



Local Leadership Council

Welcome

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

Local Leadership Council

October 21, 2020



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What is the Local Leadership Council?

The formation of the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 17 Local Leadership Council (LLC) is one strategy being utilized to ensure that ELRC Region 17 is working in an integrated and collaborative way within the local early learning service community. We enjoy working with you and your agency to enhance the visibility of ELRC Region 17 as a hub for early learning resources. We are excited to have a diverse group of community stakeholders including early childhood programs, providers, families, school districts, higher education, businesses, and funders.

ELRC Region 17 has assembled and strengthened 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 Region 17 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
- Information will continue to be released as it becomes available
- View our [monthly Newsletter](#)
- Visit our website for the latest information, montcopa.org/elrc
- Email questions and concerns to elrcregion17@pa.gov

Thank you for your continued support



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Contacting Us

An [Employee Directory](#) is available on our website, montcopa.org/elrc.

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Personal protective equipment (PPE) Distribution

ELRC 17 held a PPE distribution event on October 7th

Distributed 100 free PPE kits to early learning programs

Another event will be held on October 28th

We will be distributing 100 additional free kits – information to follow





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Montco Cares Program

Montgomery County childcare facilities suffering disruption due to low enrollment and parents struggling to pay for childcare due to loss of income resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic will soon get financial help.

The Montgomery County Commissioners have allocated up to \$12,000,000 of Federal Cares Act money to fund the Montco Cares Program administered by the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC), Region 17, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.



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Montco Cares Program - Families

One purpose of the Montco Cares Program is to provide families in Montgomery County with financial support to assist them in paying for child care for children enrolled in a Pennsylvania Department of Human Services licensed child care facility. The financial support will cover the cost of child care from October 5, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

[Grant Guidelines](#)
[Application](#)



Montco Cares Program - Providers

This program will ensure the financial viability of Montgomery County child care centers that have experienced disruption due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Up to \$12,000,000 in Federal CARES Act monies allocated to Montgomery County is being made available for this program. The application window will open on October 5, 2020 and close on November 2, 2020.

[Grant Guidelines](#)

[Application](#)

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Guest Speaker

Alessandra (Ali) Gonzalez M.S. ED

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

The Pennsylvania Key

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OCDEL Policy Updates

[Announcement C-20-12](#): Interim Guidance for Certified Child Care Facilities Operating During the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

[Announcement DS-03](#): Inclusion of All Children in Early Childhood Education Programs in Pennsylvania

[Announcement C-20-09-Revised](#): Emergency Temporary Relocation of Facility due to the Governor Issuing a Declaration of Disaster – Specific to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Announcement DS-20 #02](#): COVID-19 Related Policies, Announcements, and Communications that are Sunset or Obsolete

Child Care Works Updates

- We are currently serving:
 - 2,263 Families
 - 3,947 Children
- CCW Provider payments are being paid based on attendance (as of 9/1/20)
- We are updating schedules for school-age children as quickly as possible as changes are reported (making adjustments for virtual, hybrid, & in-person options)
- Our CCW waiting list begins with applications received in mid-June (approximately a 4-month waiting list)

Keystone STARS Updates

Internal Assessment Process

- To designate as STAR 3 or 4
- Replaces onsite observations by assessor; scores do NOT determine STAR level
- Allows for flexibility and ownership of CQI goals and program needs
- IAP requires:
 - Designated IA team
 - Virtual meeting with Program Quality Assessor and Quality Coach
 - Complete Internal Assessment Guide (provided by QC)

Keystone STARS Updates

Virtual Designations

- To designate STAR 2, 3, and 4
- Upload sources of evidence using SMART Document Uploader
- Quality Coach and program to meet virtually for Pre-designation to view documents intended for on-site verification using Microsoft Teams platform
- Virtual Designation meeting with STARS Designator, Quality Coach, and provider for 2020 STARS standards review and virtual tour of learning spaces

Resource & Referral Updates

- We continue to assist clients in answering childcare care related questions, supporting families as they apply for Child Care Works, and complete orientation meetings with new families.
- The R&R staff have been working with our Health & Human Services Department to identify needy families who would benefit from receiving food for a Thanksgiving meal.
- We will be receiving 40 winter coats to distribute on a first come, first serve basis. More information to follow.
- We are currently developing a Winter Holiday program. More information to follow.



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Fiscal Department Updates

Processing CCW monthly provider payments

OCDEL CARES Round 3 payments

Montco Cares Program – funds need to be spent by 12/30/20



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Questions, Comments, Concerns –
We welcome your feedback!

We invite you to participate in our Provider Spotlight.
We plan to feature a new program each month in our newsletter!



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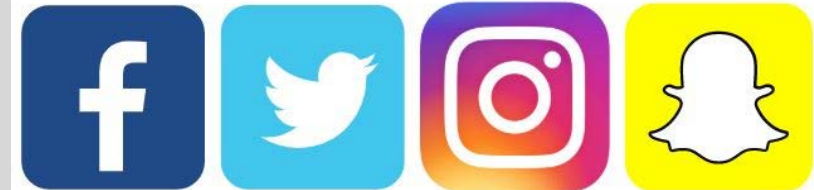
Questions?

Next Local Leadership Council meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021
at 1:00 PM**



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