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 OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

Local Leadership Council

Welcome

***Early Learning Resource Center
Region 17***

Local Leadership Council

June 3, 2020



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Local Leadership Council

What is the Local Leadership Council?

The formation of the ELRC Local Leadership Council (LLC) is one strategy being utilized to ensure that the Early Learning Resource Center is working in an integrated and collaborative way within the local early learning service community. We hope to work collectively with you and your agency to enhance the visibility of the ELRC as a hub for early learning resources. We have invited a diverse group of community stakeholders including early childhood programs, providers, families, school districts, higher education, businesses, and funders.

Early Learning Resource Center (Region 17) hopes to assemble and strengthen strong, clear and shared leadership at the local level by engaging a wide range of community stakeholders in the early learning agenda.



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ELRC Office Updates

- The ELRC office continues to be fully operational
- Staff are working remotely to every extent possible
- The HSC building remains closed to the public
- More information will be released as it becomes available
- Montgomery County is preparing to transition from red to yellow

Thank you for your continued support!

We will get through this together!



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Contacting Us:

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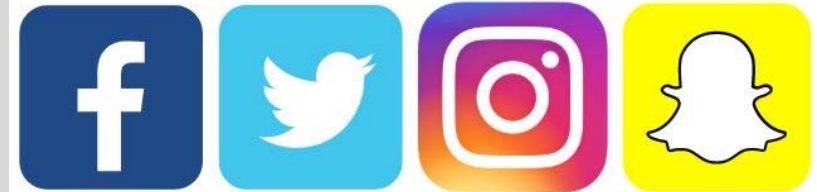
Email: ELRCRegion17@pa.gov

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Fax: 610-278-5161

Mail: ELRC Region 17
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LLC News

At this time, we are putting these items on hold:

LLC Job Fair

Temporary Child Care Assistance program

Conscious Discipline training was postponed.

Once this training has been rescheduled, the new dates will be announced.



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Updates on CCW provider payments:

The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has released [Announcement: ELRC-20 #08 Child Care Works Payment Modifications Due to Impacts related to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). This Announcement replaces in its entirety, *Announcement ELRC-20-#07*.

Effective June 1, 2020, CCW payment will continue to child care providers, with the exception of providers who have been closed by Certification due to a negative sanction or who have reported permanent closure. [Providers will continue to be paid based on enrollment, as of March 13, 2020, for those children who remain eligible for CCW through normal invoicing and payment methods.](#)



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CARES Act Funds

Governor Tom Wolf announced Wednesday, May 20, 2020, the state will distribute \$51 million in Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to support child care providers. CARES Act funds will be distributed to eligible, certified child care providers through Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs) and will be available in June 2020.

To receive CARES Act funds, each provider must complete and return the Provider Attestation Form. OCDEL will determine eligibility and amount of award based on provider type, Child Care Works (CCW) subsidy enrollment and regional capacity.



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CARES Act Funds at the local level:

Philadelphia	\$11,146,700
Montgomery	\$3,587,200
Delaware	\$2,603,800
Bucks	\$2,359,600
Chester	\$1,866,700

For programs located in Montgomery County with a timely submission of the CARES Attestation form, payments will be issued on either 6/19/20 or 6/26/20.

CARES Act Funds: Resources

[Governor Wolf's Press Release](#)

[Attestation Form](#)

[W-9](#)

[ELRC Contact Information](#)

Child Care by Color

DHS's Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has previously [issued guidance](#) to child care providers in yellow-phase counties. When a county moves to the yellow phase in the governor's plan, all child care providers are permitted to reopen without a waiver. Stimulus funding issued to providers can help ease costs associated with reopening so providers can purchase supplies necessary to keep facilities clean and staff and children protected. Child care providers preparing to open must familiarize themselves with and be prepared to implement CDC [guidance](#). OCDEL will continue to communicate regularly with providers. Communications from OCDEL can be found on the [DHS website](#) or through the [Pennsylvania Key](#).

ELRC 17 Resources for Reopening



Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Childcare-Decision-Tree.pdf>

PENNSYLVANIA COVID-19 PPE & SUPPLIES BUSINESS-2-BUSINESS (B2B) INTERCHANGE DIRECTORY

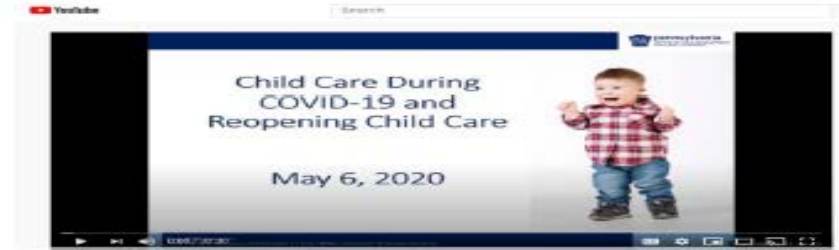
Company and product information provided in this directory was gathered in good faith as a means of connecting Pennsylvania businesses and organizations that are seeking various PPE and other related items to combat the COVID-19 crisis. The information made available to from those entities who voluntarily contacted the commonwealth through the [Manufacturing Call to Action Portal](#) or the [Pennsylvania Critical Medical Supplies Procurement Portal](#).

The immediate goal of this B2B Interchange Directory is simple: to provide an opportunity for companies and other entities in need of PPE and other critical items to make a B2B connection as they may choose with manufacturers and suppliers of COVID-19 related items.



Link: <https://dced.pa.gov/pa-covid-19-medical-supply-portal/pennsylvania-covid-19-ppe-supplies-business-2-business-b2b-interchange-directory/>

Child Care during COVID-19 and Reopening Child Care with Tracey Campanini and Tanya Vasquez



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3odfamNsvi&feature=youtu.be>

Resource Links

PA Promise for Children- <https://paproromiseforchildren.com/family-coronavirus-resources/>

PA Keys: <https://www.pakeys.org/ece-coronavirus-resources/>

CDC- Child Cares that Remain Open: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

CDC- Communities, Schools, Workplaces, and Events:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

PA Keys Amy Regua Pre-Recorded Webinars Implementing the CDC Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open

May 7th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u03-K3IVnhU&feature=youtu.be>

May 14th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozNsq2jSHfI&feature=youtu.be>

Topics: cleaning & disinfecting practices, exclusion & return to care criteria, screening staff & children upon arrival

May 21st: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peU4swkxAn4&feature=youtu.be>

Topics include: Handling sick children and staff, how to practice social distancing, when to exclude care and masks and cloth face coverings

Early Childhood Education CARES Act Funding

Attestation must be returned to elrcregion17@pa.gov

Link: <https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.197/69d.231.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Attestation-Form.pdf>

Reopening Plan – Things to Consider:

- What will your cleaning and disinfecting procedures be?
- How will you implement social distancing in your classrooms?
- How will you perform daily health checks?
- Will you have a drop off/pick up protocol? What will that look like?
- Will you limit direct contact with parents?
- How will you monitor and plan for staff absences?

Child Care FAQs for Families in Need of Care

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Documents/Coronavirus%2020/5.26%20Child%20Care%20FAQs%20for%20families%20updated.pdf>

FAQ: Summer Recreation, Camps and Pools

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200522-Department-of-Health-2020-Summer-Program-FAQ.pdf>

Coronavirus Children's Books



What is Coronavirus?

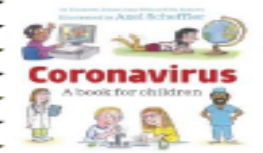
Link: https://polizielonka.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/what-is-coronavirus_zielonka-1.pdf



The Story of the Oyster and the Butterfly: The Coronavirus and Me

Link: https://www.anagomez.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2020/04/OysterandButterfly-EnglishV3.pdf

Link: (Spanish) https://www.anagomez.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2020/04/OysterandButterfly-Espanol.pdf



Coronavirus – A book for children

Link: <https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus-A-Book-for-Children.pdf>

Link: (Spanish) https://www.planetadelibros.cl/pdf/40_Coronavirus_web.pdf



The Germ That Wears a Crown

Link: <http://fsustress.org/GermCrown/GermCrown.html>

Link: (Spanish) http://fsustress.org/GermCrown_SP/GermCrown_SP.html

Coronavirus BrainPOP video:
<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>



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Resources for Reopening

Supplies, Resources, and PPE are available for child care programs by registering and creating an account at [SharedSourcePA.org](https://www.sharedsourcepa.org). It will take a few days for the registration to be approved. Once approved, the provider will have access to the created account & access to resources. Providers can then contact WB Mason for wholesale negotiated rates.

Please contact Rose Snyder with Shared Source PA (rsnyder@pennaeyc.org) with questions.

W.B. Mason Company 8001 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Ask for Shared Source PA pricing

Stephanie Barczak, Sales Representative

(c) 603-231-1207 (f) 888-421-3683



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Bulk ordering and obtaining PPE supplies:

PPE for PA Key Programs through School Health.
PA Contact is Kristi Leahy - k Leahy@schoolhealth.com

Tri State Training and Safety Consulting,
Contact Kevin Kerns 866-503-3430 x403 tristatetraining.com



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Advocate for Early Learning:

Start Strong PA and Pre-K for PA supporters sent over 20,000 emails urging our elected officials to Save Early Learning! They heard us!

Senate and House voted unanimously on May 28th to pass the stimulus bill authorizing the spending of the majority of the \$3.9 billion in federal CARES Act funding. The bill includes \$116 million to stabilize child care providers and \$9 million to help stabilize Pre-K and Head Start providers, including offering summer programs if it is safe to do so. On May 29th, the Governor signed it!

www.startstrongpa.org/take-action



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- Applications are still being accepted for the Child Care Works subsidy program
- Emergency cash assistance program will continue to accept applications through June 12th, or until money runs out
- Pandemic EBT provides SNAP benefits to kids who receive free school meals to replace the meals that they would have received had school been in session
- Additional LIHEAP funds have been releases to assist with outstanding utility bills
- PHAN, pahealthaccess.org, holds weekly webinars to provide updates and resources

Parent Cafes

Parent Cafés are physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents and caregivers talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family.

Through individual deep self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning, participants explore their strengths, learn about the Protective Factors, and create strategies from their own wisdom and experiences to help strengthen their families.

Parent Cafes

Cafés are structured discussions that use the principles of adult learning and family support. They are highly sustainable with training reinforcement, institutional support, and a commitment to an approach that engages and affirms parents as leaders.

Participants leave Parent Cafés feeling inspired, energized, and excited to put into practice what they've learned.



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Parent Cafes

On June 17-19, 2020, a team of twelve ELRC Region 17 staff will participate in Parent Café training. This training will equip our staff with the skills and resources necessary to begin hosting virtual Parent Cafes.

When it is safe to do so, the ELRC team will undergo additional training so that we may transition to hosting in-person Parent Cafes.

Please stay tuned for more information. We are very excited to engage families in our region in such a meaningful way!



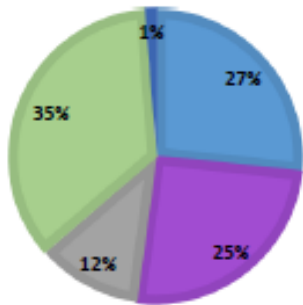
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Provider Survey

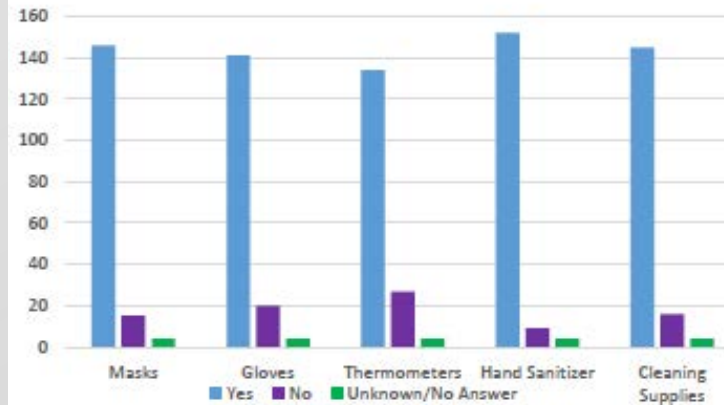
ELRC 17 Survey Results

STAR LEVEL

■ STAR 1 ■ STAR 2 ■ STAR 3 ■ STAR 4 ■ Anonymous



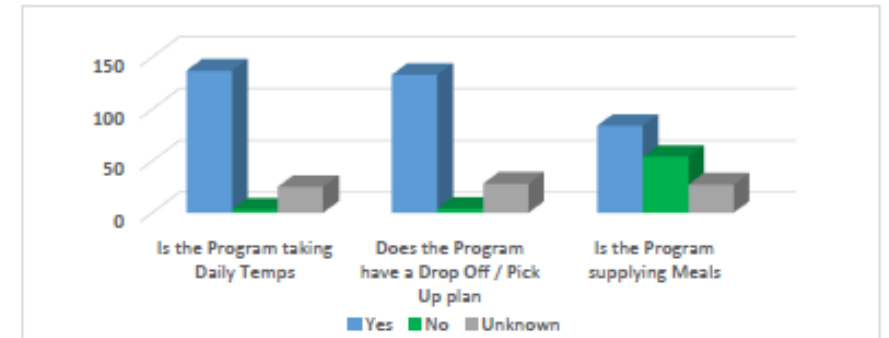
Programs that Need:



Total Surveys= 165 out of 421 programs in Montgomery County = 39%

99% of the Programs in Montgomery County will reopen

1% of the Programs in Montgomery County are unsure if they will reopen



How are programs providing Family Engagement?

- Drive-By Events
- Emails
- Facebook
- Online/Virtual Learning
- Phone Calls
- Story-time Videos
- Updating Policy & Procedure Manuals
- Zoom

How are programs practicing Social Distancing?

- Follow CDC Guidelines
- Floor Marks
- Lower Ratios
- Stagger Times
 - Drop off/pick up
 - Meals
 - Nap
 - Outside/Playground time
- Reduce Hours
- Solo play only
- Use of Additional Classrooms



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Questions?