

October 2023 Edition

SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES CHAPTER



Pennsylvania Association for the
Education of Young Children

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST WOYC

The Southern Alleghenies Chapter of PennAEYC would like to thank its participants for requesting and downloading our first Week of the Young Child Toolkit. Our leadership team hopes you found useful resources and ideas from it to create a successful event earlier this year.

SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES ADVOCACY

It is disappointing to say the least, at the lack of investment at the state level given to raise child care wages and assess the staffing crisis that child care is suffering from. The \$100 million in new state funding does not sustain the workforce needed to re-open closed classrooms. Legislators need to hear from you and parents affected by this staffing shortage, and the Southern Alleghenies Chapter of PennAEYC encourages you to visit the links below for how:

Use this link to email Congress and tell them to prioritize investments in child care:

[Take Action — Start Strong PA](#)

Use this link to contact PA Legislators (pre-K for PA):

[Contact Legislative Leaders - Pre-K for PA \(prekforpa.org\)](#)

Use this link to participate in the "Speak Up PA" Campaign and download posters:

[Speak Up! PA](#)

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Currently, our chapter is networking! You can help us by spreading the word to other early childhood professionals about joining our chapter (for FREE) and staying up to date on the latest communications. Share this link:

<https://forms.gle/dtFpd3YfwPbMG7NY6>

SCHOOL AGE RESOURCES HERE FOR YOU!

Best Day Ever! provides high quality, complete summer camp lesson plans for school-agers and preschoolers, but did you know that they have released 20 school-age resources FREE for Pennsylvania providers, with survey. Visit this link: [Best Day Ever! - The Learning Lamp](#) to access

10 weeks of after school activities and 10 Kids' Day Out lesson plans for your holidays and in-service days.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming PennAEYC Sessions:

October 30 from 1-3 pm Advocacy Basics [register here](#)

November 1 from 6-8PM Where Does the Money Come From? [register here](#)

November 15 from 1-3 PM Where Does the Money Come From? [register here](#)

Additional Professional Development Opportunities:

Do you have employees looking to receive their CDA or associate's/bachelor's degree in early childhood education? Did you know that there are opportunities for staff to earn their credential or degree for free and also earn on-the-job learning credit? Reach out to Amy Pinkerton at apinkerton@firststartpartnerships.org or Amanda Manges at amanges@thelearninglamp.org for more information about early childhood apprenticeship opportunities.

STAY TUNED FOR OUR FIRST EVENT

We are excited to announce that we are planning our chapter's first event for early 2024! More details to come in December.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

What do you want out of your local chapter? Provide any suggestions & feedback at:

<https://forms.gle/Tnubf4kHtU4jJN248>

The Southern Alleghenies Chapter of PennAEYC, a local chapter of PennAEYC and NAEYC, is committed to serving children, their families, and early childhood professionals in South Central Pennsylvania. We serve ECE professionals in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset, and surrounding counties.