

January 2020



EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING
Region 17 *Serving the Residents of Montgomery County*

Important Grant Application Information

Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 17 has received clarification from OCDEL on which W2 line number should be used when completing grant applications for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Please use LINE 16 from the employee's most current W2 when submitting grant paperwork

Previous communications have requested that providers use Box 3. ELRC Region 17 cannot use Box 3 when processing grants.

We apologize for any inconvenience and confusion. Thank you for your patience as we continue to process grants.

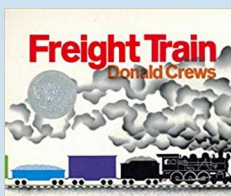
Career Pathway Webinar

Child Care Directors are invited to a webinar on **Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at 1:00pm** about Pennsylvania's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Career Pathway. This webinar seeks to provide a full overview of the Career Pathway. We will detail different levels of the career pathway, professional development alignment within the career pathway, resources to share with teachers planning to move up in the career pathway and examples of programs focused on career pathways advancement. More information on Pennsylvania's Quality Initiatives for the ECE workforce will also be provided. Call (800) 284-6031 or email registry@pakeys.org with questions and register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2974088097166028301>

PA One Book Program

The **2020 PA One Books** have been selected! The birth to age 3 book is *Freight Train* and the age 3 to 5 book is *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*. Books may be ordered through the Scholastic FACE program at teacher.scholastic.com/products/face/, or look for a copy at your local library. Visit paonebook.org for more information and let us know how your classrooms enjoyed the books!



Fun Guides for each selection are posted on our website, montcopa.org/elrc.

2020 First Up Conference

Registration is now open for the 2020 First Up Conference, being held on **Friday, March 6, 2020** at the University of Pennsylvania.

The conference will feature national and local experts presenting on a range of topics from managing challenging behaviors, to negotiating risky play, to practicing mindfulness and stress management for parents and children. Come prepared to enjoy a full day of professional development, networking and inspiration – all centered around building strong classroom curricula and engaging learning environments for young learners. Register soon, spaces are limited.

For more information, including a complete workshop listing, visit the conference website at firstup.org/annual-conference/.

Provisional Hire Waiver Requests

Based on changes to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) in July 2019, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) is revising the requirements for the provisional hire process for new employees and those hired under the 90-day provisional hire period.

Effective December 31, 2019, the 90-day provisional hire period will be obsolete and will be replaced by a 45-day provisional hire period. The new 45-day provisional hire period is only permitted once the certified child care facility applies for a provisional hire waiver and it is granted by OCDEL. Applications for the waiver can be completed by the Legal Entity (LE) or person responsible for the LE. The waiver approval from OCDEL remains valid if the LE maintains the same location and the same Master Provider Index (MPI) number.

All waivers will be processed in the order in which they are received by OCDEL. Providers who anticipate needing a waiver are advised to apply for the waiver as soon as possible due to an anticipated high volume of requests that may cause a backlog. The effective date of the waiver approval will be the date that OCDEL receives a complete application. OCDEL will notify the provider when the waiver is approved, or the application is being returned because it is incomplete or inaccurate. The waiver and instructions are available on the keep kids safe website <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/resources/clearances/index.htm>.

Providers who receive a waiver approval can implement the 45-day provisional hire with the following two major requirements:

- Any applicant must have the results of 1) either the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) clearance **or** the FBI clearance required by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to be considered as a provisional hire employee; 2) show proof of application for the remaining clearances; and, 3) sign a disclosure statement.
- If any provisionally hired employee has time remaining in the 90-day provisional hire period, the time remaining cannot exceed 45 days beginning December 31, 2019.

Contact your Regional OCDEL office with questions regarding your Waiver Request Application.

Free Soil Lead Testing for Childcare & Community Centers

Do you have a:

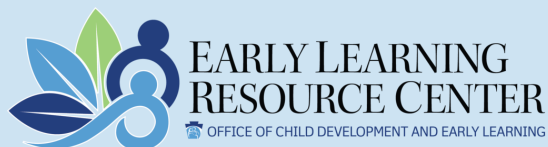
- Daycare center?
- Preschool?
- Community center?
- Other location where kids play outdoors?

Want to have your soil tested for lead for free?

The students in a Spring semester Environmental Justice course at Cabrini University will be offering soil lead testing as a community service project.

It's easy! If you sign up to participate, a small group of college students will come to your facility on a Wednesday morning in March and collect 5 small soil samples. In April, we'll let you know what the results were, and if necessary, work with you to address any problems. If you're interested, please contact:

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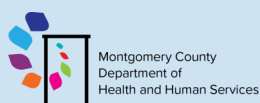
Caseworker Assignments

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Sara Bond	(610) 278-3840	sbond@montcopa.org
Rachel Nicol	(610) 278-5907	rnicol@montcopa.org
Theresa Paludi	(610) 292-2038	tpaludi@montcopa.org

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Beth Munshower	(610) 278-1478	15
Maribel Pagan	(610) 278-3708	16
Brandan Clark	(610) 278-5149	17
Mark Houseal	(610) 278-5140	22
Awilda Echevarria	(610) 278-3512	23
Caitlin Becker	(610) 292-4989	24
Rachel Gingras	(610) 278-5260	26
Christine Jackson	(610) 278-5198	27
Laurie Kozak	(610) 292-4987	33
Melissa Adams	(610) 292-4985	34
Stacy Gilmore	(610) 278-1248	35
Deidre Webb	(610) 292-4986	36

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Michael Gonzalez	(610) 292-2037	A - G
Kathleen Mauger	(610) 278-5275	H - N
Caroline Conboy	(610) 278-1247	O - Z

Delinquent Co-payments (610) 278-5802 or email ELRCRegion17@pa.gov



Montgomery County
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Health and Human Services

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services collaboratively provides an accessible network of resources that fosters, supports, and enhances the health and well-being of Montgomery County residents. Embracing a comprehensive approach, we treat each person with care and dignity.