Welcome to our initial quarterly meeting of FY 23/24 as we collaborate to support young children (birth to age five) and families in Chester County.
Our mission is to ensure that young children of all needs have access to high quality early care, supports and education to support their growth and development.

Bringing together parents/guardians, early childhood partners, early intervention providers, and community partners to discuss the needs and to plan for the Chester County early childhood community.

Leadership Team comprised of core partners including Infant/Toddler Early Intervention, Preschool Special Education, ELRC, Head Start, Maternal/Child Programs through the Chester County Health Department.
Guest Presentation

• Medical Assistance
  • Presented by leadership from our local Chester County Assistance Office, Department of Human Services
    • John Wood
    • Viannette Torres-Rivera

• Resources:
  • COMPASS HHS Home (state.pa.us) – Information and Apply for Medical Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Cash Assistance, Child Care Works, LIHEAP
  • HIPP Program (pa.gov)
  • Home - Art-Reach
  • Statewide Customer Service Center- 1-877-395-8930
Chester County Early Childhood Collaborative Connections
Core Partner Roundtable Updates

- Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Services (Chester County MH/IDD)
- Preschool Special Education (CCIU)
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Maternal/Child Home Visiting Programs (Chester County Health Department)
- Chester County ELRC (Region 19)
Community Roundtable and Resource Sharing

- Families
- Early Childhood Partners
- Early Intervention Providers
- Community Partners
Reducing Suspension and Expulsion in Chester County - Task Force

Task force is meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss trends from data collected and working on specific Chester County focused activities to reduce suspensions and expulsions in Chester County.

Working to provide professional development and local resources to the Chester County community to support education and outreach to reduce suspension and expulsion from early childhood programs.
COMPLETED - Develop a shared tracking tool where all members of the task force are collecting the same data regarding children who have been suspended/expelled from early childhood programs.

IN-PROGRESS - Distribute the Behavioral Help for ECE Programs in Pennsylvania flyer created by OCDEL and update to reflect points of Contact in Chester County.

DELAYED
Host a panel discussion for early childhood education providers that shares supports/resources for challenging behaviors in a proactive approach. The panel would be represented by resources in Chester County to support building connections.

Update-Task Force Activities
Resource Corner: Behavioral Help for ECE Programs in Pennsylvania

Behavioral Help for Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania to Prevent Suspension & Expulsion

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has an organized system of supports for programs needing assistance in addressing behavior concerns with young children. Beginning with the self-assessment in Tier 1.4, it is essential to reflect on program and classroom practices and policies. Once complete, access the Early Childhood Program Leader Guide to address program and classroom policies, practices, and procedures for improving positive behavior supports and reduce the use of exclusionary discipline. If behavior concerns persist, investigate Tier 2 & 3 supports.
Chester County Early Childhood Collaborative Connections Meetings for FY 23/24

- Tuesday, 12/12/23-1p-3p-Virtual Meeting
- Tuesday, 3/19/24-1p-3p-In-Person Meeting-(In-Person-United Way of Chester County-Exton-PA)
- Tuesday, 6/18/24-1p-3p-In-Person Meeting-(In-Person-United Way of Chester County-Exton-PA)

CCECC FY 23/24 Brochure is posted Chester County MH/IDD Website-Early Intervention Website and was sent out to those on our mailing list.

Please check the following page on our website for updates and agendas: https://www.chesco.org/1623/Parent-Involvement
Break-Out Sessions

• ELRC-Local Leadership Council

• Chester County LICC (Local Interagency Coordinating Council)

We will be breaking out in breakout groups for the remainder of our time together and will not be gathering back as a larger group.
If you have any questions, comments or ideas for the Chester County Early Childhood Collaborative Connections, please reach out to the following contacts:

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