

### **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, September 19, 2023**

Welcome

Meeting will begin at 12:30pm

## Agenda:

- 12:30 Welcome
- 12:35 Federal, State & Local Budget/Policy Updates
- 12:45 Advocacy Skill Building & Activities
- 1:05 OCDEL, ELRC & DHS Announcements
- 1:25 Special Presentation: Hispanic Heritage Month and Crafting & Sharing Your Story
- 1:45 Public Policy Partners Collaboration
- 1:50 Community Partner Resources
- 2:05 Wrap Up
- 2:10-2:30 Breakout Groups (*optional*)



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

## 2023 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

### **Steering Committee**

Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez (Co-Chair)  
Zakiyyah Boone (Co-Chair)  
Laverne Cheeseboro  
Latonta Godboldt  
Mary Graham  
Jackie Groetsch  
Kim Heuschkel  
Shineal Hunter  
Sim Loh  
Sharon McClafferty  
Minette Taylor

### **Advocacy Workgroup**

Laverne Cheeseboro  
Nicole Dyson  
Shirlee Howe  
Shineal Hunter  
Jacob Kurtz  
Eleanor Levie  
Elizabeth Ozer  
Monique Roye  
Shawn Towey

### **Advisory Council**

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

### **Social Media Workgroup**

Eleanor Levie  
Jowanna Gordon  
Shawn Towey

Sept. 2023

## NEW VOLUNTEERS & INTERN

- ❖ Monique Roye, Beanstalk Preschool - Advocacy Workgroup
- ❖ Jowanna Gordan, Torrey Academy - Social Media Workgroup
- ❖ Grace Tan, University of Pennsylvania - SEPECC Coordinator Intern



TYRONE SCOTT,  
FIRST UP

MARY GRAHAM,  
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

# BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES (FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL)





# ADVOCACY



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, colorful toy figure (a character with a red helmet and blue shirt) in the foreground. In the background, several other similar toy figures are scattered on a light-colored surface, and the head of a brown dog is visible on the right side. A thick orange horizontal line is positioned above the scene. A dark blue banner with white text is overlaid at the bottom.

# TAKE ACTION: NATIONAL CHILD CARE CRISIS



## NEW ADVOCACY WORKGROUP LEADERS!

### ■ **Provider co-chairs:**

- Laverne Cheesboro, Heavenly Made Creations
- Shineal Hunter, Family Circle Academy

### ■ **Advocacy co-chairs:**

- Shirlee Howe, Children First
- Shawn Towey, PACCA

- **Communications lead:** Eleanor Levie, UFJW



# STATE ADVOCACY

SHIRLEE HOWE, CHILDREN FIRST



Parents and Teachers:

# We need YOU to SPEAK UP!

Scan the appropriate QR code to Speak Up to your lawmakers about child care

## Parents:

Were you  
on a waitlist?



Are child care  
costs too high?



## Teachers:

Is your pay  
too low?



Are classrooms  
closed or your  
program short  
staffed?



- ✓ Waitlists
- ✓ High Cost
- ✓ Teacher Shortage
- ✓ Closed Classrooms
- ✓ Low Pay

**We Need You to  
Speak Up!**



# GET OUT THE VOTE

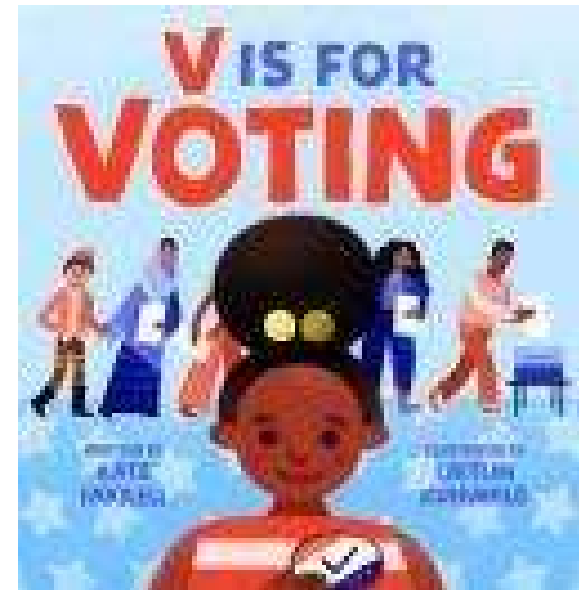
SHINEAL HUNTER, FAMILY CIRCLE ACADEMY



# Get out the vote for ECE

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- Join the Child Care Voter Campaign
- Read Books About Voting
- Post an election calendar
- Engage children in voting activities
- Share information about candidates
- Stay open late on Election Day!



# ★ Important Dates ★

Oct  
**23**

**Last day to register to vote  
in the municipal election.**

[vote.pa.gov/Register](http://vote.pa.gov/Register)

Oct  
**31**

**Last day to apply  
for a mail ballot.**

[vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](http://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)

Nov  
**7**

**Voted mail ballots  
must be received by 8 PM.**

[vote.pa.gov/County](http://vote.pa.gov/County)

Nov  
**7**

**Election Day. Polls are  
open from 7 AM to 8 PM.**

[vote.pa.gov/Polls](http://vote.pa.gov/Polls)

**GET OUT  
TO VOTE!**



[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

**First Up**  
Champions for Early Education



## GET OUT THE VOTE CALENDAR

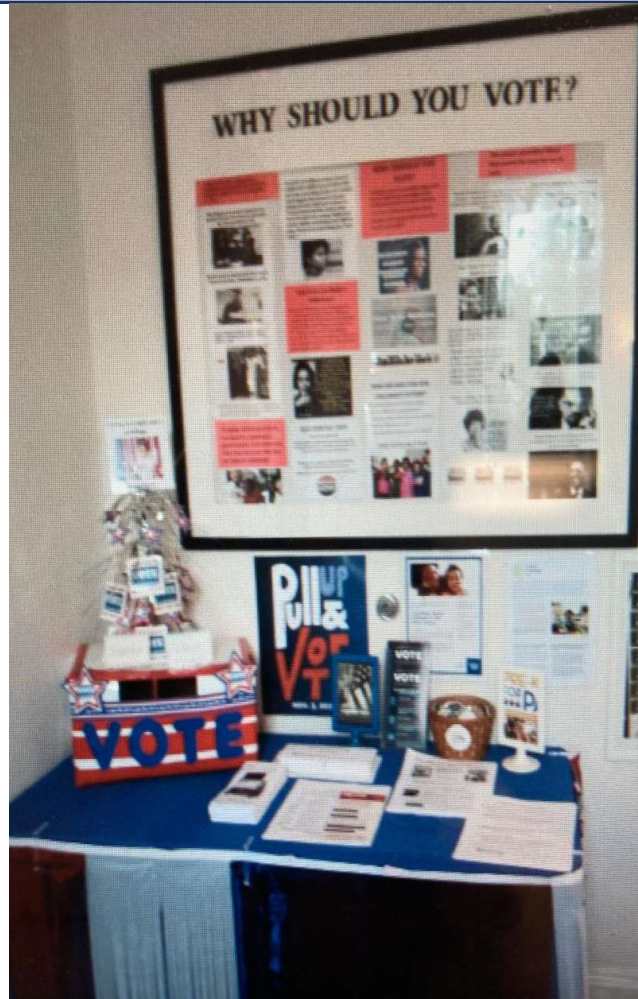
Monday, Sept 25	Monday, Oct. 9	Monday, Oct 23	Tuesday, Oct 31	Monday, Nov. 6	Tuesday, Nov. 7
<p>Four weeks left to register to vote on Election Day.</p> <p>~ Post voter registration forms.</p> <p>~ Talk with staff/colleagues about voting.</p> <p>~ Implement GOTV activities with children.</p>	<p>Two weeks left to register to vote.</p> <p>~ Set up a "Five Minute Table" in your program and ask all your parents if they are registered.</p>	<p>LAST DAY to register to vote!</p>	<p>Last day to register for an absentee or mail-in ballot.</p>	<p>ONE DAY until Election Day!</p>	<p>Election Day!</p>

## ECE Community: Let's Gout Out the Vote!

### Fall 2023 ELECTION SEASON CALENDAR

MONDAY September 25	MONDAY October 9	MONDAY October 23	TUESDAY October 31	MONDAY November 6	TUESDAY November 7
<p>Four weeks left to register to vote on Election Day.</p> <p>~ Post registration forms at your program.</p> <p>~ Talk with staff/colleagues about getting out the vote.</p> <p>~ Implement GOTV activities with children to build excitement.</p>	<p>Two weeks left to register to vote.</p> <p>~ Set up a "Five Minute Table" in your program and ask all your parents if they are registered.</p> <p>~ Send home registration forms with all families and post links on your website or social media accounts.</p> <p>~ Remind families about</p>	<p>Last day for voter registration deadline.</p> <p>~ Check in with unregistered staff/colleagues who have talked about registering.</p> <p>~ Ask staff to remind parents about registering in the morning when they bring their children in.</p> <p>~ Begin planning for extended hours on Election</p>	<p>Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.</p> <p>~ Prepare to send home a Halloween or harvest goody bag with each child.</p> <p>~ Include a flyer from First Up inviting parents to educate themselves about voting in PA Elections.</p> <p>~ Remind</p>	<p><b>Election Day Eve</b></p> <p>~ Put a big poster up on your door reminding parents of election hours.</p> <p>~ Make final arrangements for Election Day coverage that will allow all parents and staff to vote.</p> <p>~ Provide staff/parents with Get Out</p>	<p><b>Election Day</b></p> <p>~ Implement your coverage plan.</p> <p>~ Have beverages &amp; snacks available.</p> <p>~ Encourage everyone to wear a GOTV sticker.</p>

ENCOURAGE  
FAMILIES &  
TEACHERS  
TO VOTE!



**Lovie Lee's Stars  
of Tomorrow –  
Advocacy Corner**



CHAPTER 124. CHILD CARE CENTERS

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**KNOW YOUR LEGISLATOR**  
Who makes the rules about Early Childhood?  
U.S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON D.C.



**PRE-K FOR PA**  
prekforpa.org



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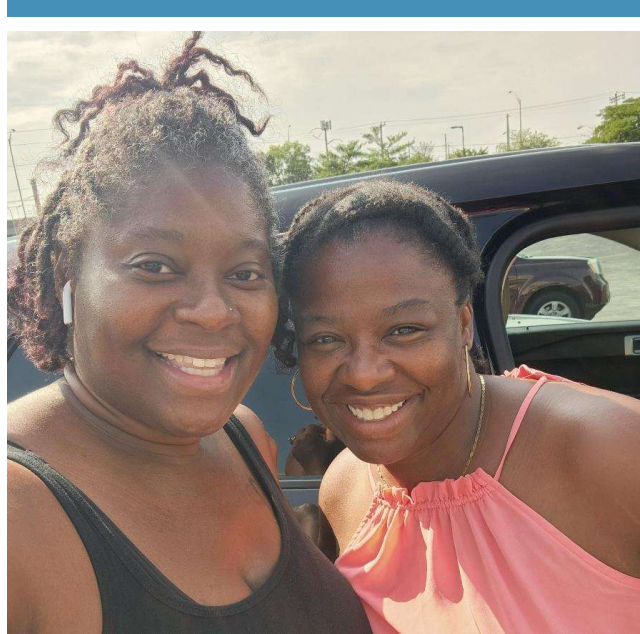
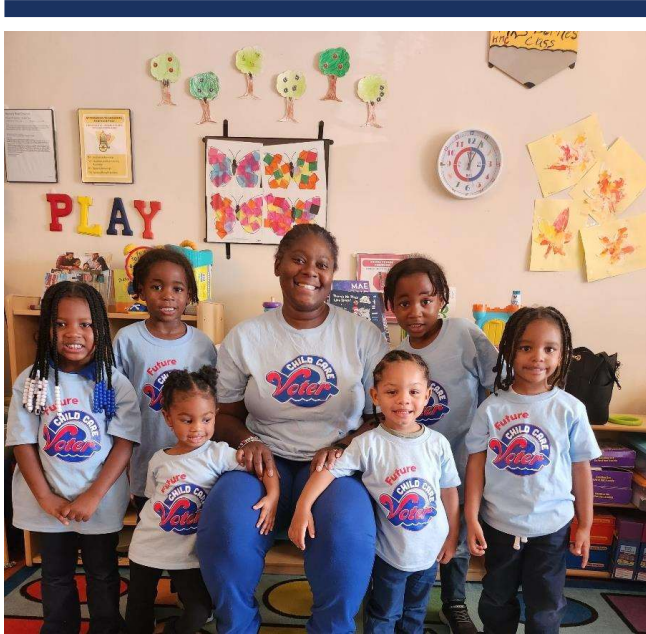




# BEFRIENDING YOUR LAWMAKER

LAVERNE CHEESBORO, OWNER/ DIRECTOR OF HEAVENLY MADE CREATIONS





LAVERNE CHEESEBORO WITH REPRESENTATIVE REGINA YOUNG AND FUTURE CHILD CARE VOTERS





**Mercedes Fleet Mount hosted Laura Restrepo from Senator John Fetterman's office**



## Advocacy Display at Bright Little Scholars



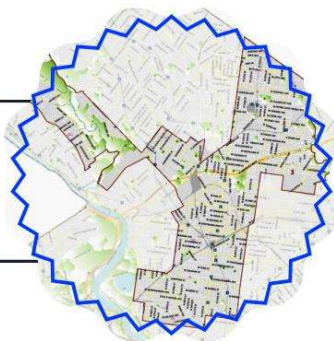


PA SENATE DISTRICT 3  
DEMOCRAT serving part of PHILADELPHIA COUNTY



STATE SENATOR  
**SHARIF STREET**

Senator Sharif Street, elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in 2016, represents the 3rd Senatorial District of Philadelphia, which encompasses a population of over 240,000 people in North Philadelphia, Nicetown, Lower Germantown, Logan, Olney, Fern Rock, Crescentville, East Oak Lane, East Wyoming, East Hunting Park, Francisville, Fairmont, Lawncrest and Melrose Park Garden.



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Banking & Insurance: *Minority Chair*
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Appropriations
- Communications & Technology
- Urban Affairs & Housing



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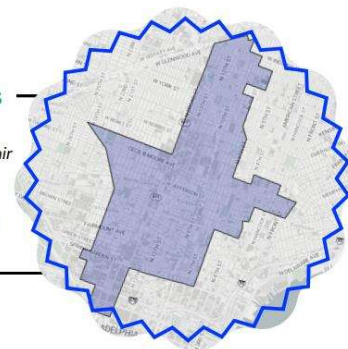


PA HOUSE DISTRICT 181  
DEMOCRAT serving part of PHILADELPHIA COUNTY



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**MALCOLM KENYATTA**

Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2019, represents the 181st Representative District of Philadelphia, encompassing over 60,000 people in parts of Philadelphia County.



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Commerce, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Banking: *Chair*
- Finance
- Liquor Control
- State Government, Subcommittee on Government Operations: *Chair*



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# ADOPT-A-LEGISLATOR

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ Support, guidance and materials from Pre-K for PA
- ★ Direct communications on what's happening at the legislative level
- ★ Access to other adopters for networking and to discuss advocacy

## HOW IT WORKS

The program starts with a simple letter introducing your program to the legislator. From there, your organization participates in at least three of the following activities (check all that interest your team):

- Contact your legislator during key points in the cycle
- Invite your legislator to a team/staff meeting at least once per year
- Meet with your legislator in his/her district office
- Ask your legislator to address program families at an engagement event
- Invite your legislator for a tour of your program at least once per year
- Attend Pre-K for PA-led legislative events/functions
- Invite the legislator to join your organization in a discussion of your yearly operating budget
- Send copies of your monthly newsletter(s) and theme-based activities made by the children in your program
- Build a team of 10-20 program/center families to call, text, or write a message to legislator at critical budget points throughout the year.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

Offering a personal experience that may impact decision-making on policy that impact providers, educators, children, and families is the best way to effectively advocate on behalf of kids!

- ★ **Sign up:** to adopt your legislator!
- ★ **Look up:** your state senator and representative at [www.tinyurl.com/palegis](http://www.tinyurl.com/palegis) by typing in your program's address in the form.
- ★ **Hang up:** your monthly theme/activity sheet and keep it in a visible location, like the teacher's lounge, classroom wall, or cork board.
- ★ **Plan it:** by committing to an activity for the classroom each month through June. Use our suggested calendar themes or craft your own!
- ★ **Document it:** by taking photos or videos and share them with your Pre-K for PA field organizer and we'll feature your updates on Pre-K for PA's social media sites!
- ★ **Send it:** along (or drop off) projects and activities to your adopted state legislators each month. Include your own note or use the sample notes we'll provide to you. Invite: your legislators to read to your classroom during Week of the Young Child or anytime!
- ★ **Push it:** Legislators have busy schedules. While meeting with constituents is important to them, sometimes you have to reach out more than once.
- ★ **Give thanks:** Periodically recognize and thank your adopted legislator. Extend a personal letter, include an article in the family newsletter or host a small reception for the work he/she has done on behalf of early childhood education.

# APPLE ADVOCACY

## Make early education a core issue!

- Children's artwork is a perfect way to remind lawmakers to serve their youngest constituents.
- Create apple art (using these ideas or your own), and deliver to your lawmakers' offices.
- Include information about your program, and a personal note.
- Recruit a staff or family member to deliver the apples along with the message "make early education a core issue."
- Follow up with an invitation to visit!

*Send us a note in the chat if you would like assistance with this project!*



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# OCDEL, ELRC & DHS Announcements

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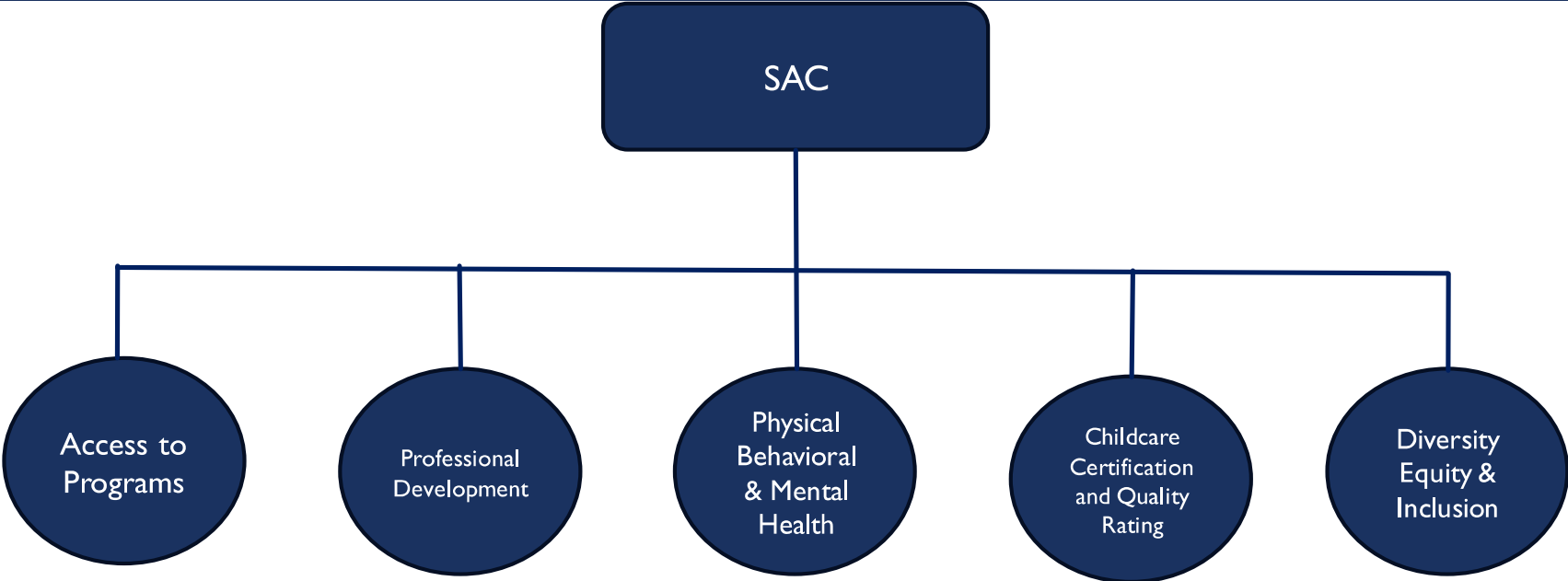
# State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care (SAC)



\*Formerly known as Early Learning Council (ELC)

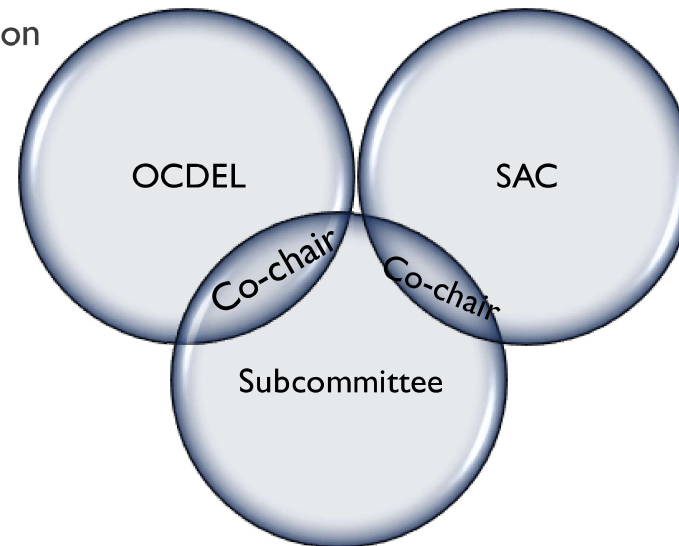
State Advisory Council (SAC) – THE PENNSYLVANIA KEY  
([pakeys.org](http://pakeys.org))

# SAC SUBCOMMITTEES



# SUBCOMMITTEE FRAMEWORK

- Designed to allow for continuous flow of information
- Each subcommittee co-chaired
  - SAC member
  - OCDEL staffer





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- **C-23-01 Fire Safety Requirements for Group Child Care Homes (in a residence) and Family Child Care Homes**
  - **C-23-02 Fire Safety Requirements for Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes (in a Commercial Space)**
  - **Announcement C-23-03: Announcements Deemed Obsolete – C-08-01, C-08-02, C-08-05, C-08-07, C-11-02, and C-13-01**



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## ELRC REMINDERS

*Contact your local ELRC for assistance or additional information*

- **School-age flip to part-time: **September 1, 2023****
- **Time to send in Enrollment verification forms for PreK Counts, Head Start/Early Head Start and PHLpreK**
- **2023 Keystone STARS Performance Standards update – effective **10/1/2023****
  - Review announcement on PA Keys website: <https://www.pakeys.org/elrc-23-04/>
  - The list of Approved Curriculum and Developmental Assessment Tools was also updated last month
  - View the webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SioPyVcjlI4>

# ELRC REMINDER AND OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact your local ELRC for assistance or additional information

Region 15 Delaware County	Region 16 Bucks County	Region 17 Montgomery County	Region 18 Philadelphia	Region 19 Chester County
Delaware County <a href="mailto:Elrc15-email@delcohsa.org">Elrc15- email@delcohsa.org</a>	Community Services for Children <a href="mailto:ELRC16@cscinc.org">ELRC16@cscinc.org</a>	Montgomery County <a href="mailto:ELRCRegion17@pa.gov">ELRCRegion17@pa.gov</a>	Caring People Alliance <a href="mailto:info@philadelphiaelrc18.org">info@philadelphiaelrc18.org</a>	Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) <a href="mailto:ELRC19@phmc.org">ELRC19@phmc.org</a>
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# Special Presentation: Hispanic Heritage Month

Rosanna Matos, First Up

Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez, Latinos Educando Juntos

Lisandra Chevres, Sholypop Daycare



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup> – OCT 15<sup>TH</sup>)

- In 1968, President Lyndon B Johnson first proclaimed Spanish Heritage Week.
- 20 years later in 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded from one week to a month.
- Census Bureau shows that the country is made of 62M Hispanics, that is 19% of the population and making Spanish the 2<sup>nd</sup> most spoken language in the US.





MEXICO  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

SEPTEMBER 16



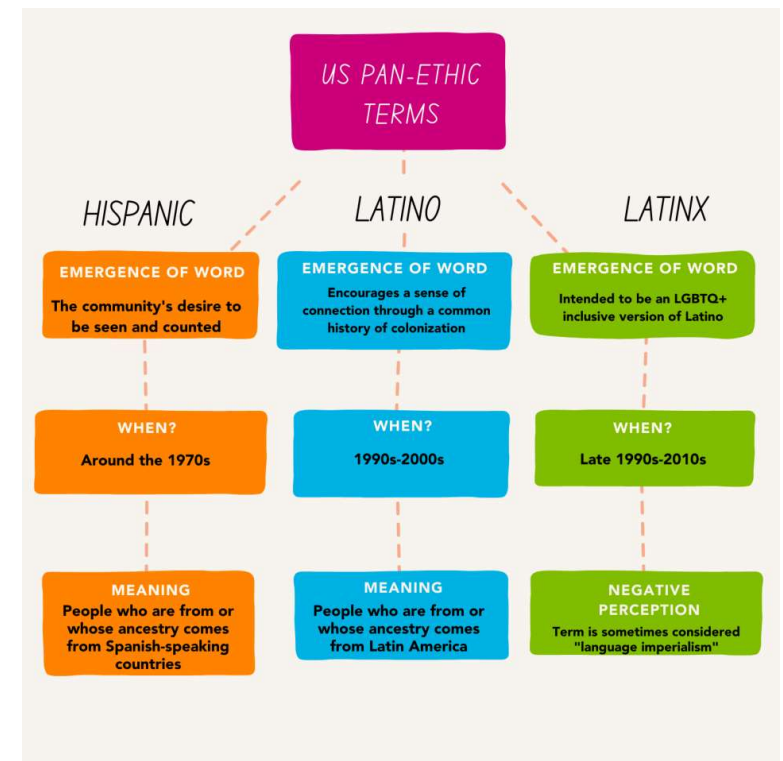
# HISPANICS IN PA

- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest minority group in PA, growing 45% in the last 10 years!**
- Pennsylvania cities with the largest Hispanic populations are the same as those with the largest Multiracial population:
  - Reading (69.0%),
  - Hazleton (63.1%),
  - Allentown (54.2%),
  - Lebanon (46.2%), and
  - Lancaster (40.2%).





# HISPANIC? LATINO? LATINX? LATINE?



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup> – OCT 15<sup>TH</sup>)

- **FOODS:** Tamales, Empanadas, Arepas, Tacos, Paella, Flan, Tres Leches, Churros, Margaritas, Pina Colada, and more!
- **MUSIC:** Salsa (Cuba and Puerto Rico), Bachata and Merengue (Dominican Republic), Reggaeton (Panama), Ranchera (Mexico), and more!
- **ARTISTS:** Selena, Marc Anthony, Shakira, JLO; musicians. Pablo Picasso, and Frida Kahlo; art.



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AT FIRST UP

- Follow us on Social Media as we highlight weekly Hispanic providers and families!
- Join our partners around the city in various events!
- Professional Development in Spanish and English for families and teachers.

The poster features a background of vertical stripes in shades of beige and cream. The top corners are decorated with a collage of various national flags, including those of the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Colombia. At the top center, the 'First Up' logo is displayed in blue, with the tagline 'Champions for Early Education' underneath. Below the logo, the text 'Join us in celebrating' is written in a simple black font, followed by 'HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH' in large, bold, red and green letters. The poster is divided into sections by red headers: 'What events are happening?' and 'Professional Development'. Each section contains a bulleted list of events with dates and locations. A yellow box on the right side contains text about following First Up on social media. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE' and the website 'FIRSTUP.ORG'.

**First Up**  
Champions for Early Education

Join us in celebrating  
**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**What events are happening?**

- Hispanic Literacy Festival presented by Latinos Educando Juntos on Sept. 16th, 2023 from 10am-1pm at 4th and Allegheny (Save-A-Lot Parking Lot)
- Arte en las Calles: Opera in the Park at Esperanza Arts Center on Sept. 16th, 2023 from 6-9:30pm at 4261 N. 5th Street
- Dine Latino Restaurant Week, Sept. 18-22, 2023 check out visitphilly.com for more info
- Puerto Rican Day Parade on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Sept. 24th, 2023 Noon-3pm
- Meet the Author & Storytime: "Platanos Go With Everything" by Lissette Norman, October 7th, 2023 10-12noon at Taller Puertorriqueno 2600 N. 5th Street
- Latin American Book Fair at Taller Puertorriqueno on October 14th, 2022 from 11-5pm at 2600 N. 5th Street

**Professional Development**

- LatinX Provider Resource Meeting, (VIRTUAL) Sept. 22 from 1-3pm
- Kindergarten Readiness Information Session (VIRTUAL) English and Spanish on Sept 20th @1pm and Oct. 5th @ 6pm
- Cultural Awareness: Engagement of Hispanic students and families (VIRTUAL PD) in English and Spanish on Oct. 19th @ 6pm and 7pm

For Information on how to register for any of these sessions, reach out to: [rosanna.matos@firstup.org](mailto:rosanna.matos@firstup.org)

Follow First Up on Social Media to view Latino Provider Highlights, bilinugal book suggestions and more!

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE**

FIRSTUP.ORG



# LEJ TOOLKIT



**NATIONAL  
HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH**

September 15th, 2023- October 15th, 2023

**TEACHER & FAMILY TOOL KIT**



**MES NACIONAL  
DE LA HERENCIA  
HISPANA**

15 de septiembre de 2023- 15 de octubre de 2023

**RIT DE HERRAMIENTAS PARA  
MAESTROS Y FAMILIAS**





LISANDRA CHEVRES,  
OWNER AND DIRECTOR OF  
SHOLYPOP DAYCARE

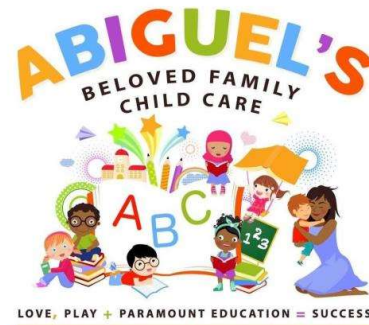




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# Special Presentation: Crafting and Sharing Your Story

Abiguel McMillan





Letters to the Editor, For The Inquirer

May 25, 2023

### **Invest in childcare**

As a highly trained early educator, I am setting the foundation for future generations, but I wonder if I am doing this work in vain. I deserve a thriving wage, and my 3-year-old child deserves an equitable educational system based on justice. But in my childcare business, I work 15 hours, sometimes 20, per day educating and caring for children, preparing lesson plans, attending meetings, cleaning, meal prepping, and more. I am tired of being burned out. Do I not deserve a wage I can live on? Can you not see that I am an essential worker? I am impacted every day by decisions made by policymakers who put childcare on the back burner. I invite any elected official who is making budget decisions to step in my shoes for one day and see me and my work. I know after even one day that you would prioritize investments for childcare.

Abiguel McMillan, Philadelphia





**Abiguel McMillan  
is honored by  
Rep. Chris Rabb  
at STAR 4 Move  
Up Ceremony with  
First Up's EQUIP  
Program**



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# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

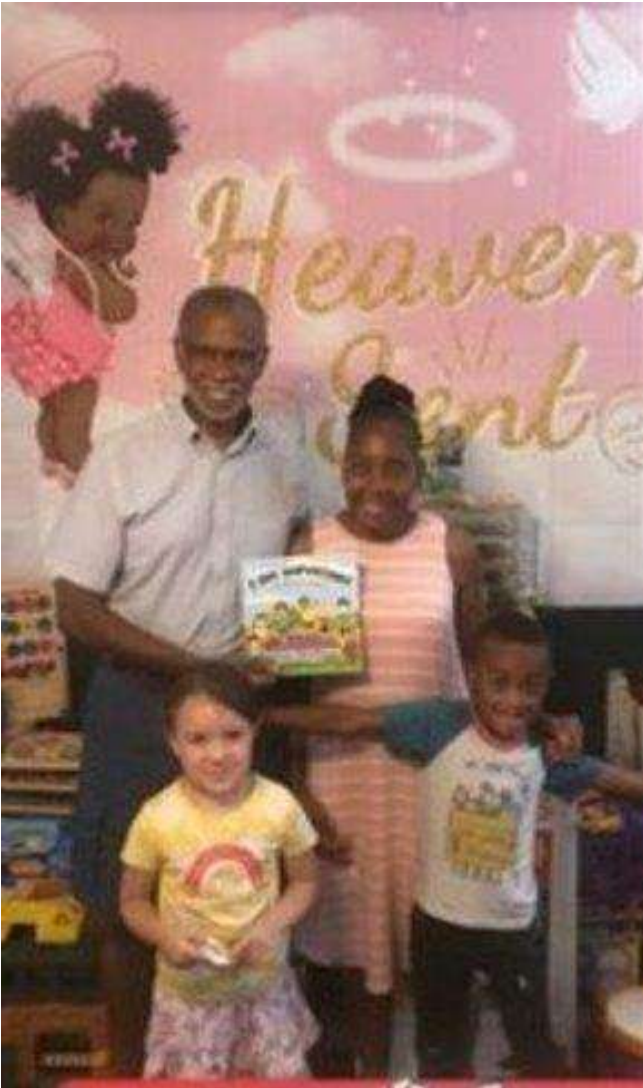
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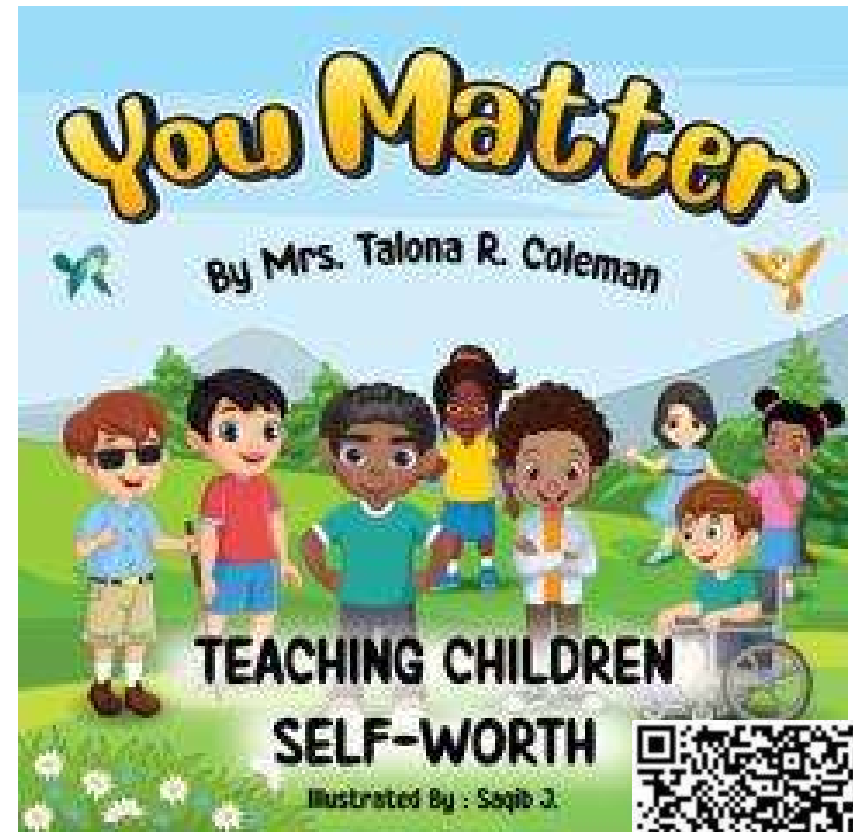
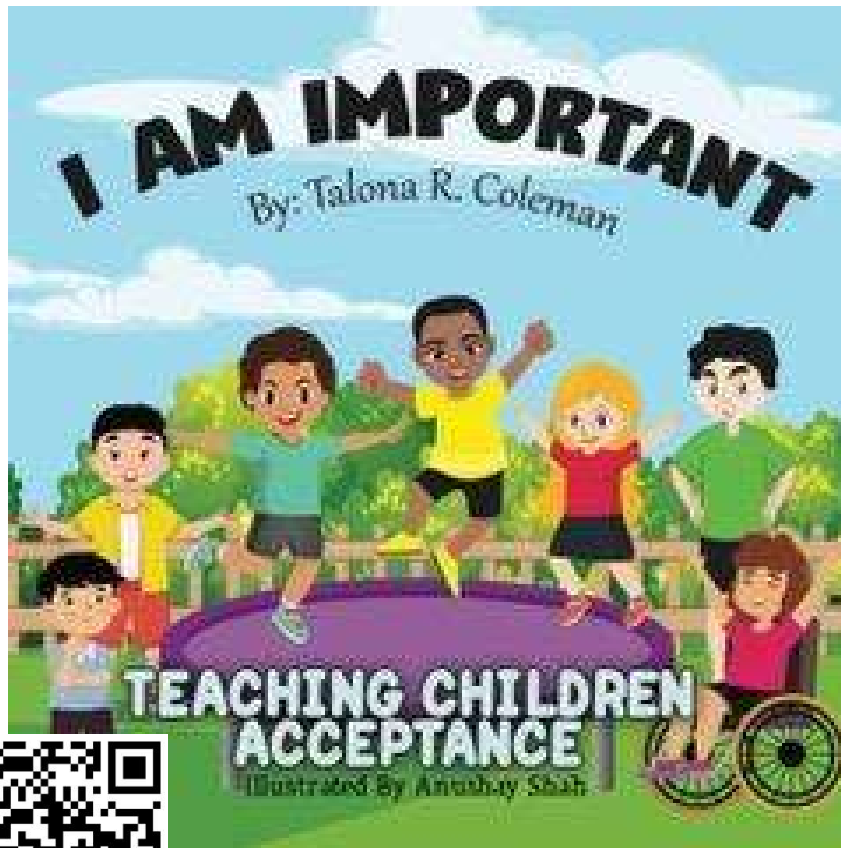
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Senator Haywood's visit



Representative Kinsey's visit



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# REGISTER NOW: THE EARLY EDUCATION SUMMIT 2023

## Early Childhood Education Summit

OCTOBER 16-18, 2023



“FROM SURVIVING TO  
THRIVING:  
Tools to Support  
Early Learning”

- **Learn, connect and be inspired** with over 60 workshop sessions over three days
- **Virtual, online and on demand.** Miss a session? Can't decide between sessions? Want to attend everything, but can't make up your mind? Need to fill in for an absent co-worker? Good news ... **Sessions are being recorded and will be available for viewing through June 30, 2024.**
- **Earn Act 48 and PQAS credits** for both LIVE and recorded sessions.
- **Flexibility** -- Shut your office door or sit back in your own comfy chair and connect with sensational Keynoters, a fabulous line-up of workshops, and your colleagues from across the state.
- Jen Yost of Joyful Wellness with her popular and relaxing yoga sessions.

[earlychildhoodsummit.org](http://earlychildhoodsummit.org)





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Check out the We Walk PHL Facebook Group  
for information and inspiration:  
[facebook.com/groups/wewalkPHL](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wewalkPHL)

- **Background:** Fairmount Park Conservancy and the Departments of Public Health and Parks & Recreation are thrilled to offer weekly walking groups at 18 parks across the city. The fall season officially kicked off on Friday September 1st and runs through the end of October.
- **For more in depth information and listing of schedules and parks please go [here](#).**



# CACFP COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

An open forum for childcare providers and sponsors to come learn, ask questions, and gather resources and support related to maximizing and participating in CACFP.

**FRIDAYS**



**2-3 PM**

- **SEPT 15, 2023**
- **DEC 15, 2023**
- **MAR 15, 2024**
- **JUN 21, 2024**



Hosted by the Philadelphia  
Department of Public Health's  
Division of Chronic Disease and  
Injury Prevention and Pennsylvania  
Department of Education



FOR QUESTIONS OR ACCESS  
LINK TO JOIN, EMAIL:  
[SHANNON.DRDEN@PHILA.GOV](mailto:SHANNON.DRDEN@PHILA.GOV)

## Please Join US

- Open space for discussion of Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Opportunity to address current challenges related to CACFP.
- Share successes and what is working.
- No commitment! Feel free to just drop in anytime and join in with your peers.

### Details:

- Sessions are held quarterly on the third Friday of the month from 2-3 pm
- Reach out to [Shannon.Dryden@Phila.gov](mailto:Shannon.Dryden@Phila.gov) to be added to the calendar invite to join



**FEET FIRST PHILLY**

**PUBLIC SPACE  
ENHANCEMENT**

**MINI-GRANT**

Application Open  
Now through  
October 9th

The graphic features a blue background with a white speech bubble containing the text. A hand in a yellow suit sleeve holds a red and yellow megaphone, with three black lightning bolts emanating from it. The text is in various colors: red for the logo, black for the main title, white for the 'MINI-GRANT' banner, and black for the application dates.

## Please Join US

- Details: In partnership with Philadelphia's Department of Public Health, Feet First Philly has launched the Public Space Enhancement Mini-grant opportunity for the 4th year. These grants range from \$500 to \$2000 and prioritize historically underserved communities. Proposed projects should make walking and rolling easier, safer and more enjoyable for all pedestrians.
- Use the Google form [here](#) to submit your application.

# Share Your Questions/Experiences



If you have questions that you would like to submit to be answered at our next session, please email me or my colleague at the links listed below.



MATT WILLIAMS -  
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SHANNON WISE -  
[SHANNON.DRYDEN@PHILA.GOV](mailto:SHANNON.DRYDEN@PHILA.GOV)





Jackie Groetsch  
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# Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Will your child be 5 before September 1, 2024?

If so, join us to learn about:

- WHAT TO EXPECT IN KINDERGARTEN
- HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION
- NAVIGATING THE SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS
- WHEN AND HOW TO REGISTER
- AND MORE!

Upcoming Virtual Sessions

Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
1:00 - 1:30pm

REGISTER HERE  
or scan below

Thursday, October 5, 2023  
6:00 - 6:30pm

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 **First Up**  
Champion for Early Education

Please share with families of PreK students

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1:00-1:30pm**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdu6tqDktH9F2gUCeqE0wbbwv-LBiibcQ>

**Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00-6:30pm**

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# Preparandonos para entrar a Kinder

¿Su hijo/hija cumplirá 5 años antes del 1ro de  
septiembre del 2024?

Si es así, únase a nosotros para aprender sobre:

- QUÉ ESPERAR EN EL JARDÍN DE INFANTES
- CÓMO PREPARARSE PARA LA TRANSICIÓN
- NAVEGAR POR EL PROCESO DE SELECCIÓN DE ESCUELAS
- CUÁNDO Y CÓMO REGISTRARSE
- ¡Y MÁS!

Próximas sesiones virtuales:

Miércoles, 20 de septiembre, 2023  
1:00 - 1:30pm

Regístrate aquí

Jueves, 5 de octubre, 2023  
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## Educational Poster Collection

A poster series for helping kids who have experienced trauma from Heal PA and Bright Start. Bright Kids. Bright Futures. are now available for early childhood educators and partners. The series contains four posters focusing on ages 0-3 and 3-6 years which feature information on:

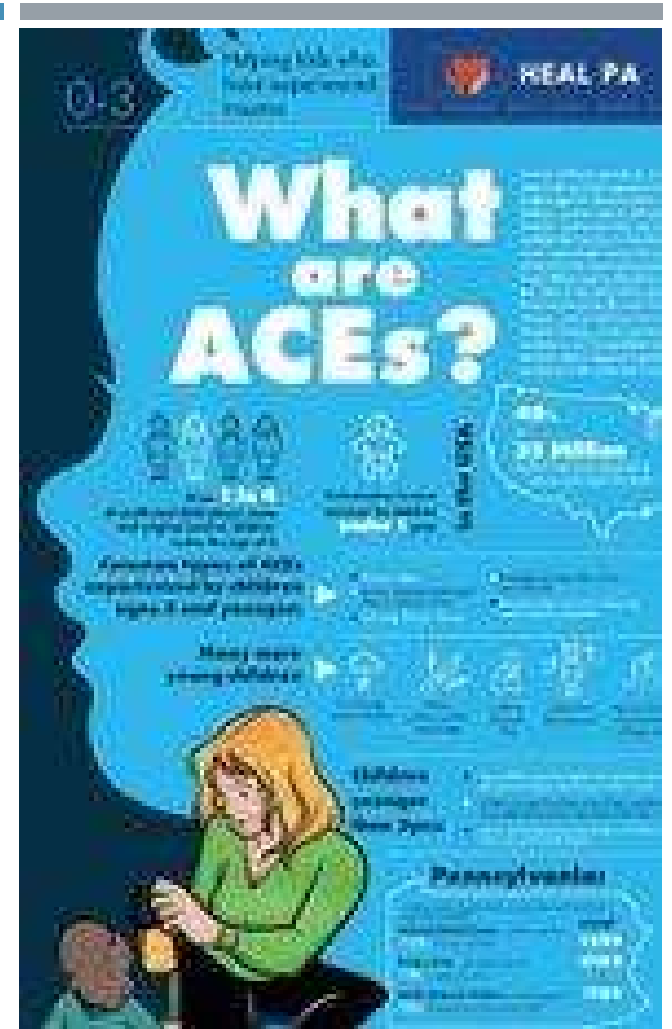
- What are ACEs?
- Signs and Symptoms of Traumatic Stress
- Children can cope with trauma and build resiliency
- Tips for Educators: Taking care of yourself

Posters are available at no cost and available in English & Spanish.

■ [Click here to view/download the posters](#)

■ [click here to order a set of the posters](#)

Supplies are limited.



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- **30-Second Exit Survey:**

<https://forms.gle/WGvbAadTENPCWett7>



- **Upcoming Meetings:** **October 24**  
**(12:30 – 2:30pm)**      **November 21**  
   **December 19**

- **Meeting Registration Links** on First Up/SEPECC  
Webpage: <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/>

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MEETING  
WRAP UP





## BREAKOUT ROOMS

We will break out into randomly assigned small groups for all who wish to join.