

Partners

The Northeast Key works in partnership with the following organizations to deliver programs in the Northeast Region:

Bucks County Community College

Bucks Quality Child Care Coalition

Child Care Providers/Goodwill Industries

Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children

Keystone College

Lackawanna College

Lehigh Carbon Community College

Manor College

Marywood University

Montgomery Early Learning Centers

Northampton Community College

Penn State Cooperative Extensions

YMCA of Philadelphia

In addition, there are many individual consultants and Children and Youth organizations who have assisted in providing professional development within the region.



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- Lehigh
- Luzerne
- Monroe
- Northampton
- Pike
- Schuylkill
- Susquehanna
- Wayne
- Wyoming



Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Key

Community Services for Children, Inc. serves as the home for the PA Northeast Regional Key. The Regional Key coordinates and administers many programs and supports for early learning and school-age programs. Some of these include:

- Keystone STARS is a state-wide initiative to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning and school-age care and education in Pennsylvania. By meeting standards of practice and professionalism set by the state, child care facilities move through designations to the highest level known as a STAR 4 facility. Additional resources are available for programs participating in Keystone STARS such as technical assistance, financial resources to include grants and awards, and professional events such as Learning Communities or Round Table discussions.
- Low-cost professional development opportunities for early childhood and school-age providers designed to help professionals move upward through a career lattice. The NE Key offers workshops, symposiums, conferences and also partners with institutes of higher education to fund credential and credit-bearing courses.
- The School-Age Child Care Project is one of six regional projects statewide designed to assist school-age facilities and practitioners with supports and resources geared toward school-age children.



- The Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation offers professional development and technical assistance to link and bridge systems and service options on behalf of a child, family and program.
- Working with and supporting the 12 Community Engagement Groups within the region to develop and implement a community outreach plan to educate the community about early learning issues and programs. Community Engagement Groups also facilitate linkages between school districts and early learning practitioners, create a report card to the community, and leverage resources and support in the community.
- The NE Regional Key Support Line is where practitioners can call and speak with a Technical Assistance Manager.
- The Donley Family Library located on the Allentown campus of Community Services for Children, Inc. provides references, educational games and toys, books, computer access, tapes, and much more for children and providers.
- The NE Regional Key publishes periodical resources such as the NE Key Connection newsletter, e-news, and Technical Assistance Papers.



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