

Where the money is

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS



State, federal, and privately funded programs focusing on early childhood education for parents, guardians, caregivers, and child care organizations.

Pennsylvania Library Association
Public Relations and Marketing Committee
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Child Care Resource Developers (CCRDs)

A statewide initiative, created by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, to enhance community-based solutions; improving the quality and increasing the capacity of child care services in Pennsylvania. The CCRDs distribute grant money, collect needs assessments and county profile data, and link child care and local businesses — including libraries.

CCRD of Central Region

Bi-County Day Care Administration
c/o STEP, Inc.
2138 Lincoln Street
P.O. Box 3568
Williamsport, Pa. 17701-8568
Phone: 570-327-6949
Phone: 800-346-3020
Fax: 570-322-2197

CCRD of Northeast Region

Community Services for Children, Inc.
1101 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18102
610-437-6000 or 800-528-7222

CCRD of Southeast Region

Crime Prevention Association
1500 South Columbus Boulevard
2nd Floor
Philadelphia, Pa. 19147-5510
Phone: 215-271-1267
Phone: 877-660-2273 (five-county area only)
Fax: 215-271-1607

CCRD of Western Region

YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh
3550 Laketon Road
Penn Hills, Pa. 15235
Phone: 1-877-349-4850
Phone: 412-241-5817
Fax: 412-241-5834

From the Field continued

tional ideas to do with the book related to each area of child development (I.e. language/literacy; science; math; art/movement) along with book lists of other books they could find at their local public library! The money allowed us to buy related props some months to coordinate with the books (I.e. puppets, music tapes, teacher resource books) Contact scolling@delco.lib.pa.us

This will be our fourth year of partnership with the East Pennsboro School District (Enola) in the Read to Succeed program. The schools were targeting at risk readers from K to 2nd grade. The library received money to add materials that enhanced language development (I.e. puppets, early readers), made a presentation at a parent orientation on library services, signed u kids participating in the program for the summer reading club and received funding support for summer reading incentives and events. Funding the first year was \$5,000, and \$2,500 for the second and third. We haven't received word on the funding level for this year. Th is is the last year for this grant program. The local Head Start program was also a partner in this project. Contact: rgreene@ccpa.net

The Altoona Area Public Library embarked on an "outreach" project this year with the help of some non-traditional funding sources.

Who: Rotary, Wal-Mart, CDBD, and our Friend's of the Library

What: A project to bring library service to Head Start classrooms in the city.

When: Visits were made once per week to three Head Start classes to do a story hour program and provide materials for lending.

Where: The visits were to the Head Start facilities but visits to the library were also scheduled for the children and their families.

The fact that the Head Start project targets low/moderate income families made the endeavor eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds. Rotary gave money for picture books as did Wal-Mart. Our Friends of the Library set aside money for salary for the Outreach Services Coordinator. We also received a bequest from a patron's estate that requested the money be used to extend library services. The program is proving a huge success and we will set aside money from the general fund to continue it next year. We are hoping to get help from some of the same donors as last year or possible new ones.

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The Boone Area Library received a matching funds grant a couple of years ago from our local Mason's Lodge. Contact birdsborocl@berks.lib.pa.us

The Heinz Endowments have Ready for Life Early Literacy Grants that we have taken advantage of several times. They are literacy and art related and have a \$5,000 limit. Gateway to the Arts is the administrator of the grants. Contact de-filippog@carnegielibrary.org

We have worked with a variety of funding sources for our Books Aloud! Early Literacy Program. BA! has been picked up by the City as the early literacy arm of the City of Philadelphia, but we are still involved with a variety of private funders. We are part of the United Way Early 2 Learn Partners for School Readiness grant funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Early Learning grants. Other funders include the William Penn Foundation, Lenfest Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts and Haas Trust. We are also included in the School District's Early Opportunity grant from the Department of Education. We have also partnered with Intercultural Family Services for an Early Learning grant from the Federal Government. Private funding has come through the William Penn, Ametek, Golden Books, Annenberg, First Union, Tuttleman Family and WHY? and others. Contact petermanh@library.phila.gov

The Terri Lynn Lokoff Foundation is the only Pennsylvania Foundation that focuses on and funds early childhood issues. Every year it awards "Child Care Center Enhancement Grants" to centers in Southeast PA and Child Care Teacher awards to child care teacher's nationally. More information about the foundation can be found by searching for the Terri Lynn Lokoff Foundation or at their web site www.childcareabc.org. Contact melliott@mclinc.org.

The Delaware County Library System received \$13,000 to augment our existing outreach program to 70 childcare/homes in our county. This money allowed us to leave copies of each of the books we read aloud during our monthly outreach visit for the site to keep, read again and add to their classroom libraries. In addition, we distributed curriculum guides to coordinate with each book that gave addi-

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Child Care Works Network

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Child Care Works is Pennsylvania's plan for improving the quality and increasing the availability of safe, affordable child care for Pennsylvania's working families. The program helps eligible low-income families pay their child care costs by providing child care subsidies. These subsidy payments are usually paid directly to child care providers who are enrolled in the program. Most families eligible for subsidized child care pay between just \$5 and \$25 each week for their child care -- regardless of the number of children who receive care. The state pays the rest, usually about \$75 to \$95 a week.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Children, Youth and Families
Health & Welfare Building
Room 131, PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2675
Phone: 717-787-4756

WHO CAN APPLY

Working families with incomes that are at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) -- up to \$36,200 annually for a family of four -- could qualify for a subsidy. Families can remain in the program until their income reaches 235 percent of the FPIG, or \$42,555 for a family of four.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the local Child Care Information Service (CCIS) agency for your area. A list of CCIS agencies is available online at <http://www.dwp.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwccis.asp>, or call the Child Care Works helpline at 1-877-4-PA-Kids.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.ua/ucyf/childcarewks/ccwchldcareworks.asp>

Public Relations and Marketing Committee

ONGOING PROJECTS

The Committee has obtained a \$50,000 LSTA grant to develop prototype materials and a marketing campaign to position Pennsylvania's public libraries as integral and foundational components of the early education continuum. These materials will be used to solicit Foundation support for a statewide multi-media campaign.

Private Funding Sources

These Foundation Center Cooperative Collections offer core collections of Foundation Center publications which can be helpful in identifying foundations that support early childhood services and projects:

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| Northampton Community College The Paul and Harriett Mack Library 3835 Green Pond Road Bethlehem, PA 18017 www.northampton.edu | Erie County Library 160 East Front Street Erie, PA 16507 erielibrary.org |
| Dauphin County Library System East Shore Area Library 4501 Ethel Street Harrisburg, PA 17109 www.dcls.org | Lancaster County Public Library 125 N. Duke Street Lancaster, PA 17601 www.lancaster.lib.pa.us |
| Free Library of Philadelphia Regional Foundation Center Logan Square Philadelphia, PA 19103-1189 www.library.phila.gov | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Foundation Center Library Center 414 Wood Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 www.carnegielibrary.org |
| Pocono Northeast Development Fund James Pettinger Memorial Library 1151 Oak Street Pittston, PA 18640-3795 nepa-alliance.org/pndfr | Reading Public Library 100 South Fifth Street Reading, PA 19602 www.reading.lib.pa.us |
| James V. Brown Library 19 East Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701 www.jvbrown.edu | Martin Library 159 Market Street York, PA 17401 www.yorklibraries.org |

CyberStart

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

A multi-year Pennsylvania initiative that provides computers, printers, Internet access, educational resources, training, and technical support free of cost to licensed child care providers in Pennsylvania to help improve the quality of teaching and increase learning opportunities for young children.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Office of Policy and Technology Investment
CyberStart Program
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120-0225
Phone 800-379-7448 or 717-705-6760
Fax: 717-705-6764
E-mail: ra-cyberstart@state.pa.us

WHO CAN APPLY

Childcare facilities that are licensed and in good standing with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare may apply. The facility must provide full-year child care services, and must have an average daily attendance of at least seven children between the ages of 3 and 5.

HOW TO APPLY

Application packets can be downloaded from the CyberStart website at <http://cyberstart.org/pilot.html>, or submit a request to the CyberStart office via phone, fax, e-mail or mail.

HOME PAGE

<http://cyberstart.org>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania contributed \$10 million to CyberStart in 2001-2002 and in 2002-2003.

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21st Century Community Learning Centers

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The program is designed to provide opportunities for academic enrichments, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet state and local academic achievement guidelines in reading and mathematics.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

The No Child Left Behind Act converted the 21st Century Community Learning Centers authority to a state formula grant administered in Pennsylvania by the Department of Education. (In past years, the U.S. Department of Education made competitive awards directly to local education agencies.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Daniel Felix
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Phone: 717-705-0353
E-mail: dfelix@state.pa.us

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible grantees include local education agencies (LEAs), community-based organizations, other public or private entities, or consortia of two or more of such agencies, organizations, or entities. States are required to make awards only to applicants that will primarily serve students who attend schools with concentrations of poor students. States must provide a priority for projects that will target services to students who attend low-performing schools.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact Daniel Felix at the Pennsylvania Department of Education (717-705-0353 or dfelix@state.pa.us) for application information.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.ed.gov/21stcccl/>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania received \$11.5 million in fiscal year 2002 for this program, and requested \$20.9 million for fiscal year 2003.

Reach Out and Read

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Reach Out and Read trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric check-ups from six months to five years of age, with special focus on children growing up in poverty. By building on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers, Reach Out and Read helps families and communities encourage early literacy skills so children enter school better prepared for success in reading.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Programs are awarded a start-up grant from the Reach Out and Read National Center. Additional fundraising comes from the individual programs, with help from the Reach Out and Read National Center.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Reach Out and Read National Center
29 Mystic Avenue
Somerville, Mass. 02145
Phone: 617-629-8042
Fax: 617-629-8842

WHO CAN APPLY

Clinics, hospitals, office practices and other primary care sites that serve families living in poverty. The medical facility should have an interested medical staff, an individual willing to be the program director, and plans for fundraising efforts and recruiting volunteers.

HOW TO APPLY

Request an application from the Reach Out and Read National Center at the above address and phone number, or send an e-mail to startup@reachoutandread.org. Application deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.reachoutandread.org>

Early Intervention, Birth - 2

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Early Intervention Program (EI) provides services to children from birth through two years of age who have special needs due to developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention is a collection of services with supports designed to help families with the challenge of parenting. The majority of these services are provided in the child's home. Early Intervention services can include, among other things, information on how children develop, early childhood education, and therapies to help families enhance their child's growth and learning.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Retardation

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
Office of Mental Retardation
Health and Welfare Building
Room 512, PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2675
Phone: 717-787-3700

WHO CAN APPLY

Parents of infants and toddlers (birth to two years of age) who have: 1) a significant delay in one or more areas of development; 2) a physical disability, a hearing or vision loss; 3) a specialist's determination that there is a delay; or 4) known physical or mental conditions which have a high probability for developmental delays.

HOW TO APPLY

Call the CONNECT Information and Referral number: 800-692-7288 (toll free) or 717-657-6379 for local information and referrals.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omr/EarlyIntervention/omreiservices.asp>

FUNDING LEVEL

The Department of Public Welfare budgeted \$87.6 million in 2001-2002, and \$97.8 million in 2002-2003 for Early Intervention programs.

Early Intervention, 3 - 6

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Early Intervention Program (EI) provides services to children from three through six years of age who have special needs due to developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention is a collection of services with supports designed to help families with the challenge of parenting. The majority of these services are provided in the child's home. Early Intervention services can include, among other things, information on how children develop, early childhood education, and therapies to help families enhance their child's growth and learning.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Retardation

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
Office of Mental Retardation
Health & Welfare Building
Room 512, PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2675
Phone: 717-787-3700

WHO CAN APPLY

Parents of preschoolers (three to six years of age) who have: 1) a significant delay in one or more areas of development compared to other children his or her age; 2) a physical disability, a hearing or vision loss; or 3) known physical or mental conditions which have a high probability for developmental delays.

HOW TO APPLY

Call the CONNECT Information and Referral number: 800-692-7288 (toll free) or 717-657-6379 for local information and referrals.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omr/EarlyIntervention/omreiservices.asp>

FUNDING LEVEL

The Department of Public Welfare budgeted \$87.6 million in 2001-2002, and \$97.8 million in 2002-2003 for Early Intervention programs.

PHEAA Loan Forgiveness

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The PHEAA Loan Forgiveness program and the Federal Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program are designed to bring more highly trained individuals into the early child care profession and retain them in the profession for longer periods of time by forgiving part or all of the borrowers' loan debts, provided they fulfill certain work-related requirements.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

U.S. Department of Education; Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Association

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHEAA Headquarters
1200 North 7th Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17102
Phone: 717-720-2860

WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements, among them: an associate's or bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education in the field of early childhood education, and full-time work for the two consecutive years preceding the year during which forgiveness is requested as a provider in a child care facility that serves a low-income community.

HOW TO APPLY

The Child Care Loan Forgiveness Application is available from the U.S. Department of Education on their website at <http://www.ed.gov> or visit <http://ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/childcareapp.pdf> to download and print the form.

HOME PAGE

http://www.pheaa.org/Find_Money_for_Higher_Education_/Grants_and_Programs/Loan_Forgiveness/index.shtml

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania contributed \$100,000 in 2001-2002; no funds are budgeted in 2002-2003 (federal program).

Parent-Child Home Program

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

PHCP is a home-visitation program for families with one-, two- and three-year-old children who have limited access to educational opportunities. Families are visited twice each week for two years. Home Visitors stress verbal interaction and learning through specifically chosen books, games and toys.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

“Replications” (spin-offs of the original Parent-Child Home Program model) are funded by a variety of local, state, and federal funds as well as private funds. These sources include: federal Title I funds, federal family literacy/adult education funds, Even Start grants, Gateway grants (for families living in public housing), state funds for disadvantaged students, state adult education funds, state parenting education funds, school district funds, and support from private foundations, corporations, individuals, and local charitable organizations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

National Center for the Parent-Child Home Program
800 Port Washington Boulevard
Port Washington, NY 11050
Phone: 516-883-7480
Fax: 516-883-7481
E-mail: info@parent-child.org

WHO CAN APPLY

Parents and guardians with children ages 1 to 3 who have limited access to educational opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY

The program’s website (http://www.parent-child.org/home/Sites_List.asp?state=PA) has a list of replication sites for Pennsylvania with contact information.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.parent-child.org>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania contributed \$3 million to the Parent-Child Home Program in 2001-2002 and in 2002-2003.

Early Reading First

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To create preschool centers of excellence by improving the instruction and classroom environment of early childhood programs that are located in urban or rural high-poverty communities and that serve primarily children from low-income families.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tracy Bethel or Jennifer Flood
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-6000
Phone: 202-260-4555
Fax: 202-205-0303
E-mail: erf@ed.gov

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible local education agencies (LEAs) and public or private organizations or agencies located in communities served by those eligible LEAs. A list of eligible LEAs in each state is located on the U.S. Department of Education’s website at the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/earlyreading/index.html>

HOW TO APPLY

The application package can be downloaded (in PDF or Microsoft Word format) from <http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps/#84.359>. Printed applications may be obtained from Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), PO Box 1398, Jessup, Md. 20794-1398, Telephone: 877-433-7827, Fax: 301-470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call 877-576-7734.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/IESE/earlyreading/index.html>

FUNDING LEVEL

For fiscal year 2002, the U.S. Department of Education budgeted \$75 million for the Early Reading First program.

Even Start Family Literacy

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Even Start Family Literacy program is to improve the educational opportunities for children and adults by integrating early childhood and adult education for parents into a unified family program, and assist children and adults from low-income families to meet educational performance standards.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Authorized by Title I, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Literacy Involves Families Together (LIFT) Act to provide federal funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the establishment of local Even Start projects.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Donald Paquette, Family Literacy Advisor
 Pennsylvania Department of Education
 Bureau of Adult and Basic Literacy Education (ABLE)
 Phone: 717-787-5532
 E-mail: dpaquette@state.pa.us

WHO CAN APPLY

Those eligible for Even Start included formal partnerships between one or more local education agencies (LEAs) and one or more community-based organizations (CBOs), public agencies other than an LEA, institutions of higher education, or other non-profit organizations of demonstrated quality other than an LEA. Even Start can serve children from birth to age seven and their parents.

HOW TO APPLY

Even Start applications must be completed on-line and submitted via the e-grant website at <http://www.egrants.ed.state.pa.us> to the Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education. Instructions and the application guidelines are available via the ABLE site at <http://www.paadulted.org> and via the e-grant website.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.able.state.pa.us>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania spent \$19.7 million on family literacy in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

Keystone Stars Child Care Quality Initiative

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To recognize child care providers in Pennsylvania who exceed state health and safety licensing requirements. There are four levels of quality performance standards; one or more stars designate quality rates based on achieving performance standards in three areas (staff education, the learning environment, and administration). The highest star rating reflects standards similar to the accreditation standards developed by the National Association for the Education of young Children (NAEYC).

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

CONTACT INFORMATION

CCRD (Child Care Resource Developer)
 Office of Children, Youth and Families
 Health & Welfare Building
 Room 131, PO Box 2675
 Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2675
 Phone: 717-787-4756

WHO CAN APPLY

Childcare providers will need to meet the following Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare criteria: 1) a regular license for two years prior to application; and 2) no verified complaints for two years prior to application.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are mailed in October or may be obtained from the regional Child Care Resource Developer (CCRD) office, listed on page 2 of this booklet.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwKeyStars.asp>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania contributed \$6 million in 2002-2003.

I am your child

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This initiative stresses that children develop most dramatically during the prenatal stage to five years of age, and what parents and caregivers do during those early years make a profound difference in a child's healthy development and later success. The Pennsylvania "I am your child" (IAYC) Campaign will assist thousands of families by providing them with a comprehensive set of research-based educational resources so parents know where to go, what to do and how to cope with a child's early years. The campaign includes a series of six videos, a children's book and a resource guide for families.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health

CONTACT INFORMATION

Andrew Bulla
Bureau of Family Health
Pennsylvania Department of Health
Health & Welfare Building
PO Box 90, Room 724
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108
Phone: 717-787-7192

WHO CAN APPLY

Parents of all newborns, including adoptive parents in Pennsylvania can order — free of charge — educational videos, a Pennsylvania Resource Guide for Families, and a book for their child.

HOW TO APPLY

Pennsylvania parents and caregivers can call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for information about ordering the materials.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.iamyourchild.org>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania budgeted \$4.008 million in 2002-2003 for the program.

Family Centers

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Family Centers help parents learn about their children's development, engage in parent education and child development activities; access health care information as well as assistance regarding health care services and insurance; access education, training and employment information; and receive information and assistance on other community resources, such as well-baby care, immunizations, and early intervention series.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Pennsylvania Departments of Education, Health and Public Welfare

CONTACT INFORMATION

Center for Schools and Communities
1300 Market Street
Lemoyne, Pa. 17043
Phone: 717-763-1661
Fax: 717-763-2083

WHO CAN APPLY

All Pennsylvania parents and families are eligible to participate or go to a Family Center.

HOW TO APPLY

The Center for Schools and Communities website has a list of Family Centers by county (http://www.center-school.org/comm_fam/fam_ctr). Interested families can also contact their local Child Care Resource Developer office (listed on page 2 of this booklet).

HOME PAGE

http://www.center-school.org/comm_fam/fam_ctr/, <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwfamilycenters.asp>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania spent \$10.055 million on Family Centers in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

Head Start

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Head Start is a comprehensive pre-school program for three- and four-year-olds. It is unique in its comprehensive approach to the needs of children and families. It offers early education, health, nutrition, and other family support services. Parental involvement is encouraged in all aspects of the program, from the classroom to making decisions about program policies.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Funding for Head Start comes from the federal government and the Head Start Bureau.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Head Start — State Collaboration Office
Center for Schools and Communities
1300 Market Street, Suite 12
Lemoyne, Pa. 17043
Phone: 717-736-1661
Fax: 717-763-2083

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligibility for participation in Head Start depends on family income levels. Go to <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwhsInGuide.asp> to see the income eligibility guidelines.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the local Head Start program in your county. The Office of Children, Youth and Families website has a list of programs by county: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwHSProg.asp>

HOME PAGE

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwpahsa.asp>

FUNDING LEVEL

Pennsylvania spent \$209.3 million on Head Start in 2001-2002, and \$220.6 million in 2002-2003.

Head Start Family Literacy Project

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Head Start Family Literacy Project (HSFLP) is a new five-year cooperative agreement with the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL). The project will provide training and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees to implement comprehensive family literacy services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

The National Center for Family Literacy, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Head Start Bureau.

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Pennsylvania Department of Education
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WHO CAN APPLY

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HOW TO APPLY

Although the responsibility for the project rest with the National Center fro Family Literacy, contact the local Head Start program in your area for information about Head Start Family Literacy Project initiatives. The Office of Children, Youth and Families website has a list of programs by county: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/childcarewks/ccwHsProg.asp>.

HOME PAGE

<http://www.familit.org/headstart/hsoverview.html>

FUNDING LEVEL

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