

Early Education Resources in PA

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This newsletter contains several Early Childcare and Education resources located in Pennsylvania. These agencies offer many services to Early Learning providers, parents and the community.

A brief description is listed with contact information and any available websites. Not all services are available in all counties. Please contact the specific program for availability in your area.



Better Kid Care (BKC)

is a training organization for child care providers.

Developed by the Penn State Cooperative Extension, BKC

offers free early learning training, learn-at-home video programs, new staff orientation, educational materials and resources

Help Line for child care providers:

800-859-8340

Phone: 800-452-9108

www.betterkidcare.psu.edu



Children's Trust Fund

(CTC) State funded community based initiative

that address child abuse, neglect and prevention issues.

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PA Department of Public Welfare

P.O. Box 2675, 1401 North 7th St.

Harrisburg, PA 17105

(717) 705-2910

www.dpw.state.pa.us/child/childwelfare/003670968.htm



Color Me Healthy

is a program developed for children ages four and five. The program

provides fun, innovative, and interactive learning opportunities on healthy eating and physical activity.

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CyberStart Program is a

multi-year technology and education initiative

administered by the

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), in collaboration with the PA Department of Public Welfare (DPW).

Phone: 1(866)704-6305

www.cyberstart.net



Early Childhood Education Linkage Systems (ECELS)

Operated by the PA Chapter of the

American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP).

ECELS Provides health professional consultation, training, and technical assistance to improve early childhood education programs in Pennsylvania to regulated and non-regulated child care facilities.

Rose Tree Corporate Center II, Suite 3007

1400 N Providence Rd

Media, PA 19063

PA Only: 800-24-ECELS

Phone: 484-446-3003

Fax: 484-446-3255

E-mail: ecels@paaap.org

www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org



Early Intervention

Services and supports designed to help families with children with developmental

delays. Early intervention builds upon natural learning occurring in those first few years. Early Intervention also offers the Parent to Parent program. This program matches parents of children and adults with disabilities or special needs on a one-to-one basis according to condition or concerns.

Early Intervention provides Technical Assistance to providers, as well as an Interagency Coordinating Council.

Select PDF below for contact information.



EITA Contacts



Health & Human Services Call Centers

The Department of Health offers Health and Human

Services Call Center. This center centralizes eight different HelpLines.

Trained specialist can answer Help Line phones in several different languages and are able to serve many of the caller's needs in a single call. The following PDF's are contacts for special needs and maternal child health care.



maternal child health consultants

- Healthy Kids Line 800-986-KIDS
- Healthy Baby Line 800-986-BABY
- Special Kids Network Line 800-986-4550
- Long Term Care Line 866-286-3636
- PA Recreation and Leisure Line 800-986-4550
- adultBasic Line 800-GO-BASIC
- Lead Information Line 800-440-LEAD
- Brain Injury Help Line 866-412-4755
- TTY 877-232-7640

www.health.state.pa.us

www.helpinpa.state.pa.us

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Family Literacy

This program provides opportunities for parents to improve their basic learning literacy skills, educational levels, and their overall knowledge about child development. Adult education, parenting education, parent and child interactive literacy, and early childhood education are the four components which comprise the Family Literacy program. For more Information contact: Bureau of Adult Basic & Literacy Education
333 Market Street, 12th floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
Phone 717-787-6344
www.pafamilyliteracy.org



Mind in the Making

promotes social, emotional and intellectual growth in children by encouraging child care providers, parents and teachers to combine these three aspects during early childhood development to improve learning.

For more information contact:
Kelli O. Thompson
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301 Market Street, 8th flr.
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone 717-213-2063
Fax 717-213-0585
keltho@berksiu.org



Nurse Family Partnerships(NFP)

Intensive home visitation by registered nurses to first-time, low-income mothers to improve maternal, prenatal and early childhood health and well being. Visits begin during pregnancy and continue until the child reaches the age of 2.
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www.nursefamilypartnership.org



Pennsylvania Library Association

Pennsylvania's libraries provide services which increase literacy and help both children and adults use all library resources. Currently, the PA Public Libraries, museums, public television stations and the Pennsylvania Department of Education have developed a program entitled "One Book, Every Young Child" which gives at-risk children, throughout the state, a book. The book given out the first year will be *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* by Pennsylvania author, Lindsay Barrett George. Ms. George will travel to 8 areas in the state to read her story. Meanwhile, the state museums have developed Traveling Trunks, with puppets and other interactive materials to enact the story at libraries and museums. The following PDF is a listing of regional library contacts.



Library Contacts

www.palibraries.org
www.pla.org/earlyliteracy.htm



SACC Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care

Projects are a statewide network linking local, state, and national resources to support the best practices and innovative service delivery models in school-age care for Pennsylvania's children. This program provides technical assistance, funding, training, and standards for programs operating before and after school.
For more information contact:
Central Region
Central Intermediate Unit #10
800-327-0111
Northeast Region
Community Services for Children
610-528-7222
Southeast Region
Montgomery Early Learning Centers
610-617-4550 opt 4
Western Region
YMCA of Pittsburgh
412-323-1922



Parent Child Home

Program (PCHP) Research based, intensive home visiting program that promotes language, literacy and school through reading, playing and verbal interaction between parent and child.
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www.dpw.state.pa.us
www.parent-child.org



T.E.A.C.H.

A program which offers scholarship programs to help child care professionals improve their qualifications in the early learning field. This program is available to any child care staff or family child care provider employed at a state-regulated child care setting. T.E.A.C.H. provides compensation to early learning staff. Participants are to commit to working at their particular sponsoring program for a year following their training in order to promote retention of highly qualified staff.
Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA)
2300 Vartan Way, Suite 103
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Phone: (717)657-9000
Fax: 717)657-0959
www.pacca.org/TEACH/index.htm

What Do I Do With the Mad That I Feel?



Family Communications, Inc. is a non-profit organization which provides early learning practitioners with valuable training sessions on managing anger issues and challenging behaviors in children. This company was developed and led by Fred Rogers of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.
For more information about training packages contact:
Annette Santella 412-687-2990 ext 290
santella@fci.org or
Sam Newberry 412-687-2990 ext232
newberry@fci.org or visit the website:
www.fci.org/madfeelings