



*Health & Safety Regional Task Force*

*Welcome*

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

***Health & Safety Regional Task Force  
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## What is the Health & Safety Regional Task Force?

ELRC Region 17 hopes to act as a connection among support systems and between support systems. We have been tasked with creating a Health & Safety Regional Task Force to bring together professionals in a regional, collaborative effort to provide coordinated, consistent health and safety related supports to ECE providers, identify needs, maximize resources, and leverage local and statewide strengths to address needs and improve services.

The Health & Safety Regional Task Force will be comprised of ELRC Quality Coaches, Program Quality Assessors, Preschool Program Specialists, EI/EITA Consultants, Certification Representatives, and Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Consultants. ELRC 17 will be creating a Task Force informed by an assessment of the needs of providers in their region and available resource partners who can serve on their Task Force. The individual expertise and strengths of each task force member will guide the work and the allocation of effort. Now more than ever, we need to ensure that health and safety is at the forefront of early childhood education. We hope that you will join us as we focus on this critical matter.

**Objectives of the Health & Safety Regional Task Force should include:**

- Meet regularly to discuss activities, requests, findings, challenges, and needs
- Identify areas of expertise and create a phone/contact list
- Determine regional needs, approaches to meeting the needs, and the system to support programs within the region
- Set up systems for communication
- Create resource connections for programs without duplicating services
- Share findings with their ELRC Local Leadership Councils on a regular basis
- Report recent work and developments to the Pennsylvania Key Senior Health Manager as requested

## **Key commitment statements for Task Force members:**

- Our work is relationship-based with the goal of supporting cross-sector partnerships and collaborative responsiveness to health and safety concerns.
- We acknowledge that conversations and information shared are to be privileged and confidential.
- We work collaboratively to support regional dialogue, sharing resources and supporting the implementation of best practices around health & safety in ECE environments.
- Our commitment to best practice extends to engaging Certification Representatives when any program is observed to be out of compliance or expresses a need for additional clarification about Pennsylvania child care regulations and/or implementation of regulatory guidance.
- We will continually review Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and government Guidance on best practice and Pennsylvania regulatory compliance based on the evolving nature of the pandemic and emerging evidence.

**ELRCs should ensure that their Health & Safety Regional Task Force develops long term goals to guide the team’s work even after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. The following list can serve as examples of long-term goals for the Regional Task Force:**

- Keeping the systems intact which are being created by this effort
- Maintaining these coordinated efforts for the future
- Creating a multidisciplinary group
- Creating sustainable community resources to support community wellbeing

# Health and Safety System Supports Training Webinars

Sept. 28, 2020: The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) is happy to announce the COVID-19 Health and Safety System Supports Training Webinars are now available for Providers. We are here to help and we want to make sure we are all on the same page! The Health and Safety System Supports Training Webinars provided to the Health & Safety Regional System Task Force Members are now publicly available.

[pakeys.org/hstrainingseries/](https://pakeys.org/hstrainingseries/)



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## Guest Speaker

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Ms. Requa was part of the team responsible for the creation of a program designed to address childhood obesity in the United States and across the world, with Pennsylvania's Head Start programs instrumental in a statewide effort to bring the training to everyone. She has also overseen the creation of [recorded webinars for child care providers](#) around supports during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## **Setting our direction...**

How do we define health & safety?

Who else should be invited to join the Task Force?

How frequently should we meet?

What are our goals?



## **Identifying Health & Safety Resources for Asset Mapping**

- Add information regarding Community COVID19 testing sites
- Homeless shelters
- Domestic Violence resources
- Other suggestions

**Thank you for your  
participation!**

**Questions?**



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