

## State Membership Organizations

These professional organizations are great resources for teachers in early childhood. Please visit each individual organization for more details.

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### *Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA)*

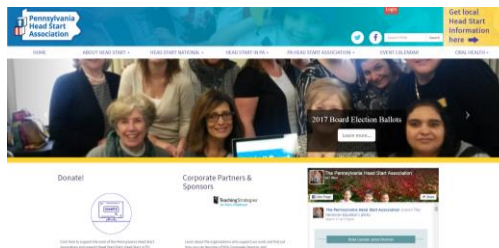


**Web Link:** [www.pacca.org](http://www.pacca.org)

Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA): PACCA is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating and advocating for the provision of quality early care and education to the children of Pennsylvania. PACCA serves as the advocacy organization for the child care community.

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### *Pennsylvania Head Start Association*



**Web Link:** [www.paheadstart.org](http://www.paheadstart.org)

Pennsylvania Head Start Association (PHSA): PHSA is a statewide non-profit organization that functions as an advocacy organization for Head Start programs, families, staff and administrators in Pennsylvania.

## *Trying Together*



**Web Link:** [www.tryingtogether.org](http://www.tryingtogether.org)

Trying Together supports high-quality care and education for young children by providing advocacy, community resources, and professional growth opportunities for the needs and rights of children, their families, and the individuals who interact with them. Trying Together works regionally (in Southwestern Pennsylvania) and takes its expertise and models to statewide and national audiences.

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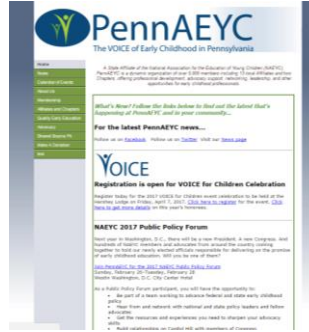
## *First Up*



**Web Link:** [www.firstup.org](http://www.firstup.org)

We remain dedicated to our mission of ensuring educational opportunity for every child in our community. We will continue to train early childhood professionals in best practice skills and career development. We will coach early childhood education programs to meet the highest standards of PA Keystone STARS and national accreditation. We will never stop engaging policy makers to invest in the highest-quality Early Childhood Education throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania.

## *PennAEYC*



**Web Link:** [www.pennaeyc.com](http://www.pennaeyc.com)

A State Affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), PennAEYC is a dynamic organization of over 5,000 members including 13 local Affiliates and two Chapters, offering professional development, advocacy support, networking, leadership, and other opportunities for early childhood professionals.