

RESOURCES

<p>Better Kid Care: It provides educational materials, learning experiences and programs to child care practitioners and parents in PA. For more information visit: www.betterkidcare.psu.edu</p>
<p>Certificate of Registration: A document issued by DPW to a legal entity permitting the legal entity to operate a specific type of facility at a specific location: For more information visit: http://www.dos.state.pa.org</p>
<p>Child Care Information Services (CCIS) DPW contracts with 59 local CCIS agencies which manage the subsidized child care program. The CCIS helps former TANF and low-income families pay for the cost of child care. CCIS is available to assist parents in making the most appropriate child care arrangements through referral information and parent counseling. For more information visit: www.philadelphiachildcare.org</p>
<p>Child Development Associate Credential: A national credential awarded to an individual who has demonstrated his/her competence to meet the needs of children and to work with parents and other adults to nurture children's physical, social, emotions, and intellectual growth in a child development framework. For more information visit: www.cdacouncil.org</p>
<p>Early Childhood Education linkage Systems (ECELS) Operated by the PA chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP) and provides consultation to the Office of Child Development (OCD) and practitioners in the field regarding national best practices for health and safety in child care settings. For more information visit: www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org</p>
<p>Family Day Care Rating Scale: (FDCRS) Designed to assess family day care programs. The scale evaluates Physical Environment; Basic Care; Curriculum; Schedule and program Structure; and Adult Needs. For more information visit: www.pakeys.org</p>
<p>Family Day Care (FDCH) A home other than the child's own home, operated for profit or non-profit, in which child care is provided at any time to six or less children unrelated to the operator. A family day care home must comply with the regulations at 55 Pa Code Chapter 3290 and must have a certificate of registration from DPW in order to legally operate. For more information visit: www.pakeys.org</p>
<p>National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) A professional development organization advocating for family child care professionals by collaborating with other local, state and national organizations who contribute to the family child care field to increase awareness about and improve the quality of family child care. NAFCC is dedicated to strengthening the profession of FCC by promoting high quality professional early care and education and strengthening communities where providers work and live. For more information visit: www.nafcc.org</p>
<p>National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) For the past 37 years, the National Black Child Development Institute has been steadfast in its mission to improve and protect the lives of children. Along with the affiliate network composed of volunteers from across the nation, they have worked to improve child welfare services, make universal early care and education a reality, build family support services, press for educational reform and provide vital information on children's health. For more information visit: www.nbcdi.org</p>
<p>The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8. NAEYC is committed to becoming an increasingly high performing and inclusive organization. Founded in 1926, NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children. For more information visit: www.naeyc.org</p>
<p>PACCA is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the provision of quality early care and education to the children of Pennsylvania. For more information visit: www.pacca.org</p>

The mission of the PHCCPA is to support all facets of home-based child care, to educate child care providers, as well as parents and other interested persons and to take an active role in all issues that affect the quality of child care and advocate for children in Pennsylvania. For more information: [800-294-3324](tel:800-294-3324)