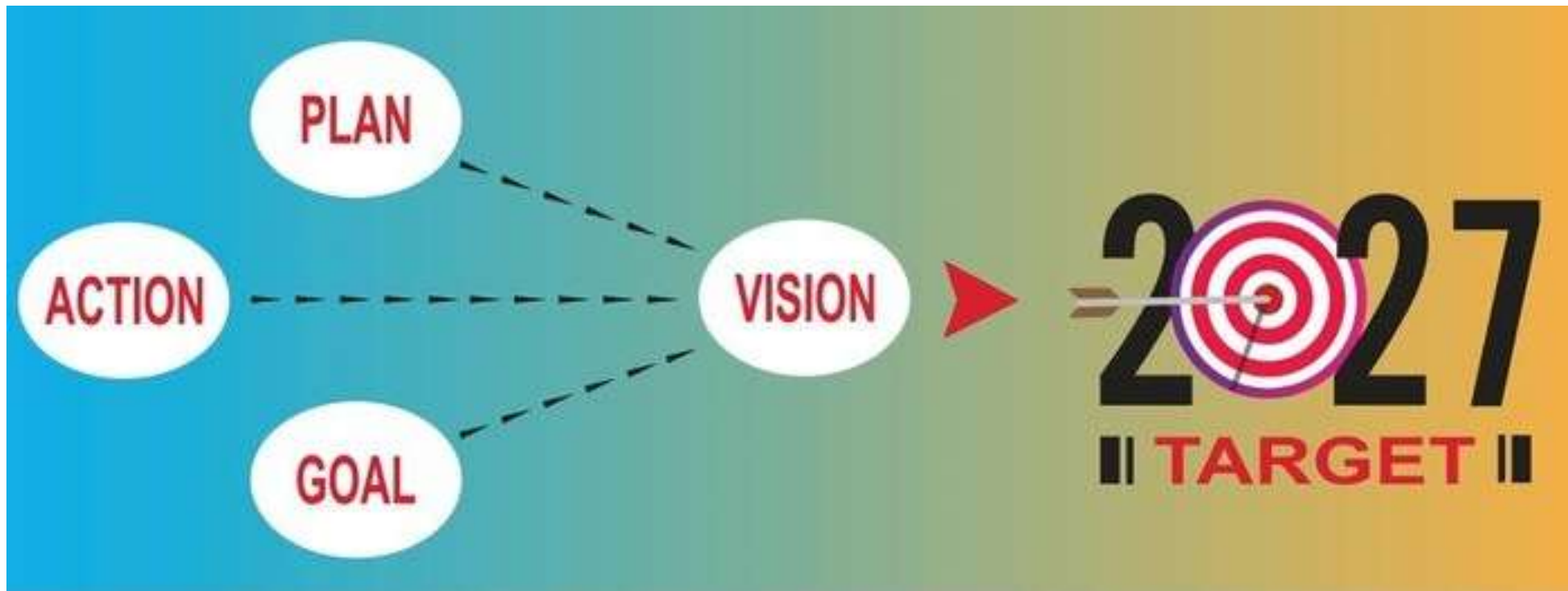


[File a Complaint with Your Insurance Company, Agent, Broker, or Public Adjuster | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.](#)





ADVOCACY IN ACTION!



Advocacy Planning Time!

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- Community and Family Engagement



- Using Children's Artwork for Advocacy



- Storytelling with Social Media/LTE



- Connecting with Legislators



- Activating & Organizing







CELEBRATION TIME!

# Thank You!



**to our Volunteers!**



## SEPECC'S IMPACT!

**26** VOLUNTEERS MEET  
MONTHLY TO SHARE THEIR  
EXPERTISE & GUIDE THIS  
WORK!



**SEPECC**

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

## 2025-2026 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

### **Steering Committee**

Zakiyyah Boone (Co-Chair)  
Melanie Brennan (Co-Chair)  
Ebony Baggett  
Jackie Groetsch  
Kia Douglass  
Latonta Godboldt  
Laverne Cheeseboro  
Mary Graham  
Melody Connell  
Minnette Taylor  
Sharon McClafferty  
Shineal Hunter  
Tracey Triolo

### **Advocacy Workgroup**

Eleanor Levie  
Laverne Cheeseboro  
Lisa Iliopoulos  
Mercedes Fleet Mount  
Nicole Fetherman  
Shineal Hunter  
Shirlee Howe  
Sim Loh

### **Advisory Council**

Elizabeth Ozer  
Khadijah Sabir  
Maddy Malis  
MaryKay Mahar  
Norma Finkelstein  
Pamela Haines

### **Social Media Workgroup**

Eleanor Levie  
Shar'on Brown Carroll  
Sim Loh



June 2026

SEPECC'S IMPACT!

COMMUNITY  
PARTNER  
RESOURCES  
SHARED



## SEPECC'S IMPACT!

AVERAGE  
MONTHLY  
ATTENDANCE



## SEPECC'S IMPACT!

TOTAL OF OVER **410**  
INDIVIDUALS  
ATTENDED SEPECC IN  
SY 2025-2026

WITH COLLECTIVE  
CAPACITY TO SERVE



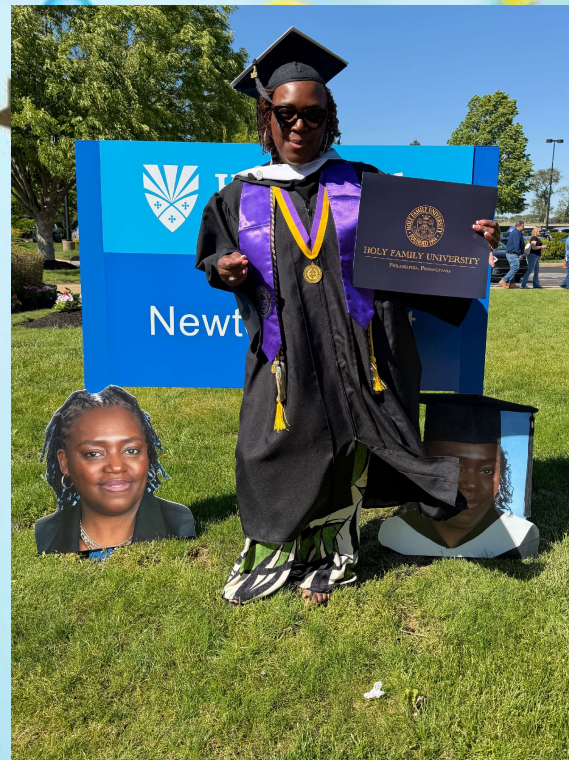


LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
YOU!

## A CHILD'S FIRST STEP



Owner, Sherea Davis graduated from Holy Family University with a dual bachelors Degree of Arts in Pre-K4 Special Education Pre-K 12 magna cum laude.



# BRIGHT LITTLE SCHOLARS



CDA Credential –  
Kanitra Nichols and  
Tatyanna Roman



Bright Little Scholars is  
expanding!



Completed the  
First Up Family Child Care  
Business Series in partnership  
with All Our Kin

# CDA HOME VISITOR CREDENTIAL



These Early Educators are candidates of the Home Visitor CDA credential program with Ms. Sherilynn Kimble

# CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IS CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



CHILDREN'S VILLAGE  
sharing wonder every day



## CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE



Susana Mang she is one of the prek teachers and just graduated with her bachelor's degree in ECE and preparing for her N-4 certification over the summer. Susana was promoted to a Pre-K counts teacher next school year. She started back in 2017 as a support staff with limited English and pushed herself, with much dedication, to strengthen her English skills, go to school, and gain her bachelors. It doesn't stop there, she was just approved and will going for her Masters degree in the Fall!

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

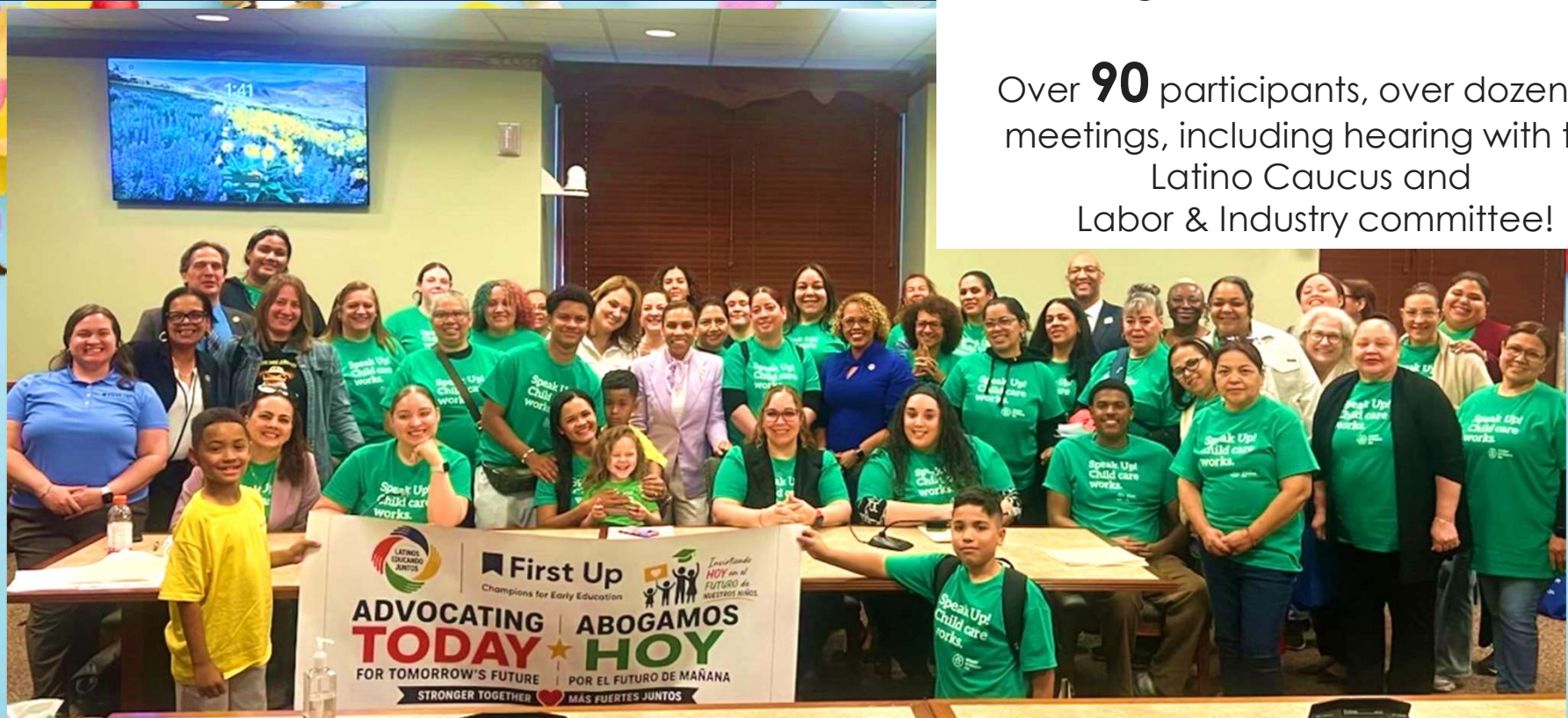


CONGRATULATIONS  
ECE GRADUATES!

# ECE LATINOS DAY IN HARRISBURG!

## The largest ECE Caravan of 2026

Over **90** participants, over dozens of meetings, including hearing with the Latino Caucus and Labor & Industry committee!



# ESPERANZA COLLEGE CDA PROGRAM

Congratulations to these early educators for completing their CDA program!



**45** EDUCATORS PARTICIPATED IN THE  
FIRST EVER SPANISH LEAD L.E.A.P RETREAT



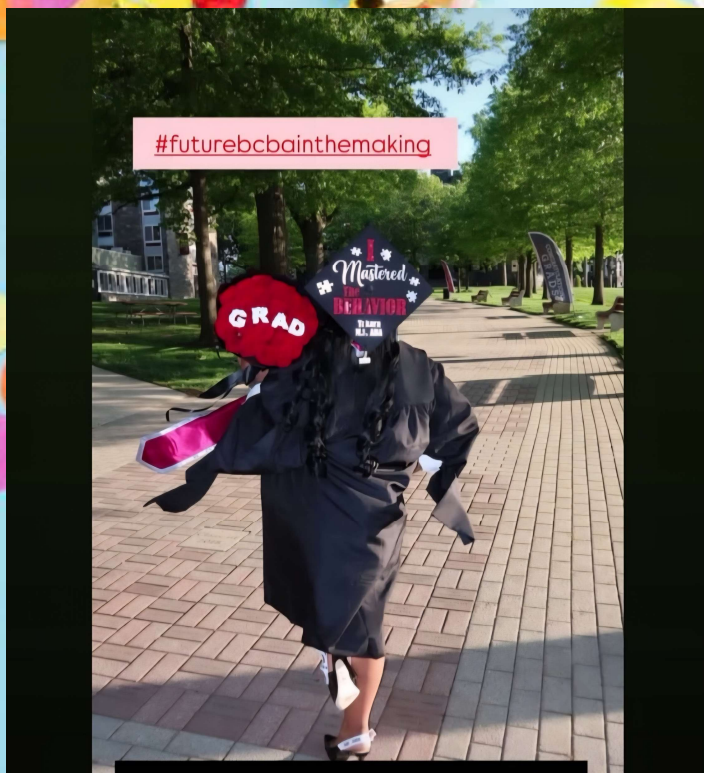
# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 22 LEARN & EARN GRADUATES!



## LEARN & EARN - CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

1. Arnetta Myers-Fitzgerald- Young Impressions Learning Center | Coach-Kirra Erwin
2. Latanya Luckey- Kinder Academy Caster | Coach-Robin Meadows-Fuller
3. Tyrika Adams- Adams Childcare
4. Ananda Green- Choices Academy Learning Center | Coach- Nicole Harris
5. Santy Gunawan- Kencrest South | Coach-Lauren O'Neill
6. Yashira Morant- Kinder Academy Rhawnhurst | Coach-Jessica Morehart
7. Elreem Ali- Kinder Academy Castor | Coach-Mandy Crozier
8. Serita Syndor- Caterpillar Playhouse | Coach-Raiyna Abdus-Salaam
9. Manuel Melendez-Kencrest South | Coach-Patricia Benner
10. Kayla Sudler- The Learning Experience
11. Melinda Thomas- The Cambridge School of Berwyn
12. Sheree Tucker- Child's Space Daycare Center | Coach-Susan Kavchok
13. Brittany Irwin- YMCA Brandywine | Coach- Victoria Gallagher
14. Marrisa Gonzales-YMCA Springfield | Coach Claire Martorana
15. Amye Saunders-Primrose of Center City | Coach- Deborah Handy
16. Theresa Allen-Dugan-Step By Step | Coach- Anastasia McPoyle
17. Nate Rose Jr.- TYL II INC
18. Emily Ranson-FELS Kehillah | Coach- Laura Abel
19. Chelsie Dougherty- Alphabet Lane | Coach- Laura Dubois
21. Nicole Walton Langdon- Little Sprouts | Coach- Lori Feher
22. Megan Beard- Step By Step | Coach- Rachel Thomas

## LOVIE LEE'S STAR OF TOMORROW



Teacher, Takara Johnson, received her Master degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from Arcadia University.

Throughout her program, she has acquired extensive knowledge and has generously shared her insights with her colleagues, enabling us to be the best advocates for the students at Lovie Lee's Star of Tomorrow.

# MCMILLAN'S CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHILDCARE

## McMILLAN'S CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHILDCARE



**Olney Area of Philadelphia**  
24/7 Service - Appointments Available

OWNER, MS.  
BONNIE MCMILLAN –  
RECEIVED  
DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION

# MONICA CRUZ FAMILY CHILD CARE



Monica Family Child Care  
moved up to STAR 4!

## MUNIRAH'S LEARNING CENTER



Munirah's Learning Center is moving from STAR 2 to STAR 4.

Owner, Munirah Abdullah, also completed the First Up's All Our Kin Business Series.

In addition, Munirah's Learning Center received the Access grant and is in the process of renovate to move from family child care to group child care.

# PROJECT BRIDGE



Allentown providers welcomed First Up's Project Bridge, and Rep. Tiburcio for the first ever Spanish Session held outside of Southeastern PA

# SYDIA WINSTEAD FAMILY CHILDCARE

*I Won*  
**COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE**  
★ ★ ★  
**WARD 36  
DIVISION 27**  
*Thank You*  
**FOR VOTING FOR ME!**

I am truly grateful for your support, trust, and belief in me. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, safer, and more united community.

**YOUR VOTE. OUR FUTURE.  
TOGETHER, WE WIN!**

OUR COMMUNITY    OUR NEIGHBORHOOD    OUR FUTURE

Owner, Sydia Winstead, is proudly re-elected as committee person!

Sydia also passing her Summer classes with 4.0 GPA!

## THE CHILDREN'S PLACE



Daisy Torres, received her Associate Degree during her time as Assistant Director.

Recently, Daisy transitioned into a Quality Coach role.

TYNEE TOTS IS NAFCC ACCREDITED!



# WONDERSPRING CONGRAT GRADS!



**Keshia Harvey**, Lead Pre-K Teacher at New Market West, completed her Master's Degree and the PRIDE program through First Up



**Ayanna Jefferson , Bronner**, Assistant Teacher in the Colonial School Age Program, earned her BA in Art Education



**Danielle Jaudon**, Assistant Director at New Market West, earned her Master's Degree from Walden University



**Suqana Jefferson** , Lead Pre-K Teacher at Powelton Village, received her AA in Early Childhood Education from CCP



**Ciara Douglas**, Pre-K Assistant Teacher at Powelton Village, received her AA in Early Childhood Education from CCP

## YMCA ROXBOROUGH EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Ms. Uthpala Perera, a PHLpreK Teacher at YMCA Roxborough Early Learning Center completed her BA degree in ECE with PA Teacher certification through the TEACH program.

# GRADUATION TIME AT VARIOUS YMCA EARLY LEARNING CENTERS



# ECE PDO at PHMC

Proud to congratulate over 100  
2026 Graduates!



*Kudos to all who have supported this journey!*



# ECE PDO 2026 Graduates



	Child Care Development Associate (CDA) Credential	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Post Bacc Level I PK-4 Certification (Pre-K Counts, Alt Cert Program)
<b>ELRC 15</b> (14)	4	8	2	0
<b>ELRC 16</b> (15)	5	4	5	1
<b>ELRC 17</b> (16)	10	1	4	1
<b>ELRC 18</b> (74)	42	11	12	9
<b>ELRC 19</b> (7)	3	2	2	0

Ready to join them?

Visit [ecepdo.phmc.org](http://ecepdo.phmc.org) and connect with a Professional Development Coordinator today!



ELRC 18 CELEBRATED **149** STAR MOVEMENT!

**84** programs moved up to STAR 2

**10** programs moved up to STAR 3

**55** programs moved up to STAR 4

# ELRC 18

## [WWW.ELRC-PHMC.ORG/18](http://WWW.ELRC-PHMC.ORG/18)



### **Celebrating STAR Movement!**

#### **84 Programs that moved to STAR 2 this fiscal year:**

- Foundations Learning Academy LLC
- Teenas Kid Care Learning Center
- Wescotts Caterpillars to Butterflies
- KDAAS Academy Learning Center
- Affectionately Devoted Academy 2.0
- Clearfield Academy LLC
- Childrens Learning Arc Academy
- Kidz Kingdom Learning Center Inc
- Wonderspring Smith Playground
- Prolific Learning Academy
- Stacis Family Childcare
- Lenex Daily Child Care IV
- Lenex Daily Child Care
- In Good Hands LLC
- Education Nation Learning Academy IV Inc
- It's a Small World Day Care Inc
- Belmont Charter School
- Sunrise of Philadelphia at Francis Scott Key School
- Sunrise Day Care Center

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- Bella Vista Childcare Academy
- Little Eagles at Work
- Childrens Universe LLC
- The Giving Tree
- The Giving Tree (second location)
- Titis Learning Academy
- The Wheels on the Bus Education Center
- Sky Learning Center LLC
- Ana Rosa Cabrera FCCH
- Protocol Academy LLC
- Maria B Leonardo
- Mayis Little Sunshine Inc
- Mercy Future Scholars Child Care LLC
- Kandyz Kubz
- Happy Feet Learning Center
- Little Stars Daycare Center Inc
- Level Up Learning Academy
- Faith Little Hands
- Brainy Bunch Educational Center Inc
- Eden Christian Preschool
- Lions Under the Sea Daycare LLC
- Shakim Pressley FCCH
- Little People Big Dreams Academy
- Lets Grow Wonderful Kidz LLC



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- Grace of God Christian Center
- Babysteps Development LLC
- Sunflower Childcare Academy LLC
- Seven Wonders Daycare
- Limitless Explorers Learning Center LLC
- The Block Academy
- Simply Smart Daycare 2 LLC
- Le Jardin De Jojo
- Leaders and Legends Preschool and Performing Arts Academy
- Fishers of Knowledge LLC
- Caring Hands Play and Learn LLC

- Brains and Beyond Learning LLC
- Perfek Decision Academy
- Sunflower Academy LLC
- Jeddahs Babies LLC
- Mini Movers Academy Learning Center LLC
- Perfek Decision Academy (second location)
- Mandy's Learning Academy
- Little Village and Friends
- Providence Center OST
- Greater Beginnings Learning Center

ELRC 18

[WWW.ELRC-PHMC.ORG/I8](http://WWW.ELRC-PHMC.ORG/I8)

### **Celebrating STAR Movement!**

#### **10 Programs that moved to STAR 3 this fiscal year:**

- Precious Babies Lrng Academy Daycare
- Pennsylvania Learning Academy
- Care to Learn Child Development Center
- Young Impressions Learning Center
- Mathisi Academy
- Comfort Zone
- Rising Scholars
- Minds Matter Learning Daycare Center 3
- KCK Academy LLC
- Muirs Little Scholars



# ELRC 18

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### **Celebrating STAR Movement!**

#### **55 Programs that moved to STAR 4 this fiscal year:**

- Shake Rattle and Roll Learning Center
- Little Darlings Day Care Center of Philadelphia
- JM Daycare LLC
- Oasis Development and Learning Center
- Love Grows Child Development Center LLC
- Smart Alecks Learning Center II
- Tynee Tots
- Anointed Hands Child Development Center LLC
- Mandys Learning and Child Development Center
- The Learning Loft Girls Academy
- Extraordinary Dreamers Early Learning Academy LLC
- Watch Me Grow Learning Academy LLC
- Beyond Basic Learning Academy LLC
- Young Bright Minds Daycare and Learning Center II LLC
- Lil Ummi Steam Academy
- Scholars of the Future LLC
- Caring 4 Kids Learning Center
- Beginning Moments
- The Education Garden Learning Center LLC
- Umm Suhaylahs 1st Foundation Home Daycare
- Open Arms Early Learning and Development
- Cuddles-N-Care
- Ummies Kiddie Kottage Daycare & Lrng Center
- Prestige Learning Center

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- PICM Learning Center Inc
- Sharons Rose Petals Christian Learning Experience
- Kidazzle Kidz LLC
- Arrows Just Soaring LLC
- Milagros Rosa
- Happy Days Child Care LLC
- GPY Fitzpatrick Elementary
- Future Academy Childcare and Learning Center LLC
- It's a Small World Day Care Inc
- Young Achievers Academy
- Early Years Development Center
- Unique Bundles of Love Daycare
- Gan Chabad Inc
- Rising Scholars
- Future Foot Prints Child Care Center
- Little Wise Owls
- A Colorful World Learning Center
- Jennifers Learning Beyond Limits FCCH
- Precious Playhouse Dayschool
- Fergusons Faces of the Future III
- Sophia Loving Care Early Childhood Program
- Legacy Play and Learn LLC
- Childrens Playhouse Early Learning
- Faulks Footsie Rolls

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- The Aspen Grove School
- Young Childrens Center for the Arts
- Childrens Playhouse Fairhill
- Clover Montessori School
- Personal Touch Early Learning Center
- L&L Discovery and Early Learning Center
- Together We Grow and Prosper Learning Ctr
- Your Childs World Learning Center



THE MIC IS YOURS! ANY OTHER SUCCESSES?





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UPDATE FOR ELRC REGIONS  
15, 16, 17, 18 & 19

MARYKAY MAHAR  
ELRC 18

# ELRC REMINDERS

## Following CCSRR Payment Guidelines

- **Recruitment** bonuses must be issued to newly hired staff (qualified staff members hired after the CCSRR submission date) **no later than 6/30/26**.
- 6/30/26 is the last day for providers to spend or return funds.
- **If Retention Bonus and Recruitment Bonus funds are not spent by June 30, 2026, qualified providers must return any remaining balance to their ELRC.**
- Learn more about preparing for monitoring of grant expenditures [here](#) under monitoring information, paying particular attention to **requirements of processing through payroll and maintaining documentation.**

- **1-Minute Exit Survey:**

[SEPECC Meeting Exit Survey - June 23, 2026](#)



- **PQAS Hours Request Form:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/RfzSg97k7j>

- **Meetings will resume in September:  
(Dates to be announced)**

- **Meeting Slides, Recording & Registration Links**

<https://www.firstup.org/advocacy/#sepecc>

