

Professional Development Organizations

PA Key



Web Link: www.pakeys.org

The Pennsylvania Key is a business partner with the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning and is administered by the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

The Pennsylvania Key serves early childhood educators, program administrator, ECE leaders, and other state offices in conjunction with OCDEL such as the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), Office of Children and Youth (OCYF) and Department of Human Services (DHS). The PA Key is also responsible for coordination of efforts statewide with the 19 Early Learning Resources Centers across Pennsylvania (ELRC) to ensure non-duplicative efforts are being offered to childcare programs. Finally, The PA Key coordinates with the Department of Education on matters pertaining to the state Pre-K program, Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts.

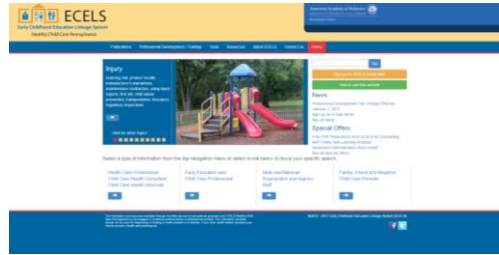
Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)



Web Link: www.eita-pa.org

Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) provides training and technical assistance to local Infant/Toddler and Preschool Early Intervention programs providing support and services to children birth to school age with developmental disabilities and their families. EITA also supports local agencies that provide Evidence-Based Home Visiting (EBHV) services and family support programs serving children birth to school age and their caregivers. EITA works on behalf of the Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports (BEISFS) under the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), and the Departments of Human Services and Education. EITA is part of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN). EITA is administered through the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

ECELS (Early Childhood Education Linkage System)



Web Link: www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org

ECELS-Healthy Child Care PA offers Self-Learning Modules, Workshops, In-Person Conferences, Audioconferences and Webinars. In addition, in collaboration with Northampton Community College, ECELS offers a 3 credit college course for early educators to learn how to be Child Care Health Advocates. All offerings are listed on this website. ECELS awards state-authorized professional development credit for successful completion of professional development activities. Look for notations on many of the offerings that indicate that these activities meet the Keystone STARS Level 2 Performance Standard for Health and Safety.
