

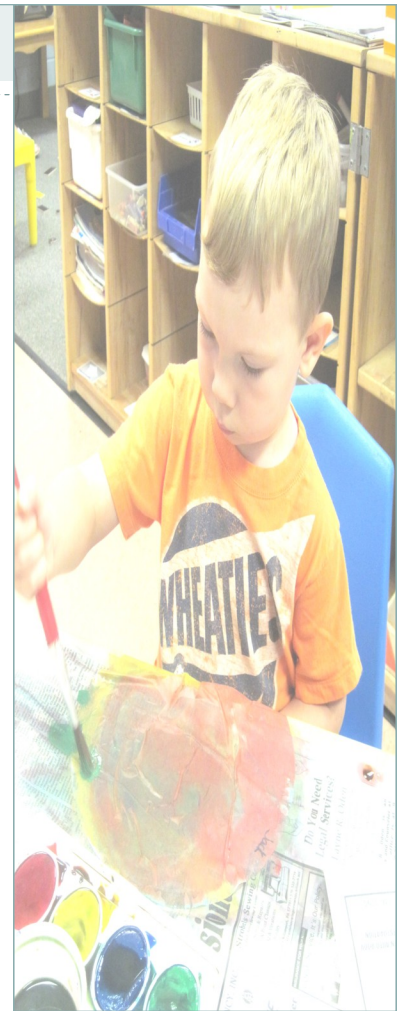


Professional Development

CALENDAR

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) 202	8/11/2010 1:00-3:00PM	Hampton Inn, Altoona PA 16601
Environment Rating Scale (ERS) 101 - Foundations	8/11/2010 10:00AM-12:00PM	Hampton Inn, Altoona PA 16601
Early Developmental Disorders Resulting From Child Abuse: Therapeutic Techniques Fro Intervention and Prevention	8/13/2010 9:00AM-3:30PM	Saint Francis University, Loretto PA 15940
Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) 202	8/17/2010 1:00-3:00PM	Degenstein Library, Sunbury PA 17801
Environment Rating Scale (ERS) 101 - Foundations	8/17/2010 10:00-12:00AM	Degenstein Library, Sunbury PA 17801
Observation-Communication with Parents	9/10/2010 6:30-8:30PM	Penn State Coop Ext. Centre Willowbank Building, Bellefonte
Healthy Air + Healthy Spaces= Healthy Children	9/11/2010 1:00-4:00PM	Penn State Cooperative Extension-Clinton County Mill Hall PA 17751
Internet Safety for Children and Their Families	9/11/2010 9:00AM-12:00PM	Penn State Cooperative Extension-Clinton County Mill Hall PA 17751
School-age Care Environment Rating Scale (SACERS) 203	9/14/2010 10:00AM-12:00PM	Mifflinburg Cooperative Extension Office (formerly Mifflinburg Bank Building), Mifflinburg PA
Infant/toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R) 201	9/14/2010 1:00-3:00pm	Mifflinburg Cooperative Extension Office, Mifflinburg PA
Survive or Thrive- It's Up To You	9/15/2010 10:00AM-12:00PM	Hampton Inn, Altoona PA 16601

**A current comprehensive calendar
can be found at www.pakeys.org**



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Save the Date

**Upcoming CRK
Conferences**

**November 12 & 13, 2010
Williamsport**

**March 11 & 12, 2011
State College**



ELN Online Overview

If you would like an overview of ELN online, you can go to www.eln.eita-pa.org.

Click on “Available Courses Early Learning Network”. You will also get training hours for the completing the course online.

If you have any questions, you can contact Ashley Bricker at abricker@pattan.net

What You May Not Know about T.E.A.C.H.

Four components of T.E.A.C.H.

Every T.E.A.C.H. scholarship has four key components:

- **Scholarship.** The scholarship covers most of the cost for tuition and books. Recipients also receive a travel stipend each semester they are enrolled in class. T.E.A.C.H. requires that the sponsoring child care program offer paid release time for the student to attend class, study, or handle personal needs. Participants are assigned a counselor to assist them in scholarship management and career development.
- **Education.** In one scholarship year, each participant must successfully complete a required number of credit hours (usually 9-15) toward a degree or credential in early childhood education.
- **Compensation.** At the end of the scholarship year, if they complete their educational requirement, participants are eligible to receive either a bonus or a raise.
- **Commitment.** Participants agree to continue working in their child care program for one year after each scholarship year.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship, applicants need to meet certain criteria. Applicants must:

- be a resident of Pennsylvania,
 - work about 25-30 hours a week as classroom staff or center director* at a DPW-certified child care facility in Pennsylvania for at least one year, or Pre-K Counts Head Start Program,
 - have a high school diploma or GED,
 - earn an income of less than \$19 per hour,
 - possess a commitment to remain in the early childhood field,
 - have an interest in pursuing a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, PA Director's Credential, Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (or equivalent),
- Bachelor's degree applicants** must have already earned an Associate's degree in ECE or have at least 55 transferable credits toward a Bachelor's in ECE, be eligible for admission as an in-state student and have worked in child care in PA for at least one year.

Scholarships for center directors do not include release time; however, sponsoring centers must be flexible in releasing the director to attend class.

Other considerations for eligibility:

- **Applicants must work at a program participating in Keystone STARS level 1 and above.**
- Scholarship awards are dependent upon availability of funds and priorities of funders. Other eligibility criteria may apply and are subject to change without notice.

To learn more about the TEACH program, participating colleges and universities and how to qualify, call toll free: **877-51-TEACH** (83224) or **717-657-9000** Fax: 717-657-0959 or email at TEACH@pacca.org

“The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.”

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

COLLEGE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The college tuition reimbursement voucher has become a very important component of many of our practitioners' higher education. It can be the critical element in getting the credential or degree you need to move your program to a higher STAR.

The voucher program for college courses is a two-step process. The first step is to apply for a voucher. The application can be found on the PA Keys website at www.pakeys.org. Applications are then reviewed and it is determined whether they will be approved or denied based on the guidelines for approval and the availability of funds. Applicants will be notified by mail whether they have been approved or denied. If they are approved they will receive a voucher in the mail. At the end of the class the vouchers should be returned with a copy of the final grade for the course. More information and guidelines for each type of voucher can be found in the applications.

To apply for reimbursement for courses use this application - **Deadline to apply is before the last day of class.**

If you are receiving funds from the Keys to Quality System through the Regional Keys or TEACH for any courses, you are not eligible for the voucher program (some exclusions may apply).