



Pre-K Kids Learning Center Inc.

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Community Resources

Pre-K Kids Learning Center is committed to supporting access to outside resources that may be of benefit to all of our families. Over the years we have compiled a list of community resources that can benefit our clients. We have published pamphlets for the taking in our lobby areas, information on our Parent Bulletin board, and on our website: <https://prekkidslearningcenter.com/parents>.

If you have questions or need further assistance to access these resources contact:

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211: If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Their specialists will listen to your needs, and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Website: <https://pa211.org>.

Career Link: This agency can help you to develop a resume to match your skills and background with job openings in your area. For more information: <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>.

Car Seat Clinics or Free or Reduced Cost Car Seats: Pennsylvania state law requires that children under age four ride in a federally approved car seat or booster that is appropriate for the child's age, height and weight. Children ages 4 to 8 must use a booster seat if they are no longer in a car seat. These resources can assist you in obtaining a car seat and/or help you to install your car seat properly. More information on child passenger safety can be found at: www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/traveling-in-pa/safety/traffic-safety-driver-topics/child-passenger-safety.html.

Children, Youth and Family Services:

Lawrence County Social Services Inc 724-598-4513
Cray Youth & Family Services 724-654-5507

CHIP: CHIP is short for the Children's Health Insurance Program- Pennsylvania's program to provide health insurance to all uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance. Regardless of the reasons your children might not have health insurance, CHIP may be able to help you. 1-800-986-KIDS.

County Assistance Office (CAO): [Cash Assistance](#), [Medical Assistance \(MA, which is also called Medicaid\)](#), [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) benefits (the new name for the Food Stamp Program) and home heating assistance through the [Low Income Home Energy Assistance](#)

Program (LIHEAP) are all public assistance programs available to eligible low-income individuals and families.

Domestic Violence Hotline: Domestic Violence Hotlines can provide a variety of services and supports to individuals who are experiencing abuse.

Early Intervention Program: Provides supports and services to infant/toddlers and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families/caregivers so that they may help the child grow and develop.

Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC): The ELRC (region 3) provides a single point of contact for families, early learning service providers, and communities to gain information and access to services that support high-quality child care and early learning programs. Website: <https://elrc3.com>
Phone: (724) 285-9431.

CONNECT Information Services: Assists families and professionals in locating state, local and national resources for child development and information for children birth through 5; provides referrals to Early Intervention Services. Phone: 800-692-7288. Email: help@connectpa.net.

Head Start: Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. They engage families in their children's learning and help them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. For more information visit: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Head-Start.aspx>.

Housing Assistance: Programs that offer assistance regarding housing can help you to locate housing provide information on resources for first time home buyers and help answer questions if you are fearful of losing your home. For more information visit: https://www.pa211.org/get-help/housing-shelter/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIkbPTwKGH9QIVBrLICh0ccwCiEAAAYASAAEgl2xvD_BwE.

Family Center: Family Centers help families:

- Learn about their children's development.
- Engage in 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.
- Receive information and assistance on other community resources, such as well-baby care, immunizations and early intervention services.

Food Bank: City Rescue Mission

- Eligibility: Adults and youth in need.
- Services: Community meals, food bank, clothing, and other essential personal items.
- For more information, contact City Rescue Mission at 724-652-4321, Location: 319 Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA, Website: <http://cityrescuemission.org>.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

- Eligibility: Pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to their sixth birthday, and elderly persons at least 60 years of age who meet income eligibility requirements.
- Services: Provides food packages that include infant formula and cereal, non-fat dry and evaporated milk, juice, oats, pasta, peanut butter, canned meat, tuna, or poultry, and canned fruits and vegetables.
- For more information, contact Terri Sopher, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 814-609-6133 or Yvonne Brown at 717-772-2694.

Food Banks

- First Baptist Church
984 West Maitland Avenue
New Castle, PA 16101 Tel: 724-658-2507
- New Life Bread Basket
Epworth United Methodist Church
805 East Washington Street
New Castle, PA 16101 Tel: 724-979-2283
- Salvation Army
240 West Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101 Tel: 724-658-9331
- Second Harvest Food Bank
1507 Grimm Drive
Erie, PA 16501 Tel: 814-459-3663

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

- Eligibility: People, agencies, and regional food outlets in need.
- Services: gathers and distributes food to outlets such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, after school programs, senior housing, MH-MR drop-in centers, neighborhood food assistance agencies, emergency or disaster-related sites, and regional food banks, Meals on Wheels, community centers, and special programs.
- For more information, contact Greater Pittsburgh Regional Food Bank at 412-460-3663, Web site: <http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org>

Meals on Wheels

- Eligibility: Homebound persons of any age or economic status who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to illness, injury, or disability.
- Services: Delivers up to 2 nutritious meals per day to homebound individuals at an affordable price.
- For more information, contact Meals on Wheels of New Castle at 724-654-6155, Web site: <https://mealsonwheelsofnewcastle.org/>.

People in Need Food Pantry

- For more information, contact People in Need, Inc. at 724-657-3303, Web site: www.pinpa.org

Immunization Assistance (free or low cost): Adagio Health at 724-658-6681. Website: <https://adagiohealth.org>.

Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP): This partnership is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life within Lawrence County by eliminating and preventing the causes and

effects of poverty by mobilizing and directing resources to assist, educate, and promote self-sufficiency. Website: <https://lccap.org>. Phone: 1-888-252-5104.

LEARN Groups: The purpose of the CEG is to develop and implement a community outreach plan to educate and foster relationships with families, government, businesses, schools and the early learning community about issues in early learning such as Pennsylvania's Promise for 'Children, Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, Keystone STARS and Child Care Works. To facilitate linkages between school districts, early learning practitioners, and other community stakeholders for the purpose of developing a community action plan to support successful kindergarten transitions.

Legal Aide: If you are a resident of Pennsylvania and need help with a legal matter and cannot afford an attorney, these organizations may be able to assist you. Website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Legal-Help.aspx>.

Library: New castle Public Library <http://www.ncdlc.org/> Phone: (724) 658-6659

Pa Pre K Counts: Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, it brings quality pre-kindergarten to 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

PA Pre-K Counts is designed for children who

- Are between age 3 and until the entry age for kindergarten;
- Are at risk of school failure, either because of income (300% of the federal poverty level, language (if English is not your first language), cultural or special needs issues.

Parenting Classes: Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County (724) 658-4688

Parent to Parent of PA: Parent to Parent of PA matches parents and family members of individuals with disabilities and special needs on a one-to-one basis for the purpose of support and to share information and resources. www.parenttoparent.org Phone: 1-888-727-2706

School District Contacts:

Shenango: (724) 658-5566

Ellwood: (724) 752-1591

New Castle: (724) 656- 4756

Mohawk: (724) 667-7723

Neshannock: (724) 658-4793

Laurel: (724) 658-8940

Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC): WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. Website: <http://wicprograms.org>. Phone: (800) 942-9467

Youth Sports and Recreation Programs:

NEW CASTLE COMMUNITY YMCA **Downtown Y:** 724-658-4766

Y-Zone: 724-658-9211

Sankey Youth Ministry

724-652-4321

Websites for Families:

PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES:

Better Kid Care

<http://www.betterkidcare.psu.edu/page01.html>

COMPASS: Early Childhood Provider Search:

Online search for Pennsylvania Early Childhood Programs.

<https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/ProviderSearch/pgm/PSWEL.aspx>

Pa Department of Education (Office of Child Development and Early Learning-OCDEL)

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/early_childhood/cwp/view.asp?A=179&Q=124393

Pa Department of Public Welfare (Office of Child Development and Early Learning-OCDEL)

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/>

Pennsylvania Health and Human Services Online Search Help In Pa:

Find health and human services in Pennsylvania through this Health and Human Services Portal:

<https://www.helpinpa.state.pa.us/Default.aspx>

Pa Promise for Children

Pennsylvania's Promise for Children is a coordinated statewide campaign to raise awareness about the value of quality early learning for all of our young children and build responsibility among every Pennsylvanian for the early learning of the young children in their lives.

www.papromiseforchildren.com

OCDEL-SAS PORTAL –

Pennsylvania's Standards Aligned System (SAS) portal contains varied resources that support teachers' classroom instruction and their work with families. Within the OCDEL-SAS website, there are pages on transition, partnering with families and resources for families including information that can be downloaded and shared with families or used in the classroom setting.

<http://websites.pdesas.org/ocdel/default.aspx>

NATIONAL WEBSITES:

American Academy of Pediatrics: Parent Corner

Provides a variety of resources for families.

<http://www.aap.org/parents.html>

The Center for Early Literacy Learning

The goal of the Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) is to promote the adoption and sustained use of evidence-based early literacy learning practices. This site has resources for early childhood intervention practitioners, parents, and other caregivers of children, birth to five years of age, with identified disabilities, developmental delays, and those at-risk for poor outcomes.

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pgparents.php>

The **Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)** is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for

disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country. <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/family.html>

Let's Move

Combining comprehensive strategies with common sense, *Let's Move!* is about putting children on the path to a healthy future during their earliest months and years. Giving parents helpful information and fostering environments that support healthy choices. Providing healthier foods in our schools. Ensuring that every family has access to healthy, affordable food. And, helping kids become more physically active.

<http://www.letsmove.gov/parents>

Reach Out and Read

Reach Out and Read's early childhood experts and medical champions create a number of wonderful literacy materials that Reach Out and Read providers distribute to the millions of families we serve every year. Reach Out and Read is proud to share some of those materials with all parents and educators who have an interest in promoting early literacy and school readiness for all.

<http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/>

Terrific Transitions:

This website is a collaborative effort of the [SERVE Regional Educational Laboratory](#) and the [National Head Start Association](#). Our goal is to provide a wide variety of transition information and resources for families, professionals, and community partnerships to use as they address children's transitions into kindergarten.

http://center.serve.org/TT/fam_par.html

Zero to Three:

ZERO TO THREE's approach to family education is based on the belief that families are the true experts on their children, and that there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach to raising children. The information and tools we offer are designed to support families in developing their own ways to promote their children's growth and development.

http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=par_parents