

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, ~~December~~ 19, 2023

Welcome

Meeting will begin at 12:30pm

Agenda:

- 12:30 Welcome
- 12:35 Federal, State & Local Budget/Policy Updates
- 12:45 Guest Legislator; Senator Maria Collett
- 12: 55 Advocacy Skill Building & Activities
- 1:10 OCDEL, ELRC & DHS Announcements
- 1:30 Special Presentation: How trauma-informed care can help to address challenging behaviors and boost staff morale
- 1:50 Community Partner Resources
- 2:05 Public Policy Partners Collaboration
- 2:10 Wrap Up
- 2:15-2:30 Collaboration Time

PHILADELPHIA'S MAYOR-ELECT CHERELLE PARKER



- Transition Education Subcommittee includes ECE leaders and advocates!
- Have an idea for the Parker administration? Submit at: <https://transition2023.org/submit-an-idea/>
- Send a congratulatory message with child created artwork to help decorate the Mayor's new office in January. Mail to: People for Parker P.O. Box 27647 Philadelphia, PA 19118

MARY GRAHAM,
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

TYRONE SCOTT,
FIRST UP

BUDGET & POLICY
UPDATES
(FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL)



Guest Legislator: Senator Maria Collette

Senate District 12 – Montgomery County



ADVOCACY





TAKE ACTION: TEXTING TUESDAY!

SHAWN TOWEY, PENNSYLVANIA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO'S FACEBOOK PAGE



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Our small businesses are the foundation of our economy — and we have to support them and open new doors for them if we want to create real opportunity across Pennsylvania.

My Administration will continue to work as hard for them as they work for their customers and employees.



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO'S TEXT LINE



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Every Tuesday!

**Share successes and challenges from your program.
Urge him to invest more funding for early learning!**



EARLY LEARNING PA (ELPA) COALITION

SHIRLEE HOWE, CHILDREN FIRST



GRoW

Childhood
Begins at
Home

PRE-K
FOR PA
READY TO SUCCEED
AN INITIATIVE OF EARLY LEARNING PA

START
STRONG
PA

Thriving PA

EARLY CARE
&
EDUCATION

Early Learning PA (ELPA) consists of all four early learning campaigns.

ELPA's public policy agenda focuses on five key components of early learning opportunities: pre-kindergarten, child care, home visitation, perinatal and child health and early intervention.

MISSION - to secure adequate resources to ensure all Pennsylvania's children and families have access to voluntary, high-quality early learning care and education and healthy development opportunities that capitalize on a child's most rapid period of brain development – birth to age 5.



PROVIDER ADVISORY BOARD (PAB)

SHINEAL HUNTER, FAMILY CIRCLE ACADEMY





**START
STRONG
PA**

Pre-K for PA and Start Strong PA Statewide Provider Advisory Board

ELRC Region 15 - Delaware

- Mandy O'Prey, Today's Child Learning Centers
- Angela Germany-Barnes, Children of Purpose Stem Academy

ELRC Region 16 - Bucks

- Nicole Fetherman, LifeSpan School & Day Care
- Valerie Hamilton, Children of God Educational Services

ELRC Region 17 - Montgomery

- Steve Cotilus, Wonderspring Early Learning
- Colleen Whigham, Precious Life Learning Center

ELRC Region 18 - Philadelphia

- Allison Grundy, Brightside Academy
- Lisa Smith, Amazing Kidz Academy
- Shineal Hunter, Family Circle Academy

ELRC Region 19 - Chester

- Tana Rinehart, Warwick Child Care Center
- Colleen Gawlas, Mom's House - Phoenixville

**THANK YOU TO OUR
SOUTHEASTERN PA
PAB MEMBERS!**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION!



**START
STRONG
PA**

<https://startstrongpa.org/join-us>



<http://www.prekforpa.org/join-us/>

Please share these links with your families and staff!

DAY WITHOUT CHILD CARE

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SAVE THE DATE

**Day Without
Child Care**

MONDAY MAY 13

2024



**COMMUNITY
CHANGE ACTION**

LEARN MORE >>



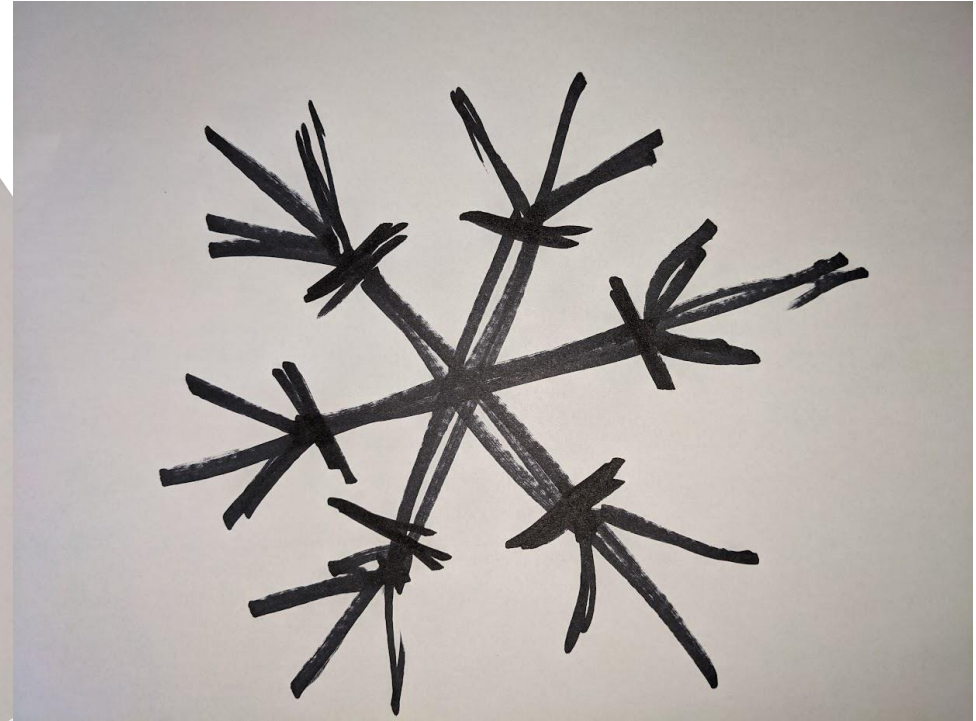


CRAFT ACTIVITY: SNOWFLAKE ADVOCACY MESSAGES

ELEANOR LEVIE, SEPECC VOLUNTEER & THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN



KID CRAFT ADVOCACY: Let it snow!



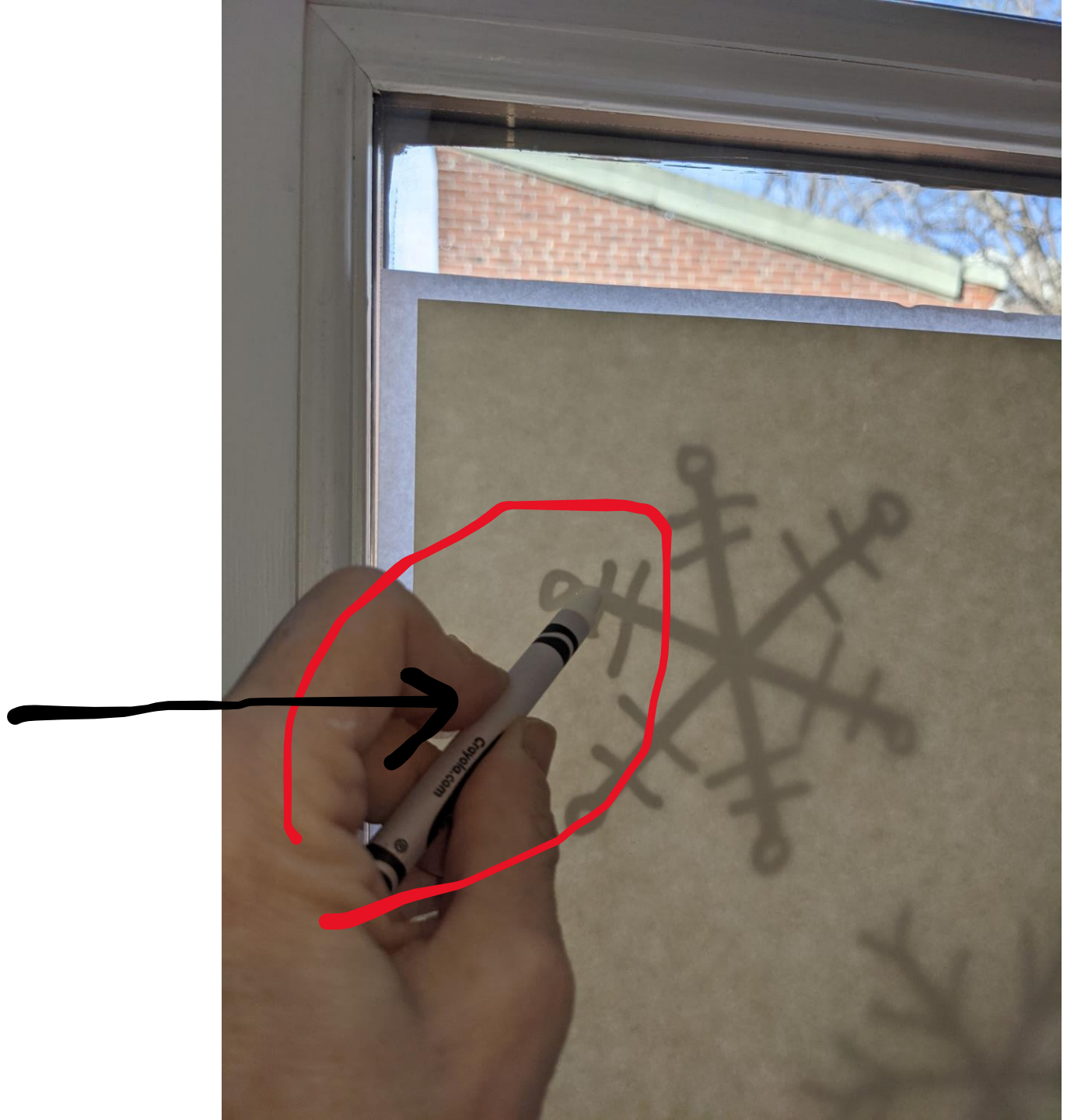
From Eleanor Levie,
Volunteer advocate for SEPECC,
representing the National Council of
Jewish Women

These slides, plus a PDF of snowflake
kid craft plus advocacy messages, will
be shared with the meeting recording,
or you may contact me:

EleanorLevie@gmail.com

Make patterns with dark, thick marker.

For each child, place cardstock paper over patterns and hold both up over a sunny window. Trace snowflake using a white crayon.





**Kids brush watercolor
paints over their paper.
Snowflakes magically
appear!**

Jama



While watercolors are still wet, let kids sprinkle salt on top.



Dionne

Add messages to take home.

YES, sNOW

Dionne

Like a snowflake, I am unique!

Alex

SEND A BLIZZARD OF SNOWFLAKES TO A LEGISLATOR!



Henry

Celia

Shia

me

SUGGESTED ADVOCACY MESSAGES

*** THERE'S SNOW BUSINESS AS IMPORTANT AS QUALITY CHILD CARE.**

*** Like a snowflake, every child is unique.
And every child deserves quality child care.**

*** WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN GET THROUGH A HARD SEASON
AND WEATHER THE STORM. FUND CHILD CARE NOW.**

MORE MESSAGES FOR ADVOCACY SNOW ANGELS

*** DON'T LET ANYONE SNOW YOU into thinking that quality child care is *ANYTHING* like babysitting.**

*** We blanket our kids with love, nurturing, and a strong sense of safety & security.**

*** Come visit our child care center!**

Check out the hard work we do to ABUNDANTLY SPRINKLE engagement, inspiration, and education on every child, every day!

OCDEL, ELRC & DHS Announcements

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SAVE THE DATE

OCDEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

*Stable and Secure: Supporting Children
Through Trauma Sensitive Approaches*

March 25-26, 2024

Mark your calendars for this voluntary training opportunity, focused on high-quality resources to support the social emotional development of young children, with an emphasis on trauma informed care. Conference sessions also address self-care.

Audience: Directors and teachers of Pennsylvania licensed child care centers, group child care, family child care homes, and after school care.

Location: Hershey, Pennsylvania. Additional details on registration and logistics will be provided soon.

Financial support for overnight room accommodations will be available for participants. There is no registration fee for this conference. Additional details coming soon!

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Announcement ELRC 23 #05

Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Award

- The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) Bureau of Early Learning Policy and Professional Development, has released the Announcement ELRC 23 #05 Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Award. This Announcement announces the Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Awards, a one-time Award paid to eligible child care programs with a Department of Human Services (DHS) regular Certificate of Compliance (CoC) and designated as a Keystone STAR 2, 3, or 4. This Award is paid through Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs), on behalf of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), directly to eligible child care programs.
- Keystone STARS is an initiative of OCDEL to improve, support, and recognize the quality of Pennsylvania's early learning and school-age programs. Providing financial awards, including tiered reimbursement, to Keystone STAR 2, 3, and 4 providers is one strategy implemented by OCDEL to improve early learning outcomes. To further support all Keystone STAR 2, 3, and 4 programs within the early childhood education (ECE) industry, DHS approved a one-time Keystone STARS CQI Award using federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) funds.
- For additional information, including general provider eligibility requirements, policy exceptions, award amounts, allowable and ineligible expenses, award process and timelines, please see the Announcement ELRC 23 #05 Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Award.

ELRC UPDATES

ELRC-23-05: KEYSTONE STARS CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

- Eligibility based on provider type, STAR level, licensed capacity as of 11/30/23
- For STAR 2,3,4 providers and STAR 1 sites actively working on movement with open designation request in PD Registry as of 11/30/23 and designation completed by 1/12/24
- Approved spending based on expenses connected with meeting Keystone STARS standards and costs to achieve Alternate Pathway
- Eligibility letters will be sent between 12/18/23 and 1/15/24 with payments going out by end of March 2024
- <https://www.pakeys.org/elrc-23-05/>

CQI GRANT CONTACT INFORMATION

ALL CQI GRANT RELATED QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR REGION AS FOLLOWS:

Region 15 Delaware County	Region 16 Bucks County	Region 17 Montgomery County	Region 18 Philadelphia	Region 19 Chester County
	elrc-ksgrants@cscinc.org	elrcregion17@pa.gov	<u>elrc18grants@caringpeoplealliance.org</u> Note: all award letters will be emailed to eligible providers at the same date/time (TBA)	elrc19grants@phmc.org

ELRC 16 REMINDERS

Contact ELRC 16 for assistance or additional information

- **ELRC Provider Link**

ELRC 16's monthly provider newsletter. You will find STARS and CCW updates, OCDEL news, and regional events. To access this month's newsletter and to subscribe, go to:

<https://elrc-csc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Provider-Link-December-2023-Region-16.pdf>

- **Bucks County Directors Alliance**

All providers are invited to join community partners and Quality Coaches at our monthly Bucks County Directors Alliance meeting! Attendance is strongly recommended as there are important updates for all childcare providers! Each month we focus on a different topic, and community partners share their agency updates. Invitations can be found in the Provider Link Newsletter noted above. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th at 1:00 PM.

ELRC 17 REMINDERS

Contact ELRC 17 for assistance or additional information

Montgomery County: Childcare Operation Recovery Grant Program

- Approximately \$4,000,000 has been allocated out of the Montgomery County Recovery Plan for the Childcare Operation Recovery Grant Program. This funding provides operational grants to licensed Childcare Providers and School-aged Before and After School programs in Montgomery County to help them recover from the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic caused by decreased enrollments, reduced staffing, and/or closures due to COVID-19 outbreaks.

In order to be eligible for this program, providers must be licensed by Pennsylvania DHS/OCDEL Bureau of Certification and must have a physical address within Montgomery County. The amount of each grant will be determined by the number of children for which the facility is licensed.

- The Montgomery County Recovery Office is currently accepting applications for the Childcare Operation Recovery Grant Program from eligible providers in Montgomery County.
- Interested and eligible child care providers can apply for the Childcare Operation Recovery Grant Program on the Montgomery County Recovery Office website at <https://tinyurl.com/edbbtnzpc>.
- The deadline to apply for the Childcare Operation Recovery Grant Program has been extended to February 15, 2024.
- Please contact your ELRC 17 Keystone STARS Quality Coach with any questions.

ELRC 18 REMINDERS

Contact ELRC 16 for assistance or additional information

Upcoming Networking Meetings for Philadelphia providers – *not all meetings are hosted by ELRC 18*

- **12/20/2023** – Third Wednesday at 1p - **Northwest Directors Meeting hosted by Childspace Centers** –To RSVP and receive the meeting link, please e-mail jfilante@childspacecenters.org.
- **12/21/2023** – Segundo Jueves – **ELRC 18 Proveedores de habla hispana** de 6p-8p ([Click HERE to join the Teams meeting at 6p](#)) – *Meeting on the second Thursday of the month for Spanish-speaking providers (rescheduled this month to the third Thursday).*
- **12/21/2023** – Third Thursday – **ELRC 18 North Directors** from 1-3p. New Zoom link to come!
- **12/24/2023** – every other Sunday at 2p – **Child Care Support Group** – Are you a new or seasoned provider? Do you feel that you need more support from your peers? Do you want a safe space to chat and connect with other providers? The Child Care Support group has a Facebook page and bi-weekly zoom meetings to connect, share resources and so much more. Link to zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpfuiurTopE9JdnnEkREgxJqnPpQXmfPGd>. To join **Center-Based Child Care Providers – Philly**, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5665176173539299>; be sure to answer the questions to have your membership approved.
- **12/28/2023** – Fourth Thursday – **ELRC 18 South/West Directors** from 1-3p. New Zoom link to come!
- **1/10/2023 - Motivation for Movement** – Every second Wednesday at 1p - Ideal for STAR 1 Programs who have an interest in moving up in Keystone STARS, but have been out of the loop. Take a deep dive into the STAR 2 Standards and discuss the Sources of Evidence required to meet them. Discuss "Best Practice" in everything STARS, while networking with other providers. Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting
- **1/11/2023** – Second Thursday – **ELRC 18 Northeast Directors** from 1-3p. New Zoom link to come!
- **1/13/2023** – Second Saturday at 9a – **Quality Influential Professionals (QIP)** family child care networking – open to all FCCH/GCCH providers. Register online at <http://qippa.org/>.

ELRC 19 REMINDERS

Contact ELRC 19 for assistance or additional information

- **ELRC Region 19 Weekly Early Education Newsletter**

ELRC 19's provider newsletter is delivered weekly to your inbox. You will find current announcements, OCDEL news, Keystone STARS and CCW updates, and information about regional services and events. To subscribe to the ELRC 19 weekly newsletter, go to our website: www.elrc19chesco.org and click on the subscription box.


- **ELRC 19 Provider Chit Chat**

All providers are invited to join community partners and Quality Coaches at our bi-monthly virtual Provider Chit Chat meeting! Participation is strongly recommended as important information for all childcare providers is shared! Each meeting brings a different presenter and topic. Information and invitations can be found in our weekly newsletter. Subscribe to the newsletter by clicking on the subscription box on our website: www.elrc19chesco.org


ELRC OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact your local ELRC for assistance or additional information

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Special Presentation:
How trauma-informed care can help
to address challenging behaviors
and boost staff morale





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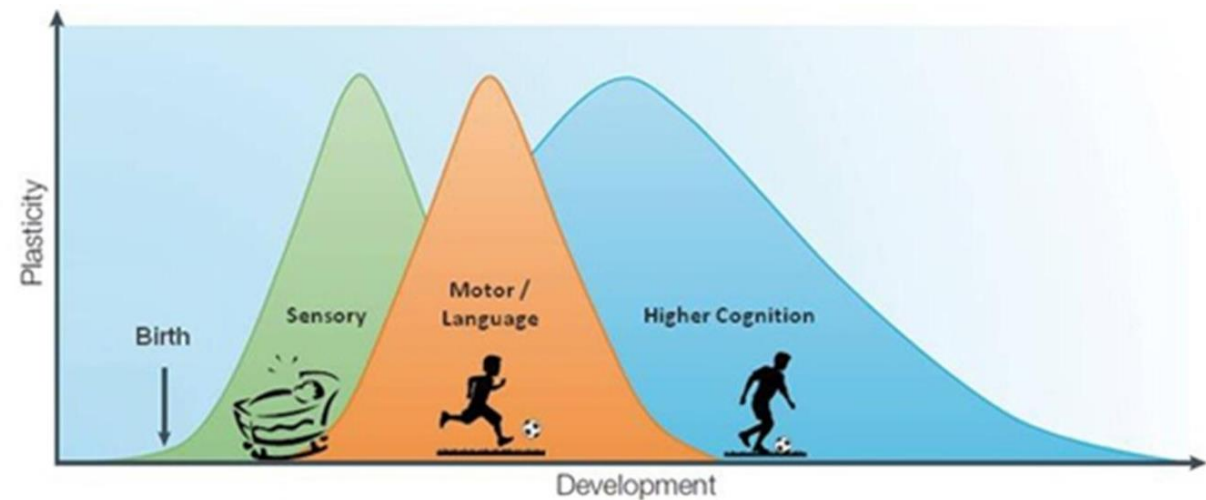
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SENSITIVE PERIODS & ADVERSITY

- Used to describe the effects experience has on the brain during narrow windows of time
- Exposure to adversity during critical periods of brain development can be hazardous to development¹
- It's not only, what happened to you, but what didn't happen to you.

Nelson CA 3rd, Gabard-Durnam LJ. Early Adversity and Critical Periods: Neurodevelopmental Consequences of Violating the Expectable Environment. *Trends Neurosci.* 2020 Mar;43(3):133-143. doi: 10.1016/j.tins.2020.01.002. Epub 2020 Feb 12. PMID: 32101708; PMCID: PMC8092448.

Fig 1: Windows of Plasticity in Brain Development



Adapted from Hensch, T. K. (2005). Critical period plasticity in local cortical circuits. *Nature Reviews Neuroscience*, 6(11), 877–888.

Windows of heightened plasticity in brain development are called critical or sensitive periods. In humans, there are sensitive periods for the development of sensory pathways (vision, hearing), language, and higher cognitive functions, as well as many other brain functions. Note that the peak of plasticity for each sensitive period is staggered throughout development.

The 8 Senses



Vision



Auditory



Olfactory



Tactile



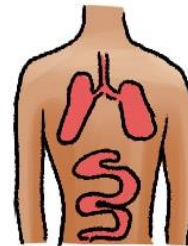
Gustatory



Vestibular



Proprioception



Interoception

SENSORY DIETS

Proprioceptive system

Kids who seek out rough play and jumping or crashing may need more input to this particular system.

Proprioception is one of our movement senses. It contributes to coordination and body awareness.

Input to the proprioceptive system may include:

- stomping
- jumping
- deep pressure
- working against resistance

Vestibular system

This is our other movement sense. It's related to balance and how we perceive our body's orientation in space. Some kids need constant movement and can't sit still. Others appear sluggish or lethargic. In these cases, the following vestibular input can help meet the child's needs:

- swinging
- rocking
- swaying
- bouncing

TRAUMA 111, 112, 113 - ECE TRAUMA AWARENESS CERTIFICATION

- **For Organizations and Individuals starting in February 2024**
- **Registration starts January 9, 2024**
- **\$155 per person - Limited scholarships available**
- **<https://www.lakesidettraining.org/signup-ece/>**



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- Most services offered in-person and via telehealth



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- Illness
- Injuries/Pain
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- Women's Health
- Skin Care
- Telehealth Services



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- Oral examinations
- Cleanings
- Oral cancer screening
- Digital x-rays (reduction in radiation)
- Occlusal guards (night guards)
- Restorations (fillings composite, tooth-colored)
- Crowns (caps)
- Bridges
- Dentures (complete and partial)
- Root canals
- Extractions
- Deep cleanings
- Teledentistry



Champions for Early Education

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Professional development with First up

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- In Person or Virtual Trainings
 - 2-3 Hour Trainings; Up to 6 Hours a Day
 - PQAS and ACT 48 credit
 - Many relevant topics
 - Tailored for your center's needs
 - Trainings listed on the PD Registry- pay per person (Great for new teachers)
- Specialty Areas
 - Trainings emphasizing Equity and Anti-bias
 - Advocacy Trainings
 - Leadership Institute
 - Infant and Toddler trainings
 - Trainings presented in Spanish
 - Proficiency Certificate Program

PD Catalog: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:27b52750-5106-375c-89b3-a71f68212df3>

2024 TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF TEACHER AWARDS



Let Your Hard Work And Dedication Be Honored

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Award Ceremony

April 13th, 2024

The Suzanne Roberts Theatre

480 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19146

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APPLY BY: JANUARY 16TH, 2024



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2024 Terri Lynne Lokoff
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[The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards
- First Up](https://www.firstup.org/terri-lynne-lokoff-teacher-awards/)

en Español:

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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 5,250 students over 200 locations
- 13,000+ students and families have participated in PHLpreK since inception

PHLpreK Seat Applications Are Open!



- Applications are available on the [PHLpreK website](#).
- Two applications are available:
 - **Renewal/Pre-Qualified**
 - Providers that contracted with PHLpreK in the 2023-2024 program year OR
 - Providers who were prequalified/waitlisted to receive seats for 2023-2024 and attended a 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 2024-2025 program year to support program expansion or redistribution for existing contracts.
- Application Info Session recordings are available the [PHLpreK website](#).

Important Dates

- FAQ document will be released by the end of December 2023 in English and Spanish.
- **Application submission deadline: January 22, 2024 at noon (12pm EST)**
 - Must apply through the web platform and providers cannot submit after the deadline.



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Project Components

- Funding (up to \$30,000) for curriculum and assessment tools.
 - Award amounts will depend upon program size and demonstrated need.
- Technical Assistance provided by the Curriculum Fund Project Manager.
- Community of Practice meetings for teachers and directors.
- Evaluation of impact of project with the CLASS Assessment Tool with a pre- and post- assessment.
 - Lead Teacher identified for project will receive an individual feedback session to discuss CLASS score results.

Funding Uses

- Purchasing of a new, OCDEL approved curriculum and/or assessment tool
- Upgrading of currently utilized version(s) of OCDEL approved curriculum/assessment tool
- Switching from a current OCDEL approved curriculum/assessment tool to a new OCDEL approved curriculum/assessment tool
- Supplementing current curriculum and assessments tools that are OCDEL approved with research-based materials, including:
 - Current OCDEL approved curriculum add-ons
 - Social Emotional Curricula
 - Materials to Support Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Practices
- Teacher training and associated cost
- Staff stipends to participate in technical assistance and Community of Practice activities
- Professional consultants



Eligibility

STAR 3 & 4 Providers

- Non-profit or for-profit organization
- Currently serving low-income populations (defined as client population of at least 50% subsidy, Head Start, Pre-K Counts) PHLPreK, and able to demonstrate a commitment to serving low-income families
- In good standing with DHS Certification and free of city, state and federal tax liens

STAR 2 Providers

- Non-profit or for-profit organization
- In good standing with DHS Certification and free of city, state and federal tax liens
- Currently receiving Technical Assistance through a quality initiative such as the Early Learning Resource Center or EQUIP with documented goals to move to a STAR 3 in 12 months or less
- Has at least 50% of enrolled children that receive a subsidy
- Located in a high need area as defined by [Childcare Map](#) to have a shortage of high quality and services a high poverty population

*Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply, however, funding priority is given to agencies that have never been awarded funding.



Application Timeline

Application Released	December 11th, 2023
Application Question and Answer Webinar	December 19th, 2023-2:00PM
Application Technical Assistance will be available by appointment.	December 2023-January 2024
Application Submission Deadline	January 19th, 2024-11:59PM
Application Review Period	January-February 2024
Awardees Announced	February 9th, 2024
Grant Activities Commence	February 2024



Application Q&A Session

- The Application Question and Answer Session will review common application questions as well as review the application submission platform, Cognito.
- It will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 2PM. Register on the PHMC Curriculum Fund Webpage.
 - We will be recording the session.



Application Technical Assistance

- Application Technical Assistance is available to all prospective applicants.
 - Venues available include Zoom or phone meeting.
- Please review the application prior to signing up to ensure all application needs are addressed during the meeting.
- A link is available to sign up for Technical Assistance on the PHMC Curriculum Fund webpage.
- La solicitud de la asistencia técnica está disponible en español. Comuníquese con curriculumfund@phmc.org para programar.



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<https://www.phmc.org/site/programs/child-development-and-family-services/philadelphia-early-learning-instructional-excellence-initiative-pelei-curriculum-fund>





Public Policy Partners (3P) Collaboration



IP Quality Influential Professionals

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Uplifting Early Childhood Educators

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SEPECC
volunteers...*





Advancing quality early care
and education in Bucks, Chester,
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that you are seeking information and answers?

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