



Local Leadership Council June 3, 2020

ELRC Region 17 Operational Updates

- ELRC 17 continues to be fully operational during COVID-19 Pandemic
- If you need to contact the ELRC 17:
 - Employee Directory available on ELRC 17 website, montcopa.org/elrc
 - Email general email account: elrcregion17@pa.gov
 - Messages will get directed to person most appropriate to help.
 - Fax (610) 278 - 5161
 - Mail: PO Box 311, 1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19404
- Currently putting hold on job fair and temporary childcare services. The Conscious Discipline Trainings have been postponed! More information is coming soon!
- OCDEL released an announcement regarding CCW payments through the end of June. ELRC is making CCW payments based on enrollment as of March 13th through the month of June.

CARES Act Funding

- In order to get payment each provider must complete the attestation form (available on the PA Keys websites) and a W9 form if not on file
- To help offset costs of reopening program - cleaning and sanitation supplies and other activities associated with reopening and staying open, to support care given for children of essential workers, any other expenses acceptable under CCDF funding
- 3 Factors
 - Size of program
 - Located in “Child Care Desert” (An area with not a lot of childcare programs) – Montgomery County is not considered a “Child Care Desert.”
 - \$100 per child for every child enrolled in subsidy
- Questions can be sent to the ELRC 17 general email account: elrcregion17@pa.gov
- Two Payment Dates: June 19th and June 26th

Resources for Reopening/Child Care by Color (Yellow vs. Red)

- Montgomery County moving to Yellow Phase on June 5, 2020. Programs no longer need a waiver to be open
- What does re-opening look like?
 - If you are a provider, please respond to Reopening questions sent to you by your Quality Coach by Friday, June 5th.

- ELRC 17 Resource for reopening includes CDC guidelines webpage, OCDEL webinars, resources for transitioning children into going back to school, will be sent to providers by Quality Coach and will also be posted on ELRC website.
- SharedSourcePA – Great resources for reopening
- More resources included in LLC Meeting PowerPoint posted on ELRC 17 website

Professional Development Organization (PDO) overview with Mina Abdollahi and Ta'Mora Jackson from PHMC

- Goals
 - Increase completion rates for degrees/credentials for ECE workforce
 - Increase number of teachers who transfer from one degree/credential to the next
 - Provide support to close equity gaps in ECE workforce credentials/degrees
- Providing funding for higher education partners to offer CDA programs at a cheaper cost – in person and online
- Working with partners to make education programs specifically related to Early Childhood Education
- Mina Abdollahi works with ELRC Region 17
 - Coordinates services between higher education and the workforce (e.g. career advising services to individuals and programs, working with ELRC Quality Coaches, etc.)
 - Feel free to reach out for support!
- Working on determining where needs are higher for assistance with obtaining higher ECE degrees and credentials
- To contact, email: ecepdo@phmc.org
- Visit website at ecepdo.phmc.org to sign up for newsletter!

Public Benefits review

- Unemployment – additional \$600 will be available through the end of July
- Please email ELRC main account with questions regarding help and benefits for parents

Parent Cafés

- BeStrongFamilies – emotionally safe spaces for families to discuss difficulties of parenting. Helps them create strategies to strengthen families.
- June 17th – 19th 12 ELRC staff will attend training to start Parent Cafes
- Please stay tuned for more information

Provider Survey results

- Results will be emailed out to providers by Quality Coach and will also be posted on ELRC website

