

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- * ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY MUTED.
- *QUESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS SHOULD BE SHARED IN THE CHAT BOX.

* THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED, THE RECORDING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/> BY END OF DAY.

SEPECC Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Meeting will begin at 9:00.

Agenda:

9:00 Welcome

9:05 Budget Updates

9:15 Advocacy

9:35 ELRC & OCDEL Updates

10:05 Community Partner Updates

10:20 Special Presentation: Navigating Omicron, Quarantine and Guidance

10:50 Wrap Up

10:55 - 11:15 Breakout Groups

SEPECC MISSION: TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE AND WELL-RESOURCED EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

January - June 2022

TOP 5 Priorities for General Meetings

- Resources on growing staff: recruiting and retention
- Managing COVID: procedures and updates
- Recruitment efforts for enrollment of children
- Provider involvement in how federal dollars are spent so that funding is equitably distributed
- TIED: Helping programs to reach high quality delivery of service
- TIED: Issues listed in advocacy goals so we are armed with info to be good advocates

TOP 5 Advocacy Goals

- Being at the table to have say in how federal funds for child care are allocated
- Speaking up for how the state and city should budget and spend on ECE
- Staying on top of changes in OCDEL, i.e. major changes to regulations
- Having conversation with elected officials about: compensation, true cost of care, contracts vs. slots, quality improvement, importance of ECE and the money needed
- Moving from market rate survey to the cost of care

Poll Result:

Who is new to SEPECC? 5%

Who's returning? 95%

Please, invite a friend to join
us at SEPECC next month!



MARY GRAHAM,
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

TYRONE SCOTT,
FIRST UP

FUNDING UPDATES



ADVOCACY





CHILDREN
FIRST
PROVIDER
COUNCIL
UPDATE

ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Our ask for this month:

- Raise voices and engage PA legislators to ensure ECE funding needs are prioritized in the 2022-23 PA budget.
- Celebrate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion throughout 2022.

What this kit contains:

- Info on PA Budget Cycle Advocacy
- Planning resources for Week of the Young Child
- Ideas on celebrating Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

BUDGET ADVOCACY- FEBRUARY

Month	What's happening with the budget	What advocates can do
February	Governor shares Budget-outlines the projected Commonwealth assets and his thoughts on how state funding should be appropriated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respond to the Governor's budget proposal on social media, tagging your legislators.• Set up meetings and visits with legislators to give them firsthand experience with local ECE programs and their leaders.

BUDGET ADVOCACY- MARCH

Month	What's happening with the budget	What advocates can do
March	The House of Representatives and Senate hold appropriations hearings with state agencies, who outline specifics of their agency's proposed budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan Week of the Young Child activities.• Join advocates at budget meetings to share stories of ECE impact.• Submit a letter to the editor of your local paper.

BUDGET ADVOCACY- APRIL

Month	What's happening with the budget	What advocates can do
April	Following the appropriations hearings, a budget is crafted and introduced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage in the Week of the Young Child, engaging community members and/or legislators and sharing your activities on social media.• Educate families and staff on the ECE items in the PA budget and encourage them to connect with their legislators.

BUDGET ADVOCACY- MAY

Month	What's happening with the budget	What advocates can do
May	The budget bill then goes through the normal legislative process with each chamber voting on the plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check in with legislators via phone or email to ensure their support with advancing ECE budget items.• Share photos and stories on social media. Tag your legislators!

BUDGET ADVOCACY- JUNE

Month	What's happening with the budget	What advocates can do
June	After the General Assembly passes the budget bill, the Governor can sign the bill, veto the bill, permit the bill to become law without signing it, or veto specific items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send letters of support to legislators while the budget is in discussion.• When the budget is passed, send thank you notes.

SHARE YOUR INTENTIONS IN THE CHAT!

What will you do?

- Engage on social media?
- Write a letter?
- Educate families or staff?
- Invite leaders to your program?
- Include families in WOYC?
- Join a budget meeting with your legislator?



Photo Credit: Arlene Saunders, Precious Angels



Updates from OCDEL and ELRCs

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JANUARY REMINDERS

- **New Maximum Child Care Allowances** (base rates) become effective 1/1/2022. Providers wishing to update their private pay rates must submit an Appendix C1 and published rates (signed/dated). If your documents are received by 1/31/2022, they will be effective 1/1/2022.
- **Non-traditional Add-on** – Effective 1/1/2022, you will receive a 25% add-on to your base rate for non-traditional care (2 or more hours between 6p and 6a during the week or any time during the weekend). Look for NFT or NPT on your enrollment summaries and invoicing.
- **Co-payment Decreases** – Effective 1/17/2022. New enrollment summaries have been sent out for all impacted enrollments.

FULL-TIME CARE DURING VIRTUAL EDUCATION BY REGION

- **ELRC 15 (Delaware County)** –
- **ELRC 16 (Bucks County)** – Providers should notify their provider specialist. School-District status will be confirmed prior to processing payments.
- **ELRC 17 (Montgomery County)** – Eligibility for full time is reviewed on a case by case basis. P/C's should contact their caseworkers.
- **ELRC 18 (Philadelphia County)** – Providers should submit the full-time request form that was send in the January 17th E-bulletin.
- **ELRC 19 (Chester County)** – ELRC 19 Provider Specialist Keysha Draper is assisting providers who have SA children needing FT care during virtual education. Providers should please contact Keysha at KeyshaD@cciu.org.

COVID RESOURCES “AT-A-GLANCE” BY REGION

- **ELRC 15 (Delaware County)** –
- **ELRC 16 (Bucks County)** – Another round of masks has been distributed
- **ELRC 17 (Montgomery County)** – Region 17 has a small amount of funding remaining for PPE and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
- **ELRC 18 (Philadelphia County)** – ELRC 18 continues to partner with PDPH to address providers’ needs. Please stay tuned to the E-bulletin for updates as this is a very fluid situation.
- **ELRC 19 (Chester County)** – ELRC 19 is not distributing COVID test kits or additional PPE at this time. Chester County COVID testing information can be found at <https://www.chesco.org/4460/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Testing-Information>

ARPA UPDATES BY REGION – AS OF 1/24/2022

- **ELRC 15 (Delaware County)** –
- **ELRC 16 (Bucks County)** – 1079 approved, 91.75% of eligible. Total paid = \$132,737,746
- **ELRC 17 (Montgomery County)** – 359 approved, 87% of eligible providers. \$60,075,232 applications approved
- **ELRC 18 (Philadelphia County)** – 1,291 applications approved; 85% of eligible licensed providers; \$118,145,217 total approved
- **ELRC 19 (Chester County)** – 211 approved, 92% of eligible. Total paid = \$29,451,707. Our Quality Coaches have reached out multiple times via phone and email to all of those programs that have not applied and they are in the process of reaching out once more during this final week to those that have not yet submitted an application.

ARPA STABILIZATION GRANT CONTACTS

REGION 15 (Delaware Co)

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REGION 16 (Bucks Co)

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REGION 18 (Philadelphia Co)

- Diane Getzinger, 267-504-4179
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REGION 19 (Chester Co)

E-mail is STRONGLY preferred

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Community Partner Updates





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PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-
DIVISION OF CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY
PREVENTION

SHARED SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OPEN CALL

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- **Background:** looking for food entities or other organizations to help early childhood educators reduce costs, streamline purchasing, and provide for their programs' nutritional needs.
 - **Objective:** lower food costs for early childhood education providers through a joint purchasing program that increases collective purchasing power.
 - **For more in depth information please go [here](#) or find the application to apply [here](#).**

SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS/ EXPERIENCES



If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me or my colleague at the links listed below.



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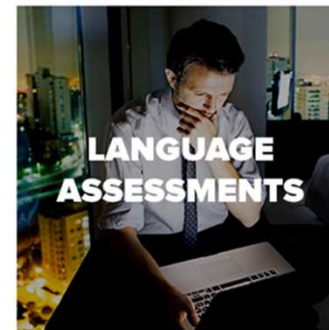
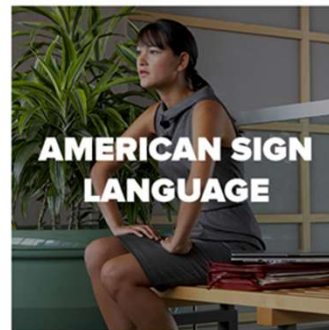
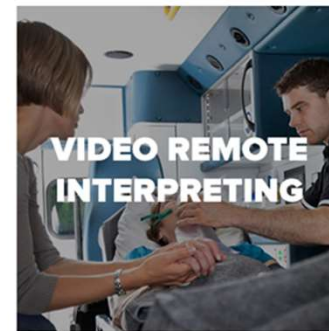
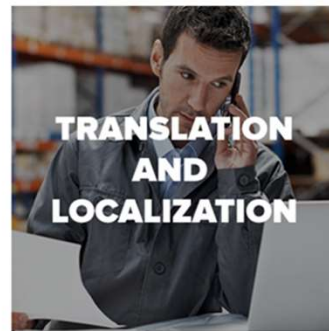


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Language Services Associates

LSA PARTNERING WITH FIRST UP- WHO IS LSA?

- Founded in 1991 by Laura Schriver, a Spanish interpreter & immigrant
- Based in the Philadelphia suburbs
- 100% founder-owned and still a Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise
- Started as an SBA 8(a) Company
- SBA Graduate of the Year (2005) with consistent and accelerated growth since then
- LSA is singularly-focused:
language is all we do!

OUR SOLUTIONS



LSA PARTNERING WITH FIRST UP- FOCUSED ON TODAY'S CONCERNS

- Industry Leader in technology-based solutions
- Compliance driven
- Obsessed with client-focused innovations
- Security-centric distributed model with geo-redundancy
- 3,600+ active, highly qualified linguists
- 230+ languages supported
- Extensive healthcare footprint, including specialized medicine

LSA'S COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- Written Policies, Procedures and Standards of Conduct;
- Compliance Officer, Compliance Committee and High-Level Oversight;
- Effective Training and Education;
- Effective Lines of Communication;
- Well Publicized Disciplinary Standards;
- Effective System for Routine Monitoring and Identification of Compliance Risks; and
- All interpreters provided would have U.S. Fed. And PA State credentials and clearances
 - Medical clearances
 - PA State criminal history
 - Child abuse check
 - FBI Finger printing



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA is supported by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) of Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services (DHS) and Pennsylvania's Department of Education (PDE). For more information, visit dhs.pa.gov and education.pa.gov.



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WHAT'S NEW IN 2022!



PACCA Received Additional Funds from OCDEL to Provide:

- **100** additional scholarships for staff employed in **STAR 1 & STAR 2** Programs
- A **\$200** completion stipend to these scholarship recipients upon successful completion of their first semester,
- Increased release time reimbursement rates to all employers (**\$15** per hour),
- Training & technical assistance for employers
- Enhanced counseling sessions (day and evening) for staff related to the college application/admissions processes and T.E.A.C.H. application
- Additional funds are available for this fiscal year **ONLY** (*through June 30, 2022*)

RESOURCES



ECE Programs/Employers:

Using T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships to Advance Quality in Your ECE Program (recorded webinar)

- <https://vimeo.com/662750087/aa68f4379f>
- Additional live sessions will be offered in March
- Please share this info with your Colleagues!

ECE Professionals – Information/Counseling Sessions:

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships – Financial & Other Supports to Help ECE Professionals Earn a Degree Debt Free! (virtual sessions)

- Wednesday, February 9th from 7-8 PM **OR** Tuesday, February 15th from 1:30-2:30 PM
- For more info & to register, visit http://www.memberleap.com/members/calendar6c_responsive.php?org_id=PCCA
- Staff can still enroll in late start Spring or Summer 2022 semesters
- Please share this information with ECE Professionals!



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TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF TEACHER AWARDS APPLICATION NOW OPEN



- 50 winners
- \$1,000 cash prize
- Paid stay in Philadelphia
- Ongoing professional development
- Full time teacher of birth-PreK for minimum 3 years
- **Application deadline extended: February 11, 2022**
- Information Sessions: Jan 26, Feb 2 & 9 at 6pm
- Questions? jessica.feng@firstup.org



Special Presentation:

Navigating Omicron, Exposure, Quarantine & Guidance

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

UPDATE: SEPECC is working to coordinate sharing of the most up-to-date information for ECE programs. Please check back for more information.



2022 SEPECC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

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- **30-second Exit Survey** to provide feedback on the effectiveness of today's meeting: <https://forms.gle/MnsR5p4E4GdSQ2Jf7>
 - **Upcoming Meetings:** February 22
March 29
 - **Meeting Materials & Registration Links** on First Up/ SEPECC Webpage: <https://www.firstup.org/sepecc/>

MEETING WRAP UP