

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, May 21, 2024



Meeting will begin at 12:30pm

Agenda:

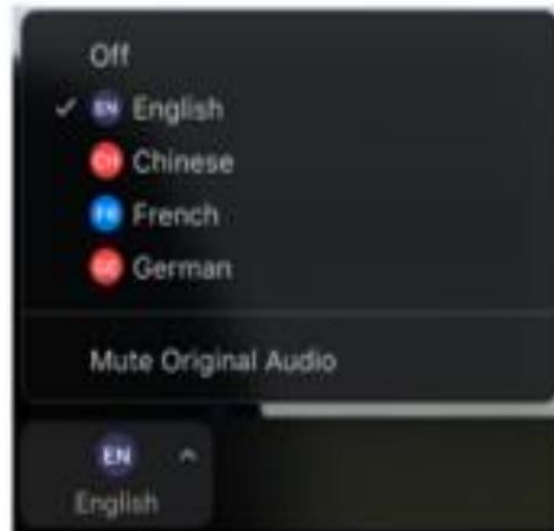
- 12:30 Welcome
- 12:40 Federal and State Budget/Policy Updates
- 12:50 Advocacy Skill Building & Activities
- 1:10 DHS & ELRC Announcements
- 1:30 Public Policy Partners Update
- 1:35 Special Presentation: Funding and Resource Opportunities
- 1:55 Community Partner Resources
- 2:10 Wrap Up
- 2:15 Q&A time

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TYRONE SCOTT,
FIRST UP

BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES

TAKE ACTION!

Tell the General Assembly and Governor Shapiro
that they must FIX CHILD CARE in the
2024-2025 state budget!

<https://startstrongpa.org/take-action>



ADVOCACY

SKILL BUILDING & ACTIVITIES



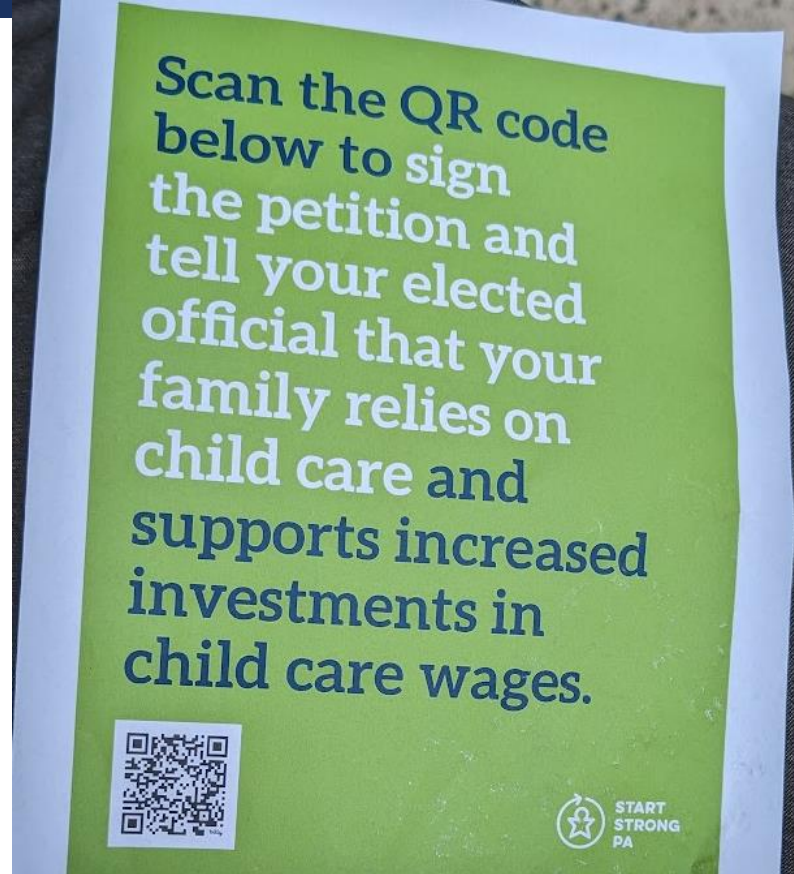


DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE

SHINEAL HUNTER, FAMILY CIRCLE ACADEMY

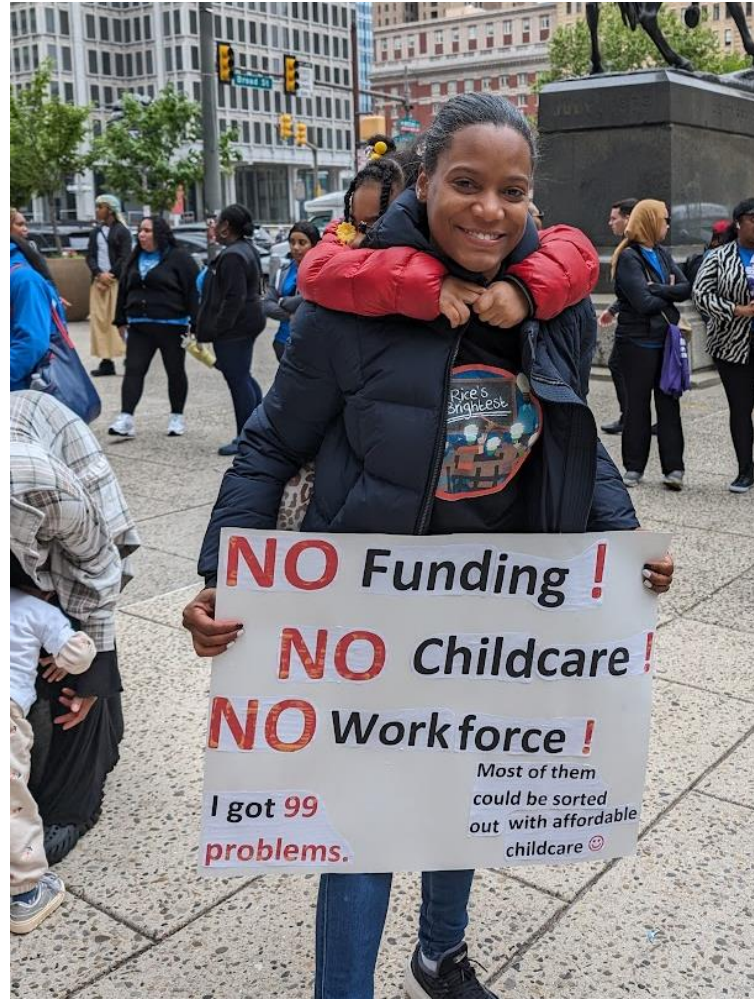


DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

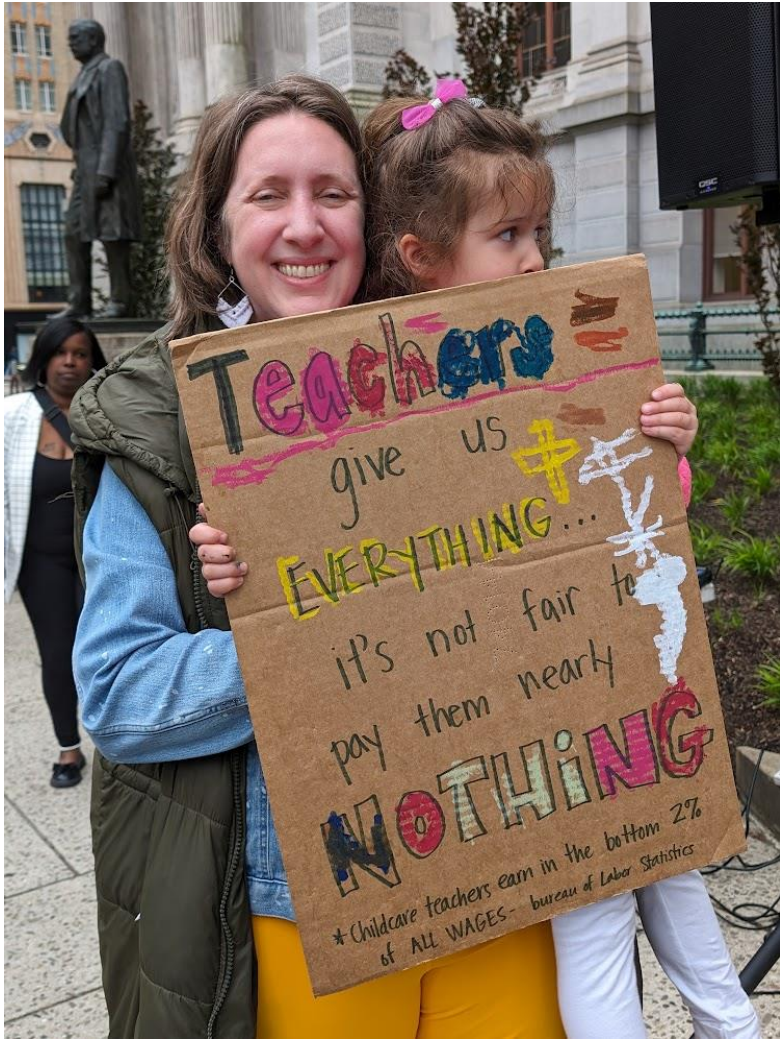


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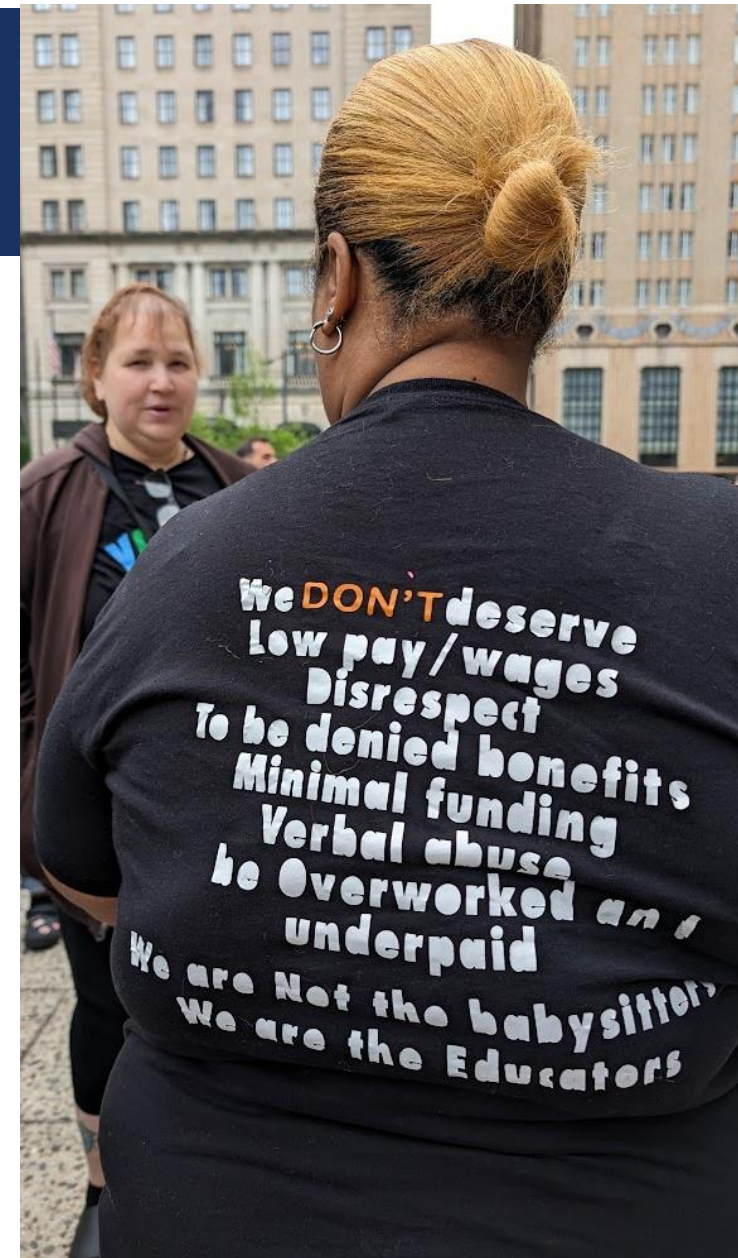
DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE: MESSAGING!



DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE: HANDMADE SIGNS!



DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE: T-SHIRTS TALK!



NO CHILDCARE? FOR ONE DAY WE CAN MANAGE...



PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR!

DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE:

Monday, MAY 12, 2025

100% participation?!!

Make it a paid day off, so we can all
be ON MESSAGE.



CAPITOL CARAVANS

LAVERNE CHEESEBORO, HEAVENLY MADE CREATIONS

ROSAIDA IRAOLA, KENCREST SOUTH EARLY LEARNING CENTER



CAPITOL CARAVAN – FAMILY CHILDCARE AWARENESS DAY LAVERNE CHEESEBORO



CAPITOL CARAVAN – FAMILY CHILDCARE AWARENESS DAY



ECE LATINO COMMUNITY CARAVAN & RALLY - ROSAIDA IRAOLA



NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

IN THE CHAT BOX, ENTER THE NUMBER THAT MATCHES YOUR EXPERIENCE:

I have...

- 1 - met with my legislator in Harrisburg.
- 2 - hosted legislator at my program.
- 3 - met with my legislator in another way.
- 0 - never met with my legislator.



**ECE Workforce Day
at the Capitol
Tuesday June 11
Rally in the Rotunda!
Meet with your legislator**



**START
STRONG
PA**



**Join the rally for
ECE workforce visibility**

REGISTER AT
<https://memberleap.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=49828>

We will make advance requests for meetings with your legislators – YOU will help them understand the staffing crisis and the need for increased state funds!

**CONTACT SHAWN TOWEY
717-482-4872**



CHILD CARE VOTERS

WHITNEY BROWN, CHILDREN FIRST

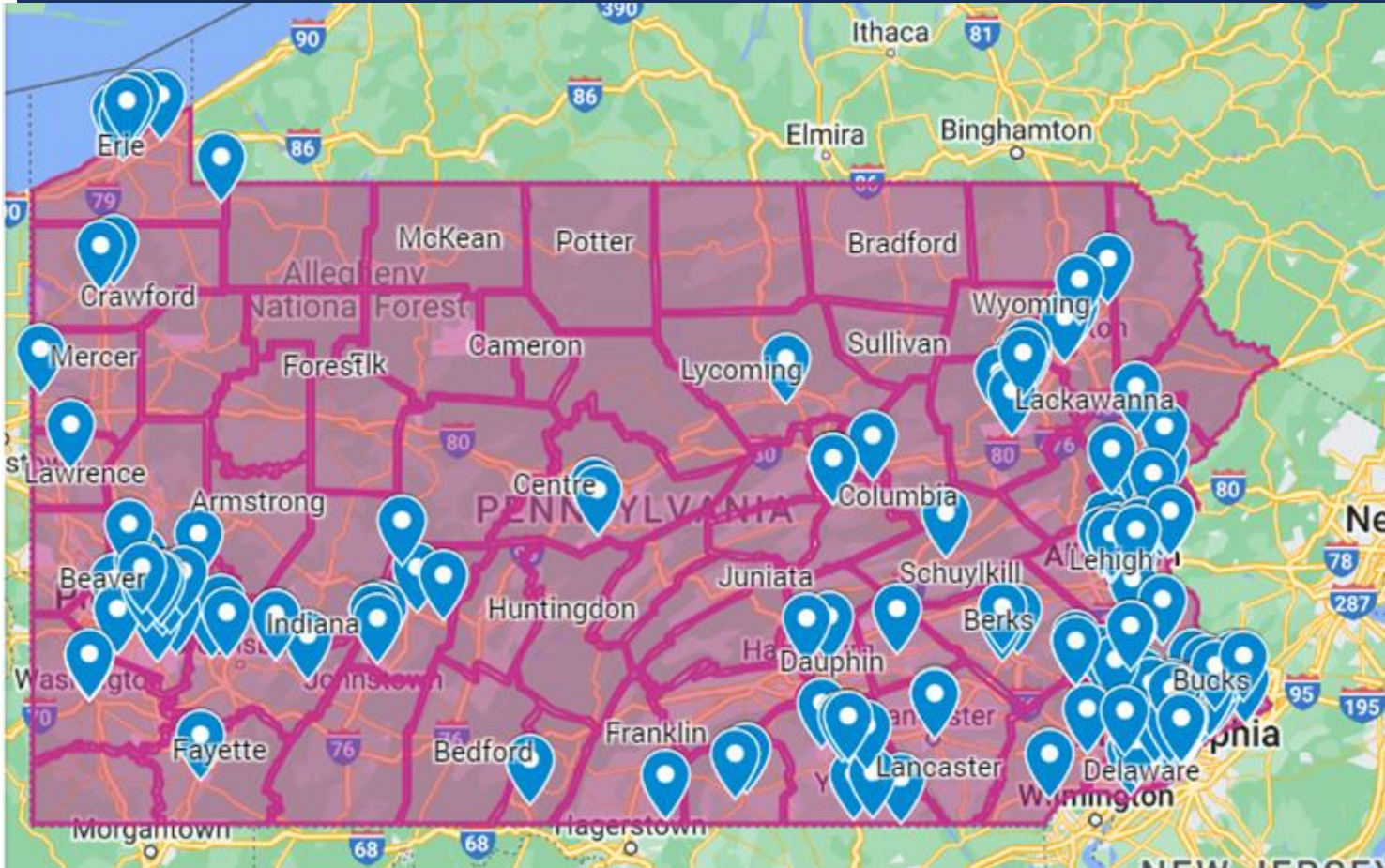




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CHILD CARE VOTER CAMPAIGN



STRATEGY



- Building a group of 10K followers so that we can quickly mobilize around election issues
- Share resources and stories to stay connected
- Advocate for expanded access to infant and toddler care
- Equip parents and providers with tools to GOTV
- VOTE for lawmakers that openly prioritizes childcare

SHARING AND COLLECTING STORIES

- **From providers** - "our biggest issue isn't finding kids to fill the spots, it's actually keeping teachers on board so that we don't end up closing any more classrooms"
- **From parents** - "I'm not sure about the issues that our legislators are working on, but most of the time it doesn't feel like childcare is their priority"
- **From lawmakers** - "I want to hear from parents about what issues are impacting their kids, I don't want to hear from you"

Collecting stories for lawmakers and community

- During pick up time
- 1:1
- <https://bit.ly/ccvstory>



TAKE ACTION

PARENTS AND PROVIDERS!

SHARE YOUR CHILDCARE STORY

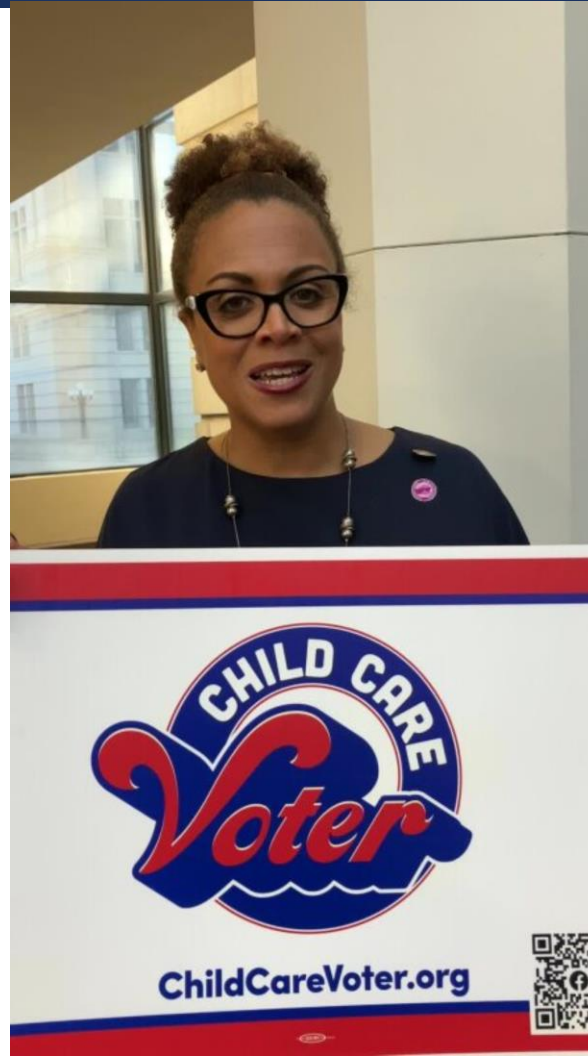
Tell your lawmaker know how important it is to have high-quality child care and early intervention!



YOUR VOICE MATTERS



LINK: <https://bit.ly/ccvstory>





ADVOCATE TOOLKIT

SHIRLEE HOWE, CHILDREN FIRST



ADVOCATE TOOLKIT!

English:

<https://www.prekforpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Start-Strong-Advocate-Toolkit.pdf>



Spanish:

<https://www.prekforpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Start-Strong-Advocate-Toolkit-Spanish.pdf>

Available in both English & Spanish!

3 minutes
or less

10
minutes
or less

60
minutes
or less

unlimited



- Contact your legislators
- Invite families to reach out to legislators!
- Invite families to participate in campaigns action alerts or follow on social media.
- Share your story!

- Schedule a meeting with your legislators.
- Invite legislators to visit your program.
- Submit a letter to the editor (LTE).
- Encourage other organizations to join both campaigns.

- Adopt a legislator
- Capitol caravan
- Share campaign materials at public events where campaign

- Join the campaign
- Complete action alerts
- Follow both campaigns
- on social medias



To find your legislator:



General Assembly

<http://www.tinyurl.com/palegis>



Congress

<https://tinyurl.com/3p96ve2d>

INSURANCE SURVEY

LESLIE SPINA, KINDER ACADEMY

Please be sure to take this 5-minute survey for providers by providers! Your input is needed to ensure that state legislators have a full picture of the liability insurance crisis facing ECE programs (home-based and commercial).

See [the flyer with a QR code](#)

the survey here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfggxm0Xm2N5wRn8LKGVjiELDjxJJ7bKk4kV_it_ksMlnLPOg/viewform?usp=send_form

DHS & OCDEL Announcements

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JAMILA DASHIELL - DHS
JDASHIELL@PA.GOV

DIANE GETZINGER – ELRC 18 PHILADELPHIA
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ELRC REMINDERS – ALL REGIONS

- Reminder about CQI reporting
 - The deadline was 5/15/2024. If you haven't turned in your reporting form yet, please do so ASAP!
- June 14th is the flip to full-time summer care for school-age children
 - You will be able to see this in PELICAN PSS later this week when the June invoices are available. Please direct additional questions to your local ELRC.

ELRC 17 UPCOMING MEETINGS

Contact ELRC 17 for assistance or additional information

Health & Safety Regional Task Force Hybrid Meeting

- Date: Tuesday May 29th 1pm-2:30pm

ELRC 17 Provider Meeting

- Date: Wednesday June 5th 10am-11:30am
 - This meeting is for Montgomery County Child Care Providers only

Local Leadership Council

- Date: Wednesday July 31st 1pm- 2:30pm

ELRC 18 UPDATES

Contact ELRC 18 for assistance or additional information

- **Details about the transition to PHMC effective 7/1/2024 are still being finalized.**
 - Providers with STAR renewals due 6/15/2024 through 9/30/2024 will receive a 90-day extension. Please reach out to your quality coach for additional assistance.
 - Details about a black-out period for eligibility and provider services work will be shared in the coming weeks.
 - June invoicing !!!
- **Save-the-Date** – ELRC 18 will host two discussions about **new Department of Labor standards regarding hourly versus salaries employees**. Mary Graham from Children’s Village will moderate. Registration information will be out later this week.
 - Thursday, June 20th from 6-8p
 - Wednesday, June 26th from 1-3p
- **A surprise from Devereux** – ELRC 18 will be sharing a special opportunity for you and your staff. Check your email this weekend and don’t miss the deadline!!!

ELRC 18 UPCOMING NETWORKING MEETINGS

Contact ELRC 18 for assistance or additional information

- **5/23/2024** – Fourth Thursday – **ELRC 18 South/West Directors** from 1-3p. Click [HERE](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- **6/8/2024** – Second Saturday at 9a – **Quality Influential Professionals (QIP)** family child care networking – open to all home-based providers. E-mail QIP Quality Influential Professionals at qipforu@gmail.com for details
- **6/13/2024** – Second Thursday – **ELRC 18 Northeast Directors** from 1-3p. Click [HERE](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- **6/13/2024** – **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.*
- **6/19/2024** – Third Wednesday at 1p – **Northwest Directors Meeting** – NOTE: This Zoom meeting is hosted by Childspace Centers and is open to all providers in the community. To RSVP and receive the meeting link, please e-mail jfilante@childspacecenters.org.
- **6/20/2024** – Third Thursday – **ELRC 18 North Directors** from 1-3p. *We will be back on Teams for this one. Link will be sent later.*

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

- **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 Chester County childcare providers is shared! Each meeting brings a different presenter and topic. Information and invitations can be found in our weekly newsletter. Register by clicking on the link in our weekly newsletter! Subscribe by clicking on the green subscription box on our website: www.elrc19chesco.org

Special Presentation: Funding and Resource Opportunities for Center, Family and Group

Aathira Chennat, Women's Way

Minnette Taylor, Mini Montessori Academy

Rachel Gambino, PHMC

**WOMEN'S
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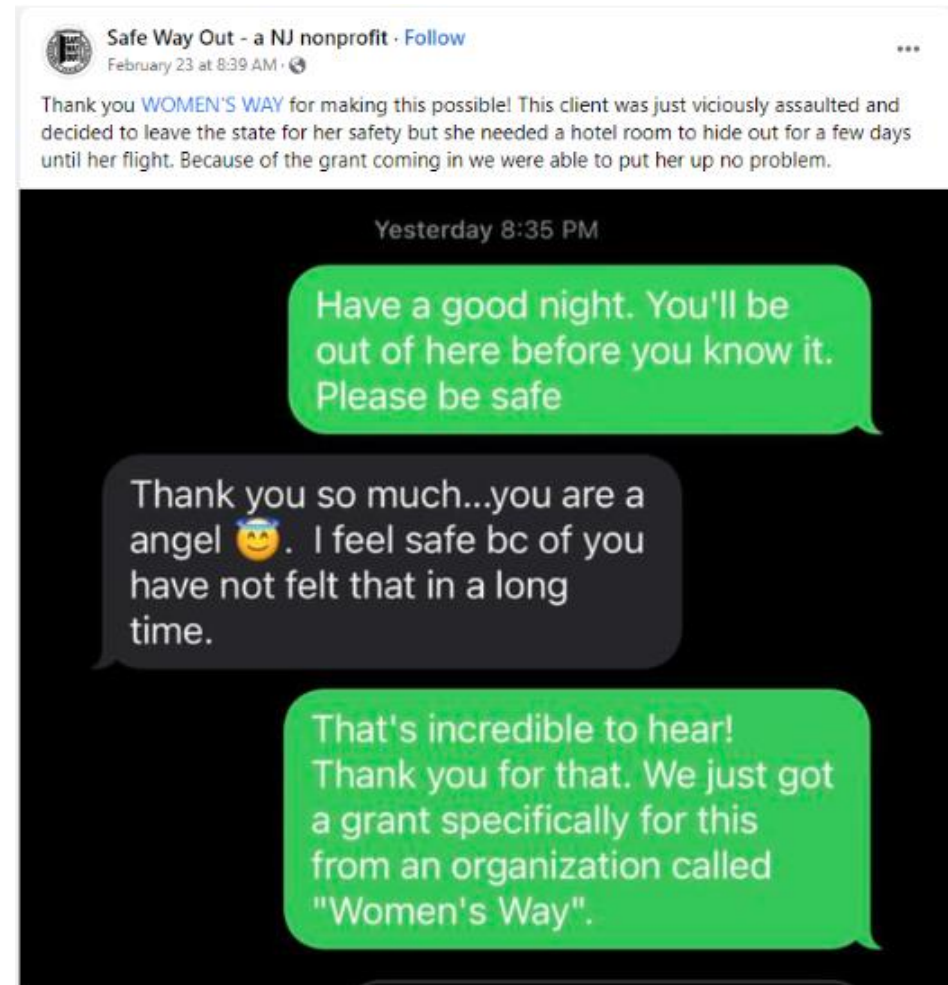
OUR MISSION

The first “umbrella” funding federation in the United States specifically dedicated to women’s issues.

For-Gender and Racial Justice organization whose mission is to achieve gender and racial equity by building collective power to disrupt systems of oppression and **strengthen alternative models centered in love, liberation and inclusion.**

GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

Altogether in 2023, WOMEN'S WAY funded 31 organizations for a total of over \$309,000, impacting over 92,000 women, girls, and gender-expansive individuals.



OUR FUNDS

Immediate Response Action Fund (IRAF)

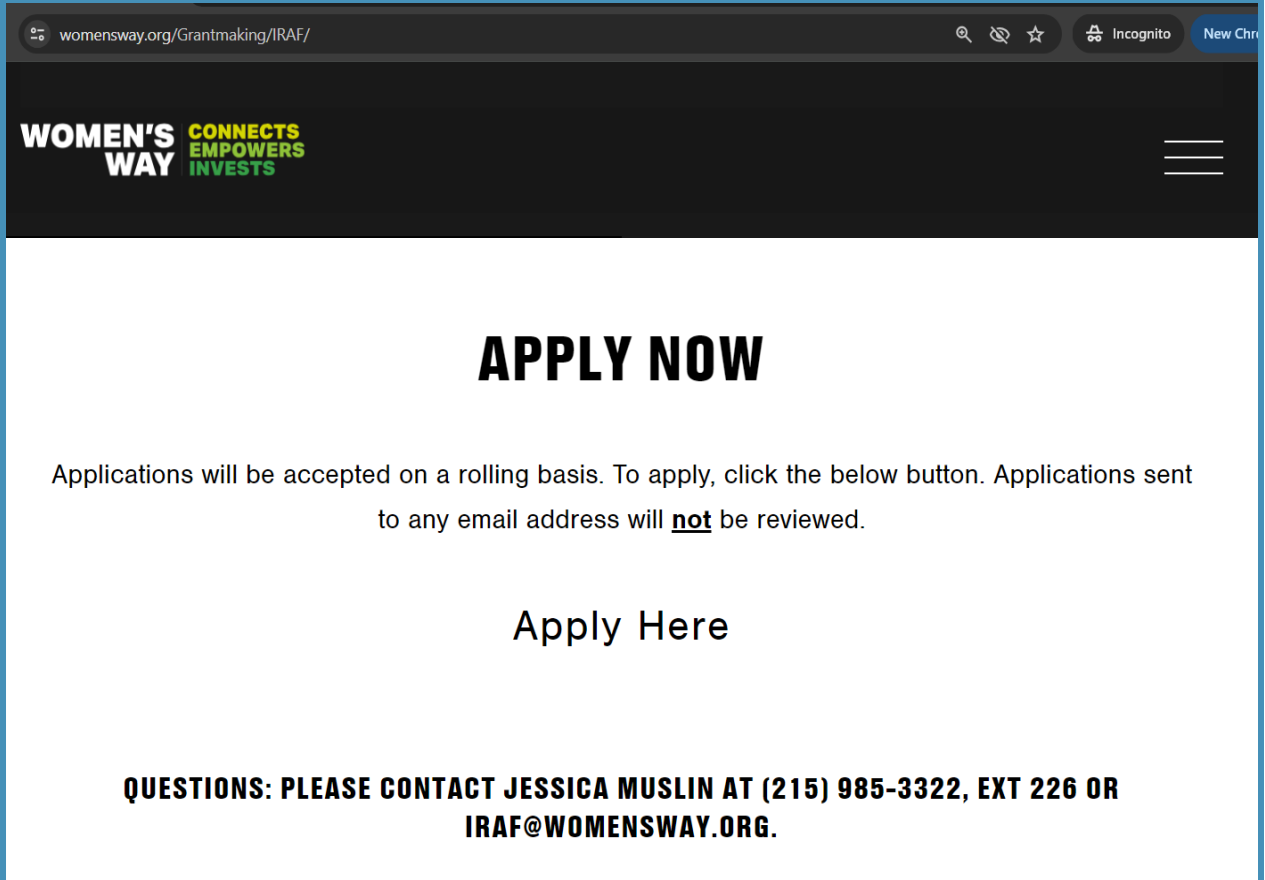
- Currently accepting applications on a rolling basis
- To quickly distribute funds to organizations to address **urgent and unanticipated needs** of women and girls as they arise.
- From receiving a completed application to communicating a decision – the grants review committee **approves grants of up to \$10,000 in just 10 business days**

General Operating Fund

- Not currently accepting applications, stay tuned!
- To provide multi-year, general operating support of up to \$10,000/year for 2 years
- Priority given to organizations led by women of color that have budgets less than \$500,000
- Participatory grantmaking framework with current grantees serving as the Grant Application Review Committee.

TO APPLY

- Visit our website at www.WomensWay.org/Grantmaking/IRAF/
- Read the criteria
- Scroll down to “APPLY NOW”
- Submit an application on our grants interface
- Receive a response within 10 days.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL womensway.org/Grantmaking/IRAF/. The browser's address bar shows "Incognito" and "New Chrome". The website header features the logo "WOMEN'S WAY" in white and "CONNECTS EMPOWERS INVESTS" in green. A hamburger menu icon is visible in the top right corner. The main content area has a white background with the text "APPLY NOW" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, a paragraph states: "Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, click the below button. Applications sent to any email address will **not** be reviewed." Underneath this text is a button labeled "Apply Here". At the bottom of the page, the text reads: "QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA MUSLIN AT (215) 985-3322, EXT 226 OR IRAF@WOMENSWAY.ORG."

GENDER WEALTH INSTITUTE

Bold Vision

To close the gender wealth gap in the Greater Philadelphia region by advancing research and practical solutions that **build wealth** for women who are economically insecure



Strong Foundation

Builds upon WOMEN'S WAY extensive experience in advancing economic security of women, which includes **building a network of 82 active partners** committed to a shared vision

BROADER DEFINITION OF WEALTH

When wealth is accumulated:

- **We live and retire** with greater **dignity, freedom** and **peace of mind**
- Our **communities** are prosperous, **resilient** and **vibrant**.
- **Future generations** have the **freedom to dream big** and become all they truly can be.
- We are healthy, and know that **our family, networks and communities** are **healthy, spiritually whole and contributing**.

Maven Collaborative

BROADER DEFINITION OF WEALTH

Financial Wellness Program

Strengthening Nonprofits and Grassroots Organizations through Improving Financial Wellness of 25 Employees and Members

GROUP SESSIONS:

Provide three virtual educational seminars to employees around specific financial topics, such as building a budget, improving your credit score, investing, and saving for retirement.

PERSONAL COACHING:

- Six hours of one-on-one coaching sessions with an ICF Coach
- Create and tailor a personal financial plan
- Dedicated coach as a personal accountability partner as they work through the client's plan.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Employers receive aggregated reports to help them understand what troubles their employees are facing and the progress they're making

FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM

Potential Financial Goals

- Starting a business
- Track spending habits
- Create a monthly budget
- Buy a house
- Identify short-term and long-term savings goals, create a savings plan

Potential Workshop Topics

- Healing our money mindsets
- Introduction to budgeting
- Savings and investing
- Estate planning
- Managing individual finances in a shared household

HEAR FROM CLIENTS

“I love that my coach and I had similar background and upbringing. It was easy to be transparent. I found a new perspective for how I viewed my financial situation and better terms for spending.”

“Not only did my coach help my financial well being, she also impacted my mental health as well. At the beginning of this course, I kept dwelling on the financial mistakes I've made in the past, but through my coach's encouragement I've learned to leave my past mistakes behind and now I look forward to my bright financial future.”

“One of my goals is to open a business and my coach helped me connect to the Women's Small Business Center in Philadelphia, where I had the opportunity to participate in a series of webinars that helped me understand what I need to start a business.”

NEXT STEPS

1. Fill out the matching survey, due by **Thu 5/24**
2. If selected, you will be notified and matched with a coach by **Thursday 6/6**
3. You will contact your coach to set up your appointment schedule & begin meeting!
4. Look out for updates from Aathira on upcoming workshops and program reminders
5. Program ends 11/29

CONNECT WITH TO LEARN MORE!

IRAF and Grantmaking:

Contact Jessica, Chief Impact Officer, at IRAF@WomensWay.org

GWJ and the Financial Wellness:

Contact Aathira at Achennat@WomensWay.org

**Web: www.WomensWay.org
Instagram: [@WomensWayPhilly](https://www.instagram.com/WomensWayPhilly)**



*MINNETTE TAYLOR, M.ED.,
CEO & FOUNDER*

Offering More In 2024

FUNDING & RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES



RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Power Up Your Business: Peer-based Learning Experience**

Through this 12-week, 36-hour program, you will gain practical skills that you can immediately implement and learn how to create a business improvement plan to help grow your business. Learn the foundations of small business management and other tools needed for a successful small business through this FREE training program that provides the following: Team of experts that teach marketing, financials, human resource and operations, insurance and legal, and how to develop a tactical improvement plan-Coaching support from a business coach and financial coach-Our training is held in local Philadelphia communities so local businesses can connect and network easily

The next cohort will be in-person at the Center for Business and Industry The next cohort dates: September 4, 2024, through November 20, 2024 -Applications due July 24, 2024

[Click here to apply](#)

Amazon Small Business Academy

This program offers free educational resources to help early-stage entrepreneurs start, build, and launch their businesses online. [Create a free account>](#)



**THE
WELCOMING
CENTER**



- Provides a variety of services for immigrants from all over the world who reside in the Philadelphia region.
- Whether you are looking for meaningful employment, want to start or grow your business, or be socially and civically engaged, we are here to support you in achieving your goals.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

■ **PECO Small Commercial & Industrial Gas Grant**

Small businesses can now apply to receive a one-time grant of \$500 towards their existing PECO natural gas account. The grant will be applied directly to your bill and will lower current outstanding balances or provide a credit for future charges.

[*Click here to learn more and apply*](#)

□ **Verizon | Small Business Digital Ready Grant**

Grow your small business with valuable resources like free online courses, tools, coaching, peer networking, and grants. \$10,000 in grant funding for small businesses,

Deadline: June 1, 2024, [*Click here to apply*](#)

■ **The Freed Fellowship**

Every month, one \$500 grant is awarded to an underrepresented founder in the US to invest in their existing business. No strings attached. No equity is required. Grant recipients will be given a complimentary, strategic planning session to help strategize the best way to use the funds. Grant recipients are also eligible to receive an additional end-of-year grant of \$2,500. The Freed Fellowship helps small business owners get the resources, mentorship, and community they need to build successful companies.

[*Click here to learn more and apply*](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

■ Amber Grant

[WomensNet](#) founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998.

The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of Amber Wigdahl. Today, WomensNet carries on that tradition, giving away at least \$30,000 every month in Amber Grant money. In recognition of the diversity of businesses owned by women, we’ve also expanded our grant-giving to include “Marketing Grants,” “Business Category Grants,” as well as two “\$25,000 Year End Grants. There is no application deadline. The application fee is \$15.

[*Click here to learn more and apply*](#)

■ Philadelphia Business Lending Network (PBLN) Incentive Grant

The [Philadelphia Department of Commerce](#) is excited to announce a new equity incentive through the Neighborhood Preservation Initiative (NPI), the Philadelphia Business Lending Network (PBLN) Incentive Grant. To increase equitable access to lending opportunities within the Philadelphia Business Lending Network program, Commerce is partnering with the PBLN lenders to provide an Incentive Grant, of up to \$35,000, up to 50% as part of an approved loan amount for any business that meets the eligibility requirements. The PBLN is a group of nonprofit lenders, for-profit lenders, and other funders who work together with the Philadelphia Department of Commerce to improve access to capital for small businesses throughout Philadelphia.

[*Click here to learn more and complete the Financing Interest Form*](#)

BUSINESS GRANTS RESOURCES

Philly small business grants up to \$10K available before COVID-19 relief money runs out

- There's \$10.5 million in federal grants available for minority-owned small businesses across Pennsylvania — but time is running out to apply.

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-historically-disadvantaged-business-assistance-grant/>

Grants and Loans for Philadelphia Small Businesses

- This grant, part of the Philadelphia Business Lending Network pilot program, serves as a significant opportunity for local entrepreneurs to access up to \$35,000 in matching funds, covering up to 50% of each approved loan amount.

<https://www.myentrepreneurworks.org/small-business-loans-grants-philadelphia/>



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Program Partners



FUND FOR QUALITY PROGRAM: PLANNING & CAPITAL PHASE

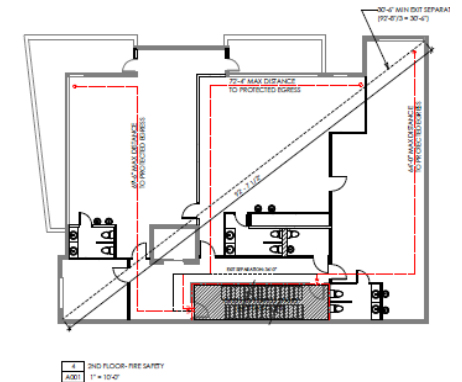
Part 1: Planning Phase

- 3-6+ months
- \$12,500 Planning Grant for project predevelopment expenses
- Consultants for organizational business planning
- Intensive Planning Checklist



Part 2: Capital Phase

- 3-6+ months
- Up to \$350,000 Capital Grant for construction, furniture and materials
- Construction inspections



ELIGIBILITY FOR FFQ PLANNING PHASE

**Organizations first apply to the Planning Phase of the program*



Existing high quality operator (STAR 3 and 4) at over 50% of sites

Must be in operation for 2+ years



Serving low-income populations

(over 50% of children served receiving subsidy funding including CCW, Head Start, Early Head Start, PreK Counts, and PHLpreK)



Positive attendance trends and strong business plan



Organizational capacity for expansion



Projects that will increase licensed capacity by 40 or more ECE seats in Philadelphia



Ownership or long-term lease (10+ years) on property and landlord consent for renovations

KEY DATES FOR LOI & FULL APPLICATION

1. Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline – Friday, May 24, 2024 at 5PM*

- Potential site visit with licensing consultants, if questions about location
- All providers will be notified by Friday, May 31, 2024 at the latest if invited for a full application
- **Only** LOI submissions that meet initial eligibility will be invited to the full application.

2. Application Deadline – Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5PM

- Potential site visits in June

3. Planning Phase Notifications – July 2024

COMPLETE THE LOI ONLINE

Access the online LOI form and MANY application resources on the FFQ webpage:
[Fundforquality.org](https://fundforquality.org)

Or direct link:
<https://bit.ly/fundforqualityLOI>

Fund Quality
Expanding Early Childhood Education in Philadelphia

Application

The Fund for Quality program has a new 1-year program funding cycle (July 2024, through June 2025) to support three high-quality expansion projects that can be completed within a 12-month timeline.

The application process for this round includes two steps:

Step 1: Letter of Intent (LOI) – due Friday, May 31, at 5pm

LOIs will be reviewed on a weekly basis through the deadline for eligibility. Providers that meet initial eligibility criteria will be invited to submit a full application.

Providers may be requested to participate in a preliminary site visit from program staff or a licensing consultant if there are questions about the expansion site.

Step 2: Full Application – due Friday, June 7, at 5pm

An application will be emailed to providers who meet initial eligibility. Select applicants will be requested to participate in a site visit.

Providers will be notified of their award status in July.

FFQ Letter of Intent (LOI)
MAY 31, 2024

FFQ 2024 LOI and Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
MAY 1, 2024

SOLICITUD – en Español

El programa del Fondo de Calidad tiene un nuevo ciclo de financiación de un año (de julio de 2024 a junio de 2025) para apoyar tres proyectos de expansión de alta calidad que puedan completarse en un plazo de 12 meses.

El proceso de solicitud para esta ronda incluye dos pasos.

Fase 1: Carta de Intención (LOI) – hasta el viernes, 31 de mayo a las 5 p.m.

Las LOI se revisarán semanalmente hasta la fecha límite de elegibilidad. Los proveedores que cumplan los criterios iniciales de elegibilidad serán invitados a presentar una solicitud completa.

Es posible que se solicite a los proveedores que participen en una visita preliminar al sitio por parte del personal del programa o de un consultor de licencias en caso de que surjan dudas sobre el sitio de expansión.

Fase 2: Solicitud completa – hasta el viernes, 7 de junio a las 5 p.m.

Se enviará una solicitud por correo.

Fund For Quality - Letter of Intent

The Fund for Quality (FFQ) is a partnership between Reinvestment Fund and Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC), with funding from the William Penn Foundation, and Vanguard Strong Start for Kids Program. Through the provision of business planning and facilities-related financing, Fund for Quality supports high-quality early care and education providers with expanding their services to reach more low-income families. FFQ 2024 will be seeking 3 high quality expansion projects that can be completed within one year. This will be a highly competitive process and the Letter of Intent is meant to help determine alignment with FFQ goals and timelines.

Eligibility Screen

Are you a licensed child care provider?

Yes No

This opportunity is not open to entities looking to open their first child care program.

Are you a STAR 3 or 4 provider?

Yes No

If multi-site, the majority of sites (50%) must be designated at STAR 3 or 4.

Do you serve over 50% children receiving subsidy funding? (Including CCW, PHLpreK, PreK Counts, Head Start/Early Head Start)

Yes No

Initial Project Screen

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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The Reinvestment Fund

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Mercedes Fleet Mount
Bright Little Scholars



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Client Engagement and Technical
Assistance Manager

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Survey 1: Provider Survey

- **Purpose:** to help inform grant and financial initiatives and educate lawmakers and stakeholders about the needs of ECE providers across the city.
- **Info collected:** enrollment, staffing, financials, quality measures, and facility needs; and from family and caregivers about current care arrangements and needs. This information will
- Results to be shared broadly in summer 2024



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MATTERS!**

Are you a child care provider or family/caregiver of a child under 6 in Philadelphia? We want to hear from you!

Take a 10-minute survey & be entered to win a \$150 gift card!

Survey 2: Family/Caregiver Survey

- **Providers... please advertise this survey to families in your program**
- **Info requested:** current care arrangements and needs.



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Your experiences will help child care providers, local funders and other stakeholders better understand the current state of child care.



Thank You For Your Feedback!

What is P.R.I.D.E?



Originated in Pittsburgh by Dr. Aisha White, P.R.I.D.E was developed to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community leaders with the knowledge, skills, and reflection opportunities necessary to talk about race and racial history with young children in a meaningful and appropriate way. Funded by the William Penn Foundation, P.R.I.D.E in Philly is a collaboration between the P.R.I.D.E Pittsburgh and the First Up P.R.I.D.E team.

First Up Presents

FREE! P.R.I.D.E. in Philly Training Series

Starting in March, this FREE five part training series, developed by the P.R.I.D.E Program at the University of Pittsburgh, is being offered as in-person trainings.



Participants Will Gain:

- knowledge about the history of race, how children are impacted by it, and acquire tools and strategies for responding to racial issues.
- The ability to proactively introduce conversations and activities that enable children to understand racial (physical) differences.
- Ways to use objective learning about race and physical difference to facilitate more advanced cognitive understandings of 'race'.
- A foundation for open conversation about race in the early childhood profession to sustain and build on what is learned.

P.R.I.D.E in Philly Five-Part Training Series Topics

Session 1 Where Am I? Personal Racial Journeys	Session 2 Who Are We? An Introduction to RACE in America	Session 3 What Is My Role? Race and My Profession	Session 4 What About Children? Race, Healthy Development, and Positive Racial Identity	Session 5 What Can I Do? Developing PRIDEful/Racial Awareness Strategies
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These trainings will enable teachers to support young children's positive racial identity development. If you are looking for an In-person training series or an In-service day training this is for you! Each participant will receive 10 PQAS.

REGISTER TODAY

<http://tinyurl.com/436kpnzh>



Have questions? Contact Whitney Hawkins (Whitney.Hawkins@firstup.org) to learn more.

First Up is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

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5 Part Training Series

The P.R.I.D.E in Philly Teacher Cohort

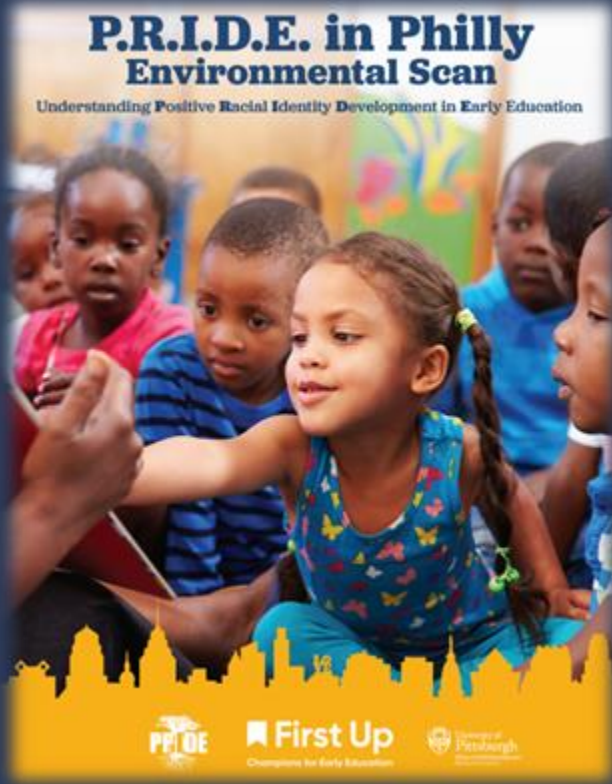


Families of Black Children Affinity Group



The Families of Black Children Affinity Group is a space created for families- in collaboration with their school administrators-to get support and resources that support their work in helping their young children (ages 0-8) in embracing their race, racial identity, and history as they grow and make connections to the world and people around them.

P.R.I.D.E in Philly Environmental Scan



P.R.I.D.E in Philly Environmental Scan

Understanding Positive Racial Identity Development in Early Education

The Philadelphia Positive Racial Identity Development Environmental Scan (2023) represents a collaborative research initiative conducted in partnership with the PRIDE Program at the University of Pittsburgh. This extensive body of research builds upon the foundations laid by a similar study conducted in Pittsburgh in 2016. The primary aim of this research is to contribute to the growing body of literature surrounding Positive Racial Identity (PRI) by specifically examining its significance within the Philadelphia early education and care community.





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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open until May 31.

Families can register:

- ❖ Online using the Online Registration (OLR) System
- ❖ In-person at:
 - your catchment (neighborhood) school
 - the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement at 440 N. Broad St

philasd.org/thriveatfive has all the information!



WHY IS ON-TIME KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IMPORTANT?

- Families are engaged earlier in the life of the school
- Students are ready and excited for the new experience
- Teachers are prepared and ready for their incoming students
- School planning can begin earlier and be more efficient



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SUPPORT

District Support Offices

Office of Early Childhood:
ktransition@philasd.org

215.400.5585

Office of Diverse Learners:
diverselearners@philasd.org

215.400.4170

Office of Student Enrollment and Placement:
OSEP@philasd.org

215.400.4290

Multilingual Family Support:
mac@philasd.org

215.400.4180



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Offering More In 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS





Mini Montessori would like to thank our guest speaker and all our honorees.

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Thank you for joining us at the 2024 Annual Teacher Appreciation Celebration! We trust that you departed feeling honored and appreciated for the invaluable role you play in fostering the healthy growth of young children and their families.

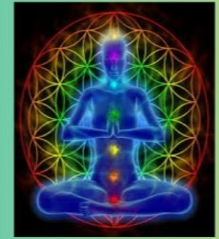
The Mini Montessori team exerted significant effort to establish an environment where you could experience harmony and nourishment through training, food, and a meaningful message.

To ensure we consistently deliver the finest experience at our annual celebration of Early Childhood Education, we value your feedback on the event. Please complete a short survey about your experience.



PROGRAM

See Attached



Save The Date:

May 3rd,
2025

Contact Us!
858-751-9116

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We believe in the power of you, and in the power of gathering, collaborating, and meeting in person. If you are a current NAFCC member, you will be requested to log in using your membership email and membership password information. **If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at conference@nafcc.org**



WHAT NEXT?

**Scan The QR
Code and
Register
Today!!!**

ECE HIRING EVENTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Providers in the Philadelphia area are coming together to host hiring events throughout the city. We are looking to have an event in different sections of the city. We are voting on dates Saturday, June 22nd or Saturday, June 29th from 12pm-3pm.

If anyone is interested, please reach out to Mercedes Fleet,
brightlittlescholars@gmail.com 724-578-6110

- **30-Second Exit Survey:**

<https://forms.gle/54E47PpfRHvgWmeW7>

- **Upcoming Meetings: June 18
(12:30 – 2:30pm)**



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

MEETING
WRAP UP



SEPECC

Advancing quality early care
and education in Bucks, Chester,
Delaware, Montgomery and
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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

May 2024

Q&A TIME

You are welcome to stay on for Q&A time
if you have any question!