ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

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



SEPECC Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024



Meeting will begin at 12:30pm

Agenda:

12:30 Welcome

12:35 Federal and State Budget/Policy Updates

12:45 Advocacy Skill Building & Activities

1:05 DHS & ELRC Announcements

1:20 Public Policy Partners: Latinos Educando Juntos

1:25 Community Partner Resources

1:40 SEPECC Celebration

2:15 Guest Legislator: Senator Kearney's Chief of Staff

2:25 Wrap Up

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MARY GRAHAM, CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

> TYRONE SCOTT, FIRST UP

BUDGET & POLICY UPDATES

TAKE ACTION NOW!

FEDERAL

 Urge Congress to prioritize child care and early learning funding!

https://www.ffyf.org/actions/2024/ contact-conaress/



STATE

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

https://startstrongpa.org/takeaction



ADVOCACY

PEER TO PEER OUTREACH

ZAKIYYAH BOONE, WONDERSPRING & ROSANNA MATOS, FIRST UP



ENGAGEYOUR FAMILIES AND STAFF

ROSANNA MATOS, FIRST UP



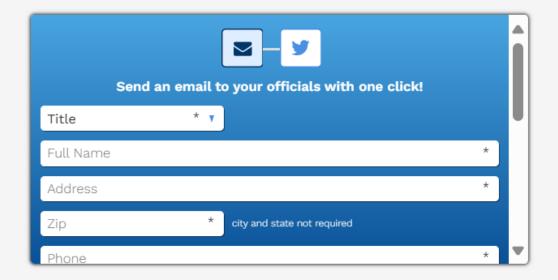
Invite your families and colleagues to take action at:

https://startstrongpa.org/ take-action

Email PA Lawmakers Today

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

The child care crisis is caused by unlivable wages. Pennsylvania lawmakers can fix this by tackling the child care teacher shortage head-on. They must establish and fund a program that will help providers better recruit and retain their staff.



GET THE CHILDREN INVOLVED

ELEANOR LEVIE, A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE WITH SEPECC

KID CRAFTS + ADVOCACY: Set sail for summer

4 Floatable Sailboats to make with 2-5-year-olds

1-Bottle cap sailboat

Projects culled from the web by Eleanor Levie,
Volunteer advocate for SEPECC,
representing the National Council of Jewish Women

Contact me: <u>EleanorLevie@gmail.com</u> if you have questions, and to share photos of kids at work and play.



2- Milk carton sailboat



3– Egg carton sailboat



4- Sponge sailboat



Pair ADVOCACY with kid-craft sailboats

Send sailboats home with a message for families:

We provide the quality childcare to help *launch* your kids into a successful start to school and life.

Tell your legislators to fund us with a boatload of money in the budget.

Providing quality childcare isn't always *smooth sailing*. It's hard work, and we deserve wages to allow us to stay in the business and thrive. Help us get the pay we need and deserve.

Email legislators with photos and messages

We're in a childcare crisis. I need funding to stay in business and ensure that my teachers, my families, and I can earn the wages we all need to navigate our own lives and thrive.

Encourage more interested individuals to set sail in the early childhood workplace.

Get talented, experienced teachers to stay the course.

How? Add the significant funding for competitive wages and benefits our industry needs for hiring & retention.

JOIN A CAPITOL CARAVAN!

SHIRLEE HOWE, CHILDREN FIRST

Sign up and bring a parent on June 25, 26, 27 or 28!



Learn more and sign up here: https://forms.gle/Mw6NVzeHJKUxELB38

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT: KIDDIE PREP ACADEMY RHONDA & AALIYAH HALLOWAY





HAVING AN EVENT AT YOUR PROGRAM?

BEN GORDON

FIRST UP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTERN







MOMFIRST

SIM LOH, FIRST UP









TELL CNN: ASK ABOUT CHILDCARE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE!

HTTPS://MOMSFIRST.US/CNN_CHILDCARE/

DHS & ELRC Announcements

ASIA M. SHEPPARD - DHS ASSHEPPARD@PA.GOV

JAMILA DASHIELL - DHS

JDASHIELL@PA.GOV

DIANE GETZINGER – ELRC 18 PHILADELPHIA DGETZINGER@CARINGPEOPLEALLIANCE.ORG

ELRC REMINDERS – ALL REGIONS

- June 14, 2024 was the flip to full-time summer care for school-age children
 - Statewide date determined by OCDEL applies regardless of the dates for individual school districts
- Blended Rate for part-time care during the school year -
 - Allows ELRC to compensate you for full-time care provided on school holidays/early dismissal days.
 - If you accept the Blended Rate, you cannot charge subsidy parents an additional fee for providing full-time care during the school year.
 - Your Blended Rate selection cannot be changed during the school year. You can update PSS or notify your ELRC now throughout August, and it will apply beginning 9/1/2024.

ELRC REMINDERS – ALL REGIONS

- May and June 2024 invoices must be submitted by 7/15/2024 in order for ELRCs to pay them.
- New Regulated Provider Agreements are being distributed by all ELRCs. Refer to OCDEL Announcement <u>ELRC 24-01: Updated Provider Agreements for Certified Child Care Providers</u> for a summary of the changes. Be sure to follow the directions sent by your ELRC and contact them directly with any questions!
- Program observation instruments for FY 2024-2025 Beginning 7/1/2024, you can no longer use the Revised version of the Environmental Rating Scales. If you choose to use ERS for your POI, you must use the ITERS-3, ECERS-3, and FCCERS-3 versions of the tool. Asynchronous training is available in the PD Registry. Contact your quality coach for assistance.

ELRC 18 UPDATES Contact ELRC 18 for assistance or additional information

- Operation of ELRC 18 will transition from Caring People Alliance to Public Health Management Corporation on 7/1/2024.
 - We are currently in a blackout period in order to prepare for the transition. Our offices are closed to the public for in-person assistance, but phones are being answered and drop boxes remain available at all 3 locations.
 - During the blackout period, we are unable to process applications, redeterminations, enrollments, etc. This
 information is being organized and will be transferred to PHMC for follow-up starting 7/1/2024.
 - Providers with STAR renewals due 6/15/2024 through 9/30/2024 have received a 90-day extension.
 - Your June payment will come from Caring People Alliance.
 - Starting July 1, 2024, following is the contact information for ELRC 18:

ELRC Region 18 (PHMC) 4601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19139 888-535-2209

Please note that the address and telephone WILL NOT be active until 07/01/24.

ELRC 18 UPDATES Contact ELRC 18 for assistance or additional information

- 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. Register and submit questions in advance at https://form.jotform.com/241487946998179.
 - Thursday, June 20th from 6-8p
 - Wednesday, June 26th from 1-3p

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

Public Policy Partners (3Ps) Featured Partner:

Latinos Educando Juntos Damaris Alvarado Rodriguez



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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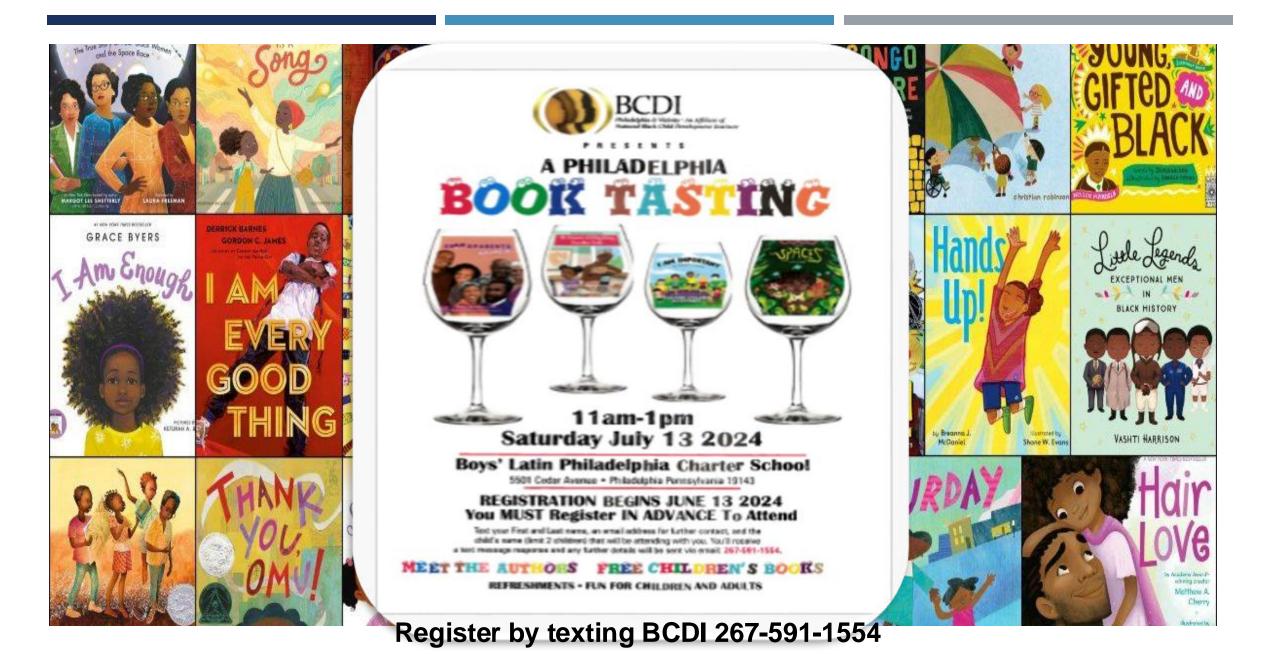


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President Lola Rooney



Sponsored By:





Cynthia MB Robinson

CMBR-Arthentic Childcare Make Better, LLC

MINI MONTESSORI Academy Se Region Educators

Calling all Providers FCC, GCC, CC 💞













Sunday, June 23 RD. @ 1PM-4PM

Education Institution for Early Intervention (EIEI) 4704 Leiper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124

"Summertime: Our Hair gets lighter. Water gets warmer. Nights get longer. Life gets better."



LET'S TALK NUMBERS

368

Individuals attended SEPECC since September 2023

120

Average attendees for each meeting

187

NEW attendees

LET'S TALK NUMBERS



WHAT OTHER AWESOME THINGS DID WE ADD TO SEPECC?





SPANISH INTERPRETATION!

A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!

SEPECC FACEBOOK GROUP....

162

posts

705

comments & reactions 5845

views















SPEAKING OF SEPECC FACEBOOK GROUP... ... WHO HASN'T JOINED THE SEPECC FACEBOOK GROUP?







CONTINUE WITH THE NUMBERS













WE INVITED 6 LEGISLATORS AS OUR GUEST!



WE PRESENTED 29 ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES! INCLUDING 8 MAJOR SURVEYS & 7 ADVOCACY CRAFTS.

CONTINUE WITH THE NUMBERS

Hispanic Heritage Month

Crafting & Sharing Your Story Marketing
Strategies
for Child
Care
Businesses

Resources for Building & Maintaining Your Program's

Quality

Trauma-Informed Care

Kindergarten
Registration
and
Transition

Emergency Preparedness

Resources for Degree Completion

Strengthening
Partnerships &
Improving
Access To
Early
Intervention
Resources

Grants
& Resources
To Help
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Programs

10 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



SEPECC Celebration

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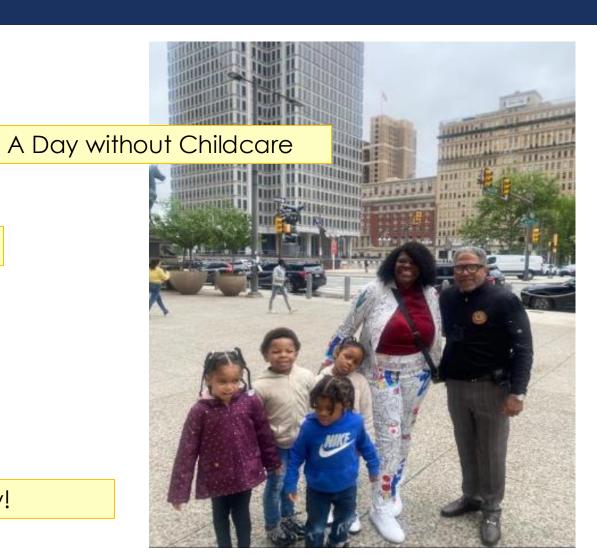
HOW HAS BEING A PART OF SEPECC MEETINGS BENEFITED YOU IN YOUR ROLE AS AN EARLY EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL?

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A SECURE FUTURE ACADEMY







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Children First PA
Celebration of the 2024
Champion for Children:

Presented award honoring Vanguard

Received a Grant from PHMC and got new signage

ACCLAIM ACADEMY EARLY LEARNING CENTER



On June 14, 2024,
Acclaim
Academy Early Learning
Center celebrated
their 14th anniversary!

Ms. McCray (Preschool & Pre- Kindergarten) who just received her Associate in Early Childhood Education on a full T.E.A.C.H scholarship from Harcum College.

BEST HOME FAMILY DAY CARE





First Spanish-preferred Early Childhood Education Family Child Care to achieved NAFCC accreditation!

BRIGHT LITTLE SCHOLARS











6/15/2024 Preschool graduation! Special guests: Lisa from Sen. Tartaglione's office & Rep. Hohenstein

Congrats, GRAD!

BRIGHT LITTLE SCHOLARS



Mar'2024: Cardiff Street location achieved NAFCC accreditation! 4/30/2024 Capitol Caravan:
Family Childcare Awareness Day!
Baby Mekkah who's born in
March joined us as
the youngest ECE advocate!





CHILD SPACE



Partnered with Voice of ECE in the ECE liability insurance



CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE



Coming soon! New Children's Playhouse in Fairhill





2 teachers achieved CDA!

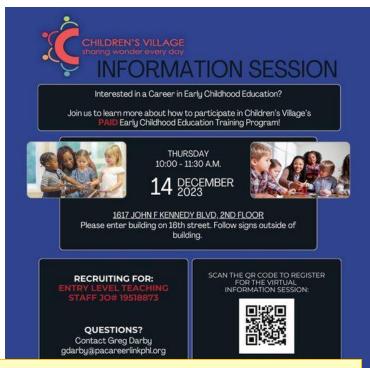
CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE

2024 Preschool Graduation



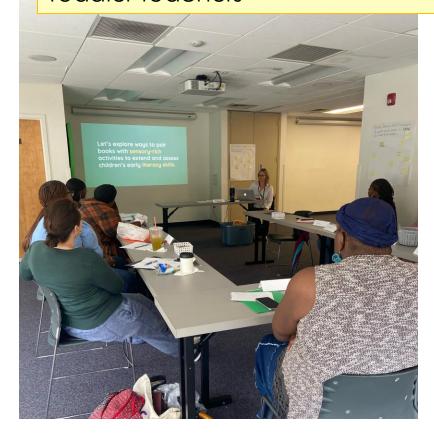


CHILDREN'S VILLAGE



Partner with CareerLink to recruit jobseekers for our ECE Workforce Training project funded by the William Penn Foundation

Provided training on Emergent Literacy practices to Infant & Toddler teachers





Awarded the 2023
Welcoming Award for
Education Excellence from
the City of Philadelphia's
Office of Immigrant Affairs

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Received funding to incorporate PA grown produce into our meals and participated in Pennsylvania's Farm to School Network through a partnership with The Food Trust.



Achieved Accreditation for School-Age program from the Council on Accreditation

COA Accreditation

of Social Current

Hosted PA Rep. Mary Isaacson in celebration of the Week of the Young Child.

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Birthday Celebrations





Honored at MECCA 10th Anniversary





Parents Getting Involved



FIRST UP INFANT/TODDLER PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



33 students
graduated from
the Infant/Toddler
Proficiency
Certificate
Program!

- 10 Students in partnership with CCP
- 11 Students in partnership with DCCC
- 12 Students in partnership with Esperanza College of Eastern University

The new cohorts for the Infant Toddler Proficiency Certificate program will begin in August. Email proficiencycertificate@firstup.org. The program is funded by the ECE PDO.

LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS



the Latino Community!

Partnered with First Up for Capitol Caravan: Met with the PA Legislative Latino Caucus

Nada sobre nosotros, sin nostros

LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS



Latin Lift Conference

FIRST UP LEARN & EARN PROGRAM

Julia Patten

Magic

Memories

Geremy
WebneBehrman
Parent Infant
Center

YMCA
Of Greater
Brandywine

Becky Birch
Sonshine
Christian
Academy

4 Learn and Earn apprentice's that graduated May 2024 from Delaware County Community College (DCCC)



LOVIE LEE'S STARS OF TOMORROW





Preschool graduation!
Special
guest: Councilman
Anthony Phillips

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Partner with EIEI
NAFCC Accreditation
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Partner with
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Development Center

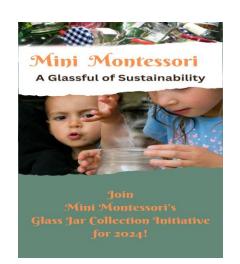


Partner with CHC Montessori Open-House









Partner 32 programs





Distribute over 300 books to children

Partner with QIP to Provide Self-Care Events for FCC



PA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (PACCA)







ECE Workforce Visibility Rally in Harrisburg!

6/11/24 workforce rally about solving the child care crisis and the need for a sustainable \$284 million fund to stabilize the child care sector and retain our underpaid and overworked educators.

Lindsey Ramsey (Pittsburgh); Samantha Borys (York, formerly Philadelphia); Mary Graham and Franny Moyer with Amelia (Lancaster).

PARENT INFANT CENTER



Deniz Cakir, Mimi Pantothlet, and Christel Ürményházi completed their associate degrees from Community College of Philadelphia, Dieynaba Diaw completed her bachelor's degree from Arcadia University, and Leah Lafferty completed her bachelor's degree from Eastern University. We are so proud of their accomplishments!

PIECE OF OUR PUZZLE



We are a 4 Star Facility!

STAR MOVE UP!

We have a new buddy bench!





Preschool graduation.

SAUDIA'S ACADEMY



SPIN



The children raised over \$16,000 to support SPIN's Early Education Center!



A new path connecting SPIN's Science and Discovery Yard with their playground.

STEP BY STEP



Joey Winkler graduated from DCCC early childhood now on to West Chester University certified up to grade four

Fran Harmon, single mother, full time working toddler teacher, renewed her CDA this year

STEP BY STEP



Vivian Rolan- Longtime toddler teacher at the Lansdowne site. She graduated with her AA in ECE from DCCC. Her students hand painted her sash.

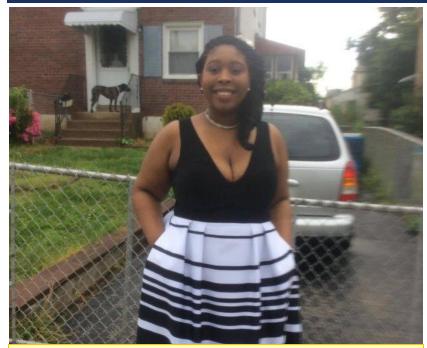


Alexa Ward - BS in Education
West Chester University Class
of 2023. Alexa started as a
student at Ridley HS taking
Child Development and
worked all through her time at
West Chester.



ABBY WARD- Ridley HS Class of 2024. Abby has taken many childhood development coursed during her time at Ridley and he dual enrollment at DCCC. She will be attending Immaculata University on the Fall.

STEP BY STEP



Natascha Hubbard is 8 credits shy of her AA degree while working full time as a camp lead teacher and school age program specialist and moved out on her own this year to boot!



Natalie Gialombardo-Bachelors from Neumann dual major elementary and special education masters from Neumann last week pick a date masters in special ed with an Autism endorsement. Marrisa Zelensk- Marrisa was student at Step by Step her entire life. She has been an employee from her High Schodays at Ridley HS. She graduated in 2023 from DCC and is attending West Chester University for Education.

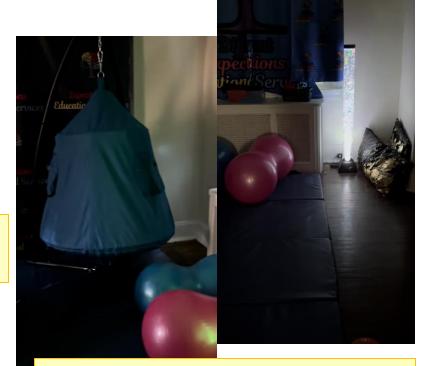


DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES





Awarded the
Brighter Futures Communication Award of Excellenc
e
(DBHIDS)



First Family Child Care with a sensory room!

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Promoting Physical Activity

Wonderspring has significantly enhanced the opportunities for the children we serve to participate in engaging physical activities

WONDERSPRING

New Market West Coat Giveaway



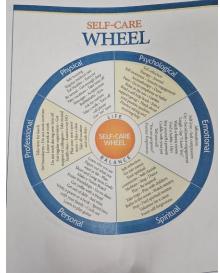












SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES WITH US!





2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS



Who are they?
What do they look like?
Sounds familiar...



2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ADVISORY COUNCIL













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



2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS STEERING COMMITTEE

Zakiyyah Boone/ (Co-Chair)





Laverne Cheeseboro



Latonta Godboldt



Mary Graham



Jackie Groetsch



Kim Heuschkel





Sim Loh



Sharon McClafferty



Minette Taylor



Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez



2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE





Nicole Dyson



Jowanna Gordon



Shirlee Howe



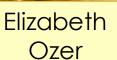
Shineal Hunter



Jacob Kurtz



Eleanor Levie





Monique Roye



Shawn Towey



2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE



Eleanor Levie



Sim Loh



Jowanna Gordon



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June 2024

SEPECC SOOHOWAR SEPECC

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

Opportunities to volunteer with SEPECC:

- Steering Committee
- Advocacy Workgroup
- Social Media Workgroup

To learn more:

- Complete Volunteer Interest
 Form: https://forms.gle/6aZaK9JQcn2RBXqP6
- Or email: jackie.groetsch@firstup.org





2024 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS



TWO MORE VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE!



2023-2024 INTERNS!!!



Grace Tan
SEPECC
Coordinator Intern



Ana Lin Richardson Legislative Engagement Intern



Guest Legislator: Timothy P. Kearney

Senate District 26

Serving parts of Delaware County



Chief of Staff, Sara McCullough

 30-Second Exit Survey: https://forms.gle/Db3DU3fAUeTEYNwu5



- July & August: No SEPECC meetings. Will resume in September.
- Meeting Registration Links on First Up/SEPECC Webpage: https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/

MEETING WRAP UP



HAVE A SAFE AND EXCITING

SUMMERI

Thank you for a great year!