

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Early Childhood and Early Intervention Projects and Initiatives Related to Preparing Personnel**

#### **Building Inclusive Child Care Services**

A Northampton Community College Early Childhood / Special Education Dept. project that will work with 12 childcare programs in the northeast region to foster and promote the inclusion of children with developmental disabilities by coordinating and integrating already existing national, state and local resources.

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#### **Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute**

Provides on-site mentoring and certificate programs for EC staff. Affiliated with Penn State University.

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Web site: <http://ecti.hbg.psu.edu/>

#### **Central PA Trainers Network**

Provides networking information regarding early childhood training in the region.

Contact: Shirley Keith-Knox Phone: (717) 780-7042 Email: sknox@dauphinc.org

#### **District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration awarded a grant to the District 1199C Health Care Union, who created a program to assist childcare providers attain their CDA. Initial assessment found that many providers needed basic academic skills before undertaking the CDA course. District 1199C provides foundation-level courses in mathematics and other subjects in the context of child care, as well as a full-blown six-month CDA course and a mentoring program.

Contact: Cheryl Feldman Phone: (215) 568-2220 Email: cfeldman@1199Ctraining.org

#### **Early Childhood Assessment Kit and Preschool Kit**

Kits from the PA Dept. of Education that are a resource for teachers for helping children reach PA academic standards.

Contact: Corinne Eisenhart Phone: (717) 772-0068 Email: ceisenhart@state.pa.us

#### **Early Childhood Trainer's Network (ECTN) [Capital Area]**

ECTN meets every two months to share training information, learn about resources in Cumberland, Perry and Dauphin Counties that support families (early intervention, child care resources, college level activities, etc.) to keep up to date. In addition, the ECTN will look at community needs, training gaps and possible resources.

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#### **EITA / PaTTAN Early Intervention Technical Assistance / PA Training and Technical Assistance Network**

The PA Depts of Education, Public Welfare and Health offer training and technical assistance to programs serving children and their families with developmental delays, birth to school age.

Contact: Deb Daulton Phone: (800) 360-7282, ext. 3717

Email: ddaulton@pattan.k12.pa.us

### **EPIC-IC Medical Home Initiative—Child Care Component**

Dept. of Health grant [through Dec. 2004] to assess the need and facilitate linkages for training of childcare providers to increase inclusion of children with special health care needs. Affiliated with the PA chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Web site: [http://www.paaap.org/mod.php?mod=userpage&menu=807&page\\_id=14](http://www.paaap.org/mod.php?mod=userpage&menu=807&page_id=14)

### **Governor's Institutes for Early Childhood Educators**

An intensive weeklong program for individuals who work with young children from pre-K to Grade 3. There is no cost and participants receive two graduate credits. Affiliated with the PA Dept. of Education. This summer: July 6 – 12, 2002: Villanova University; July 20 – 26, 2002: Juniata College.

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### **Inclusion Committee (Community Resources)**

An Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) subcommittee in the Harrisburg area that works with child care staff and community groups to include children with disabilities in all community activities.

Contact: La Donna Buffington Phone: (717) 732-8400, ext. 560

### **Interagency CDA Course at Intermediate Units**

The curriculum for this course is half early intervention and half child development. There is a team of trainers from agencies, Head Start and higher education. Affiliated with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

Contact: Gail Storch Phone: (814) 542-2501 Email: gstorch@tiu11.org

### **Juniata College Early Childhood / Early Intervention Conference**

Annual conference for educators who work with children birth-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Collaboration between the Intermediate Unit, Juniata College, EITA, MH/MR and Cooperative Extension. Affiliated with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit.

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### **Marywood University BS in Early Childhood Special Education**

Offers certification in early childhood, special education and elementary / early childhood education.

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Email: bauman@es.marywood.edu

### **Pennsylvania Head Start Association**

Contact: (717) 233-5050 email: paheadstartassoc@msn.com  
Web site: <http://www.paheadstart.org>

### **Pennsylvania Pathways**

Provides training for child care providers statewide through locally-based training organizations. The training program is maintained by a centralized administration through Keystone University Research Corporation..

Contact: (800) 859-8340 email: papathways@kurc.org  
Web site: <http://www.papathways.org/>

## **Penn State Summer Institutes**

A free week of programming focused on inclusive early intervention training for early educators and special educators. This summer: *Early Intervention and Education for Children Birth to Eight and their Families*, to be held July 22-July 26. Registration is accepted until available slots are filled.

Contact: John Neisworth Phone: (814) 863-2280 Email: jtn1@psu.edu

## **Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network / PaTTAN**

Provides educators, parents, agencies and paraprofessionals involved in special education from preschool through higher education with a consistent, statewide network of services. Also produces the publication, *Closer Look*.

Contact: Harrisburg office (800) 360-7282 / King of Prussia office (800) 441-3215 /  
Pittsburgh office (800) 446-5607  
Web site: <http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us>

## **Region III Head Start Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Center**

Serves six states, including PA, by providing T /TA to EHS / HS programs as they support children with special needs and their families.

Contact: Beth Fairchild Phone: (717) 264-2325 Email: bfairchild@innernet.net  
Web site: <http://www.paheadstart.org/headstarttechnicalassistance.html>

## **Summer Inclusion Course: High Incidence Disabilities (Preschool)**

The University of Pittsburgh's EI program offers a six-week course on including children with disabilities into community preschool settings. Students participate in simulations to apply materials covered. Open to community members for \$100.

Contact: Louise Kaczmarek Phone: (412) 648-7449 Email: kaczmk@pitt.edu

## **Summer Module Series: Low Incidence Disabilities (B-3)**

The University of Pittsburgh's early intervention program offers series of two-week intensive, one credit hour courses on topics related to young children with multiple disabilities (e.g. Positioning / Handling / Mobility; Challenging behaviors; Visual impairment). Open to community members for \$50 / module.

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## **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarships**

Scholarship program administered by the Pennsylvania Child Care Association. T.E.A.C.H. scholarships pay for college credits that lead to a Child Development Associate Credential, Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree and increase workers' compensation.

Contact: (717) 657-9000 Web site: <http://www.pacca.org>

## **T.I.M.E. / Training in a Manila Envelope**

A correspondence course (60 hours) to strengthen participants' understanding of inclusion of children with disabilities. It can be used towards CDA. Affiliated with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit. The training is from the University of Montana.

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