



Quality Early Education through Salaries and Training

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- Barb's Care-A-Lot
- Begin with Us Child Care and Pre-School
- Bucks County Association for the Education of Young Children
- Capitol Area Association for the Education of Young Children
- Childspace Cooperative Development, Inc.
- Children's Village Child Care Center
- Creative Kids Club
- Day Nursery Association
- Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
- DCS Western Learning Center
- Early Childhood Policy Research
- Early Connections, Inc.
- Federation Early Learning Services
- Lehigh Valley Child Care, Inc.
- Montgomery Early Learning Centers
- The Parent-Infant Center
- Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
- Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children
- Pennsylvania Child Care Association
- Pennsylvania Head Start Association
- Pennsylvania Home-Based Child Care Providers Association
- Philadelphia Alliance for Better Childcare
- Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
- Snyder.Union.Mifflin Child Development, Inc.
- United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, Success by 6
- United Way of Erie County, Success by 6
- United Way of Lackawanna County, Success by 6
- United Way of Lancaster County, Success by 6
- United Way of Westmoreland County,
- School Readiness Initiative
- West Philadelphia Child Care Network

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John H. Jewett
Regulatory Analyst
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing on behalf of the QUEST (*Quality Early Education through Salaries and Training*) Coalition to express our full support for child care regulations #14-505 (#2549). These regulations will improve the subsidized child care program. Currently, TANF/FS/GA children are being served at the County Assistance Offices (CAO) and Former TANF and Low-Income Working Families are being served at the Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies. This division creates needlessly complicated systems for parents and providers, and unnecessary duplication of administrative functions. Under this change, all families and children will be served through the CCIS agencies.

QUEST is a statewide grassroots coalition of over 2,200 early childhood education providers and advocates working to improve the quality of early childhood programs by addressing the need for a qualified, well-compensated workforce. These regulations support QUEST's goals by improving access to quality child care for families in the Commonwealth.

We urge you to support the proposed changes in the child care regulations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Easterling
Co-chair, QUEST

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