LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS

Monthly Provider Meeting

21 de Febrero de 2025

CLC Community Language Cooperative

Lenguaje de nuestro corazón
Todos tenemos derecho a comunicarnos y participar en el idioma en el que nos sentimos más cómodos: el lenguaje de nuestro corazón.

Hosts



Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez
Host



Dionne Wright-Chambers
Co-Host



Dr. Stephanie Blake
Co-Host



Stefanie Francisco
Co-Host

Reglas de la Casa!

- Su nombre, nombre de la organización y su correo electrónico en el cuadro de chat
- Por favor, permanezca en silencio
- Levante la mano para hablar o reactive el audio para hacer preguntas
- Use el cuadro de chat y compartiremos
- Las sesiones se están grabando y se compartirán en el sitio web
- Activar las opciones de idioma de transcripción traducida
- Si está buscando crédito PQAS, por favor ponga su # de Pakeys en el chat y debe permanecer en la reunión durante un mínimo de 90 minutos para recibir crédito.

Housekeeping Rules

- Your Name, Name of organization, and your email in the chat box
- Please remain muted
- Raise Hand to talk or unmute to ask questions
- Use Chat box and we will share
- Sessions are being recorded and will be shared in the website
- Activate Translated transcription Language options
- If you are looking for PQAS credit please put your PAKeys Registry # in the Chat and you must remain in the meeting for a minimum of 90 minutes to receive credit.

LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS

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MENTEE PILOT PROGRAM

2024 FINAL REPORT



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KELLIE BROWN

Senior Program Officer
Children and Families



INTRODUCTION

LATINOS EDUCANDO JUNTOS

Latinos Educando Juntos (LEJ) is a nonprofit organization committed to fostering education, cultural awareness, and community empowerment within the Latinx community.



INTRODUCTION

LEARN, EMPOWER, GROW

Learn Empower Grow Consulting Group, based in Philadelphia, is a dynamic education consulting firm specializing in early childhood education, adult learning, and workforce development.

LATINLift



Launched June 3, 2024, empowers Latinx early childhood educators with mentorship, professional development, and advocacy training to overcome barriers and advance their careers.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

MENTORSHIP

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

LANGUAGE SUPPORT



HOW THE FELLOWSHIP SUPPORTS THIS WORK

TAKING ACTION



PROGRAM OUTCOMES



INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

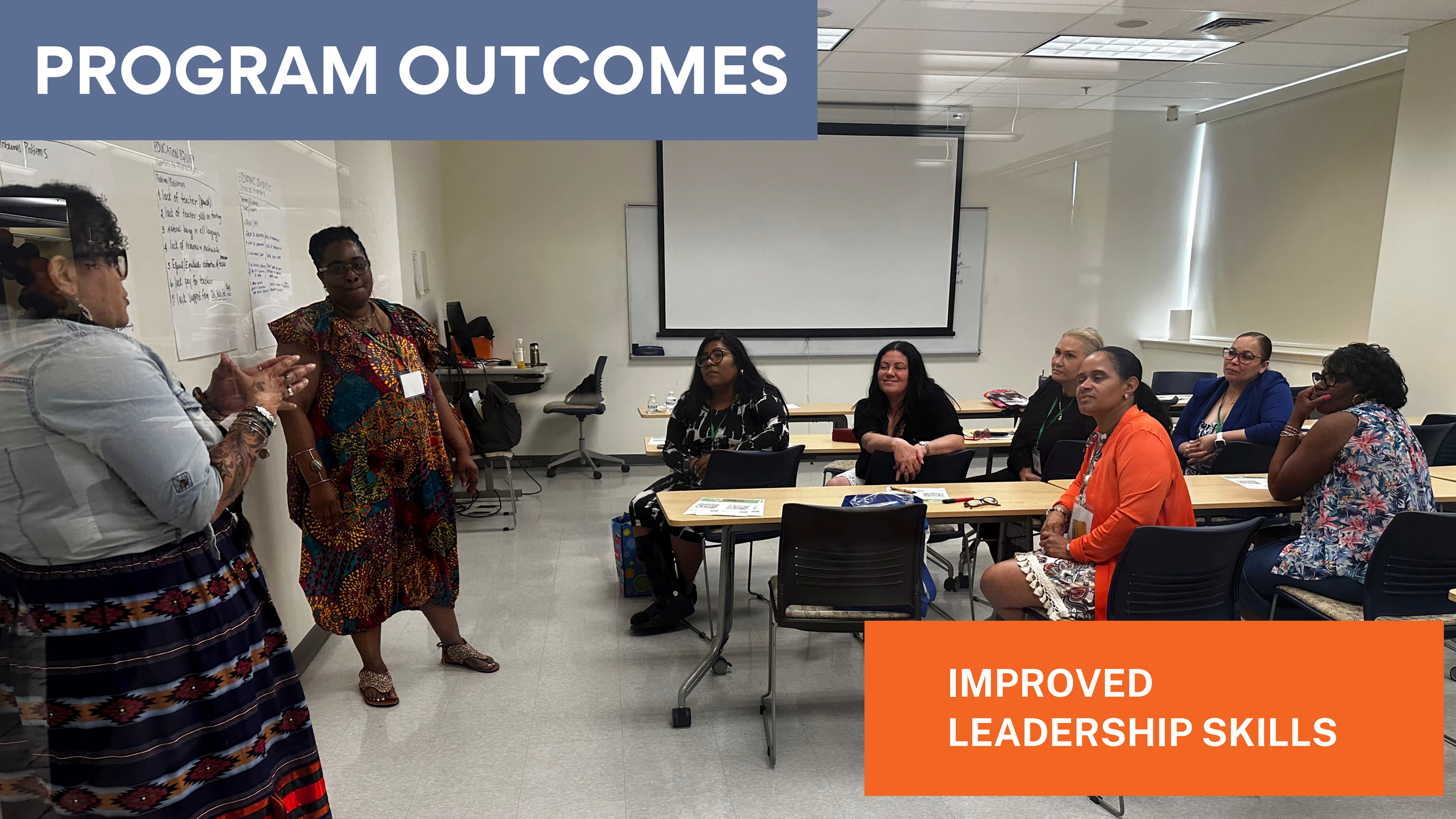
PROGRAM OUTCOMES





ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



IMPROVED LEADERSHIP SKILLS

MENTEE SPOTLIGHT
A VOICE FROM LATINLIFT



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CYNTHIA ORTIZ



LIZ ALMEIDA

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



IMPACT IN CLASSROOMS & PROGRAM

CLASSROOM OUTCOMES

IMPACT IN CLASSROOMS



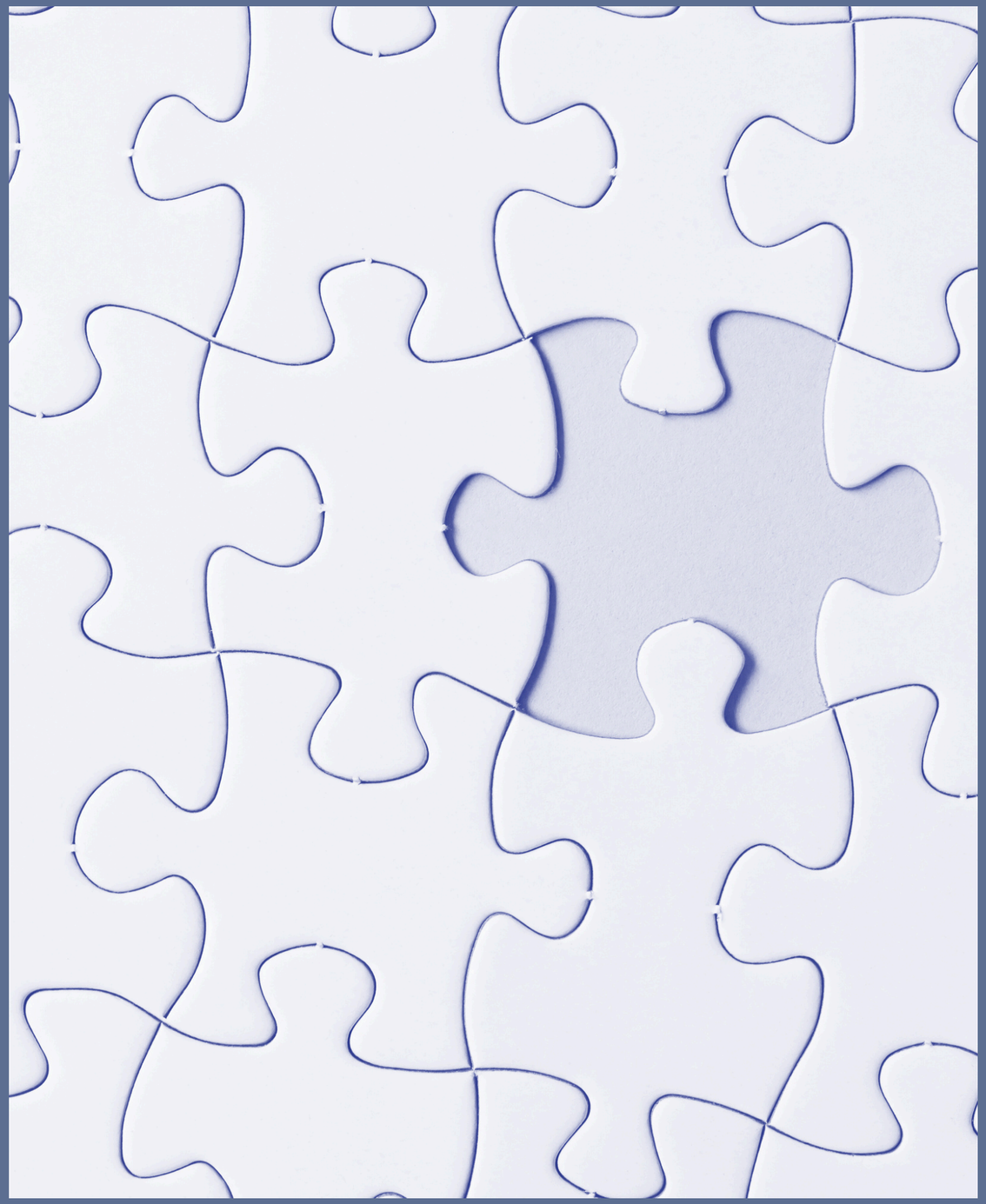
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

A VOICE FROM LATINLIFT PROGRAM SITE



ZAKKIYAH SCOTT

PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT CPH



CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

NAVIGATING A COMPLEX LANDSCAPE

CHALLENGES & BARRIERS

LANGUAGE BARRIERS



DEGREE EQUIVALENCY

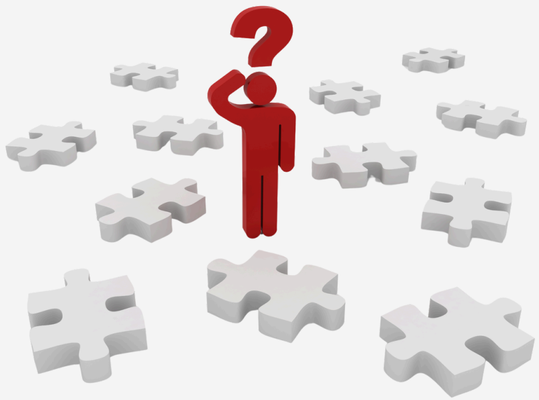


LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



CHALLENGES & BARRIERS

NAVIGATING COMPLEX SYSTEMS



ACCESS TO ESL COURSES



ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT



RECOMMENDATIONS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS



BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING







EXPAND PROGRAM REACH

TAILORED SUPPORT

STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING







EVALUATE AND ADAPT

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING AND RESOURCES

CULTURAL RELEVANT ADVOCACY



BENEFITS OF CONTINUING THE PROGRAM

INCREASED DIVERSITY IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD

IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN



BENEFITS OF CONTINUING THE PROGRAM

ENHANCED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND MOBILITY



BENEFITS OF CONTINUING THE PROGRAM

DEVELOPING A LEADERSHIP PIPELINE FOR LATINX LEADERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

RETENTION OF QUALIFIED STAFF AND KEEPING CLASSROOMS OPEN

Pennsylvania
Office of Child Development and Early Learning

SHANTE BROWN

Deputy Secretary of OCDEL





CLOSING REFLECTIONS & APPRECIATION

A SHARED VISION

LATINLift

THE 2024 LATINLIFT COHORT



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LATINLift

INVERTIR EN LA EDUCACIÓN TEMPRANA CONDUCE A UN FUTURO MÁS SÓLIDO PARA LOS NIÑOS Y UNA FUERZA LABORAL MÁS CAPACITADA.

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA HACER POSIBLE ESTE IMPACTO.

INVESTING IN EARLY EDUCATION LEADS TO STRONGER FUTURES FOR CHILDREN AND A MORE SKILLED WORKFORCE.

JOIN US IN MAKING THIS IMPACT POSSIBLE!

2024 LATINLIFT FINAL REPORT INTEREST SURVEY

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF LATINLIFT!
COMPLETE OUR INTEREST SURVEY TO RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT AND EXPLORE FUTURE COLLABORATIONS.

YOUR INSIGHTS AND INTEREST IN FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS OR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
WE TRULY VALUE YOUR SUPPORT!



EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

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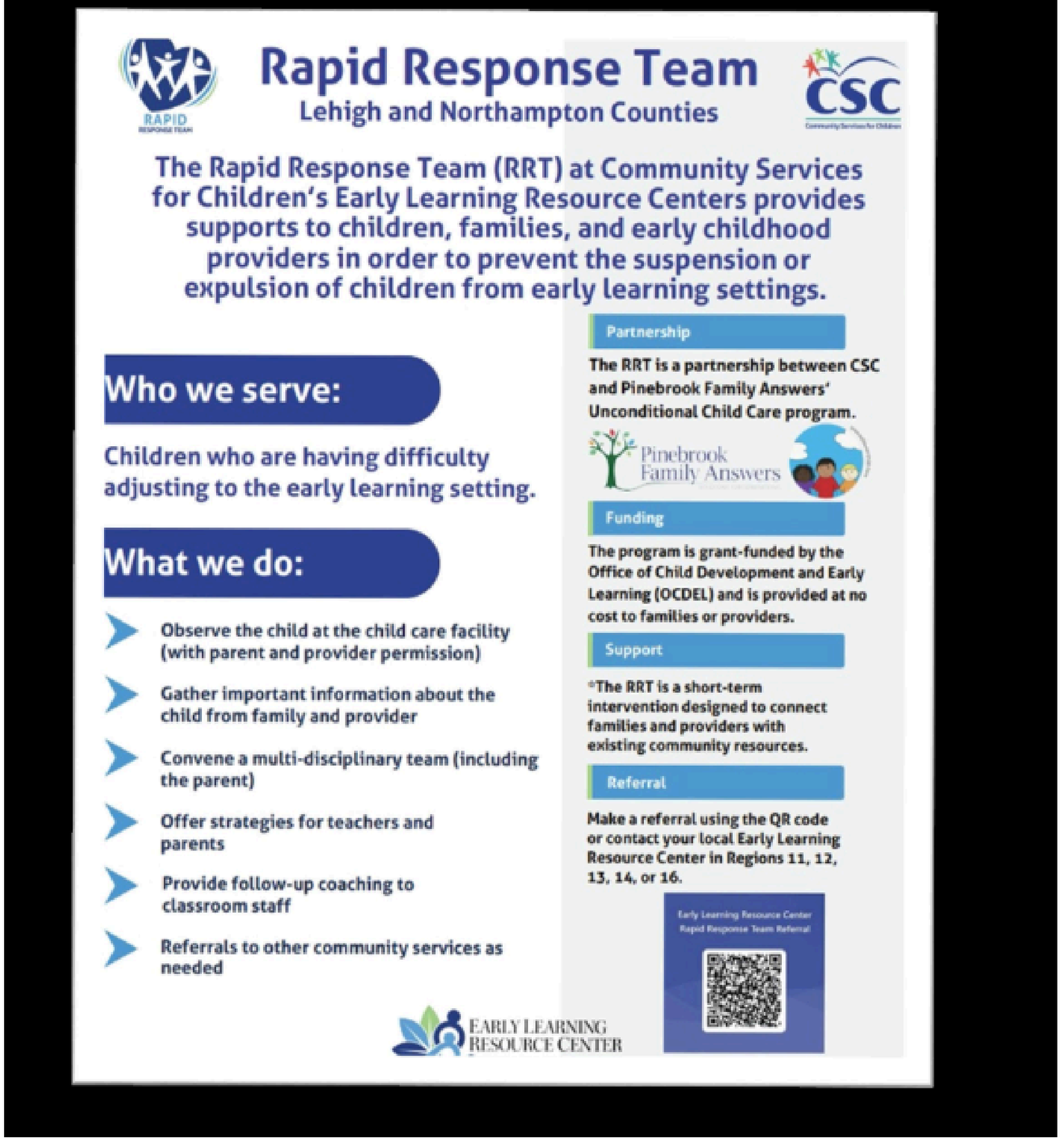
STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Awards
Final Expense Reports

All providers who received a Continuous Quality Improvement Award are required to submit a Final Expense Report no later than March 28, 2025. Keep all receipts for eligible expenses, including payroll records to verify staff bonuses have been paid through payroll and taxes deducted appropriately. All expenses must have occurred from July 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025.

Click here to access a copy of the Final Expense Report. Providers should follow the instructions attached to the Final Expense Report and return the completed form to their Quality Coach. Quality Coaches have office hours available to assist you in completing the expense report if needed.

For eligible expenses, please see the Announcement ELRC 24 #02, 2024-25 Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement Awards.

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If a child enrolled in your program could benefit from the Rapid Response Team supports, you can begin the referral process here: RRT Referral (This program does require parental consent)

Strengthening Business Practices

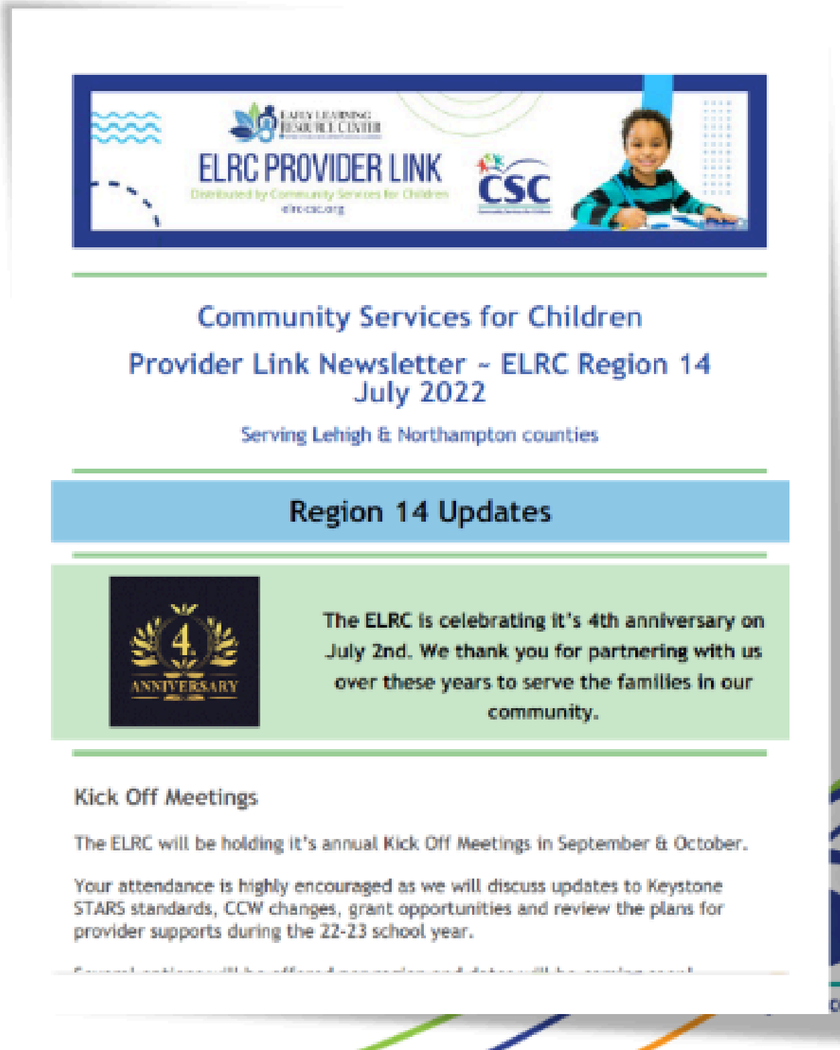
- Training available at no cost. PQAS hours available.
- The National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance is offering a new curriculum series, Strengthening Business Practices for Child Care Programs.
- The training content and activities are designed to strengthen child care providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations.
- The series contains four modules of business practices content:
  - • Budgets, Projections, and Planning
  - • Financial Reports and Internal Controls
  - • Marketing for Child Care Programs
  - • Staff Recruitment and Retention for Center-based Child Care Programs

- **There are two versions of this series: one for center-based providers and one for family child care (based) providers.**
- **Strengthening Business Practice Overview Flyer**
- **Strengthening Business Practice Registration**

ELRC Provider Link

Provider Link newsletter is sent on the first of the month. This newsletter combines alerts regarding CCW updates, Keystone STARS supports, Certification news and other important announcements!

Provider Link is distributed out of Constant Contact. If you would like to add an additional contact to receive the newsletter, email estair@cscinc.org and indicate which regional newsletter you need.



ELRC PROVIDER LINK

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Provider Link Newsletter ~ ELRC Region 14
July 2022

Serving Lehigh & Northampton counties

Region 14 Updates

The ELRC is celebrating it's 4th anniversary on July 2nd. We thank you for partnering with us over these years to serve the families in our community.

Kick Off Meetings

The ELRC will be holding it's annual Kick Off Meetings in September & October.

Your attendance is highly encouraged as we will discuss updates to Keystone STARS standards, CCW changes, grant opportunities and review the plans for provider supports during the 22-23 school year.

Professional Development Organization (PDO)

Purpose:

- Remove cost, other barriers to make higher education possible for many who care for and educate young children in Pennsylvania.
- Move ECE professionals up the career pathway (CDA, AA, BA).
- Provide career advising, facilitate PFA/CPR.
- Ensure accessible programs (translated instruction).
- Bolster ability to attract/retain qualified ECE staff.
- Increase quality of ECE programs (STAR levels).

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PDO Contact Information:

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Community Services for Children



Preparing for Kindergarten Transition and Registration

It's hard to believe, but kindergarten registration will soon occur in Pennsylvania schools. Now is the time to request no-cost transition to kindergarten and early learning materials for families with young children. The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has available several materials to share with families to help during this time. Click here to look at the available materials and place your order today!

Click Here

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Yesenia Velasquez

Keystone STARS Quality Coach
ELRC Region 18

Welcome.

ELRC-18 / Provider Services/ Keystone STARS

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Keystone STARS News

Noticias de Keystone STARS

Reminder to Close CQI Grant Awards

•Providers who received CQI Grant Awards this fiscal year should review the timeline and reporting requirements to close out grants. Final Expense Reports for the CQI Grant Awards have been sent via email and are due back to the ELRC as soon as possible, with 3/28/2025 being the final due date.

•Final Expense Reports can be returned to ELRC18Grant@phmc.org.

•All expenses reported on the Final Expense Report must be incurred between 7/1/2024 - 2/28/2025.

•Please ensure the report is completed accurately and in its entirety before submitting.

•Make sure all contact information is up to date in PELICAN and contact your Quality Coach if you need assistance.
Questions can be directed to ELRC18Grant@phmc.org.

Keystone STARS Certificates

Providers that are in need of a STAR certificate can please reach to your Quality Coach and one will be provided in a timely matter.

Everyday STARS Quality

- Keystone STARS provides a framework for all ECE programs to make quality improvements. Educators are encouraged to think about the Keystone STARS Performance Standards as a tool to support CQI that impacts services to the children and families in their care. Educators can access resources as they strive to make quality practices everyday habits. Whether a STAR 2, STAR 3, or STAR 4 program, the way you choose to demonstrate quality should be part of your everyday practices, not just a designation process. The ELRC 18 Quality Team wants to support you in how you choose to implement quality every day!

- The easiest way to live and breathe the standards is to KNOW the standards! The STARS manual and STARS standards can both be found on the PA Key website. You are encouraged to either bookmark them or print them out and refer to them often! Knowledge is key – you must have a firm understanding of the processes of the system to work within the system.
- Be always prepared!
- Make it a habit to ensure that your PD Registry profile (as well as your staff members' profiles) is up to date.
- Create a system to ensure that program assessments are being conducted annually and CQI goals are being reviewed and updated consistently.
- Use the resources at your disposal, such as the Document Vault, to organize your paperwork and indicator evidence as it happens.
- Complete your applications for Annual Renewals and Designations as soon as you receive the reminder email from your Quality Coach.
- Utilize your Keystone STARS Quality Coaches for resources and advice on how to exhibit high quality in your programs.

The Quality Team can assist in setting up systems that bring your quality goals into everyday operations. Reach out for support!

THANK YOU!

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First Up

Champions for Early Education

Rosanna Matos

Early Learning Program
Engagement Specialist

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Capitol Caravan of First Up & LEJ is May 5, 2025!

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ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EN LA PRÓXIMA CARAVANA DEL CAPITOLIO

First Up, Latinos Educando Juntos y otros socios de Early Learning PA en una visita al Capitolio de PA el lunes 5 de mayo de 2025, para educar a los legisladores sobre la importancia de ECE y la urgencia de establecer fondos adicionales en el próximo año fiscal. Le prepararemos transporte, una carpeta de información para su legislador, traducción y un defensor experimentado para ayudar a dirigir la conversación durante la reunión con su legislador. Todo lo que necesitas hacer es compartir tu historia.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con

Rosanna Matos: *rosanna.matos@firstup.org*
o Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez:
Info@LatinosEducandoJuntos.org

Por qué es importante tu voz:

Los legisladores son responsables de tomar decisiones generales sobre cientos de temas, la mayoría de los cuales no son su área de especialización. Conocer a profesionales de ECE que viven o trabajan en su distrito es una manera poderosa para que aprendan sobre el sistema de ECE y lo que necesita para prosperar.

Únase a nosotros para educar a SU ¡Legisladores por el importante trabajo que realizan!



REGÍSTRESE HOY
https://shorturl.at/xjpYM



Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez

Board President

LEJ CONFERENCE

THIS YEAR'S LEJ CONFERENCE IS TITLED:

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: BREAKING BARRIERS, EMPOWERING VOICES FOR THE FUTURE

Registration will open soon. Follow us on Facebook for updates on when registration begins.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2025, 8:00AM-3:00PM AT ESPERANZA COLLEGE

WITH OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER,

LUISA OLIVO-WOLF, MA

Leading Early Childhood Education Policy & Development



LEJ CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2025,
8:00AM-3:00PM AT
ESPERANZA COLLEGE

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!

Be a Part of the LEJ Conference Team:

- Make a Difference: Support an impactful event that inspires and educates.
- Gain Experience: Build skills and connect with like-minded individuals.
- Network: Meet professionals and expand your connections.

Fill up this form and sign up to volunteer today!

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LEJ CONFERENCE PACKET

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Support our mission and gain visibility among influential attendees. Sponsorship levels include:

- Barrier Breaker $2,500
- Voice Amplifier $1,500
- Future Builder $1,000
- TrailBlazer $500

For full sponsorship details, check out our **Packet** and fill out this Google Form

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EXHIBITOR/ VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

Showcase your products and services to hundreds of attendees. Exhibitor/ Vendor packages include:

- A table and two chairs
- Inclusion in the event program

For full details, check out our **Packet** and reserve your spot by completing this **form**.

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LEJ CONFERENCE

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BECOME A TRAINER!

Are you passionate about early childhood education? We invite trainers to lead the sessions and share their expertise with the attendees. To see the key topics, check out our **packet** and apply by filling out this **Google form**.

BECOME A TRAINER FORM:

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Help Advance Autism Research!

Jefferson
Thomas Jefferson University

Thomas Jefferson University is conducting an IRB-approved study on autism, and we need your insights!

Who Can Participate?

- Parents & caregivers of autistic individuals
- Teachers of autistic students
- Occupational Therapy Practitioners working with autistic children & families

Participants will be paid.

Your voice matters! Join us in shaping a better future for autistic individuals.

Register here:

https://jefferson.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_06tTkc816pXQpRI



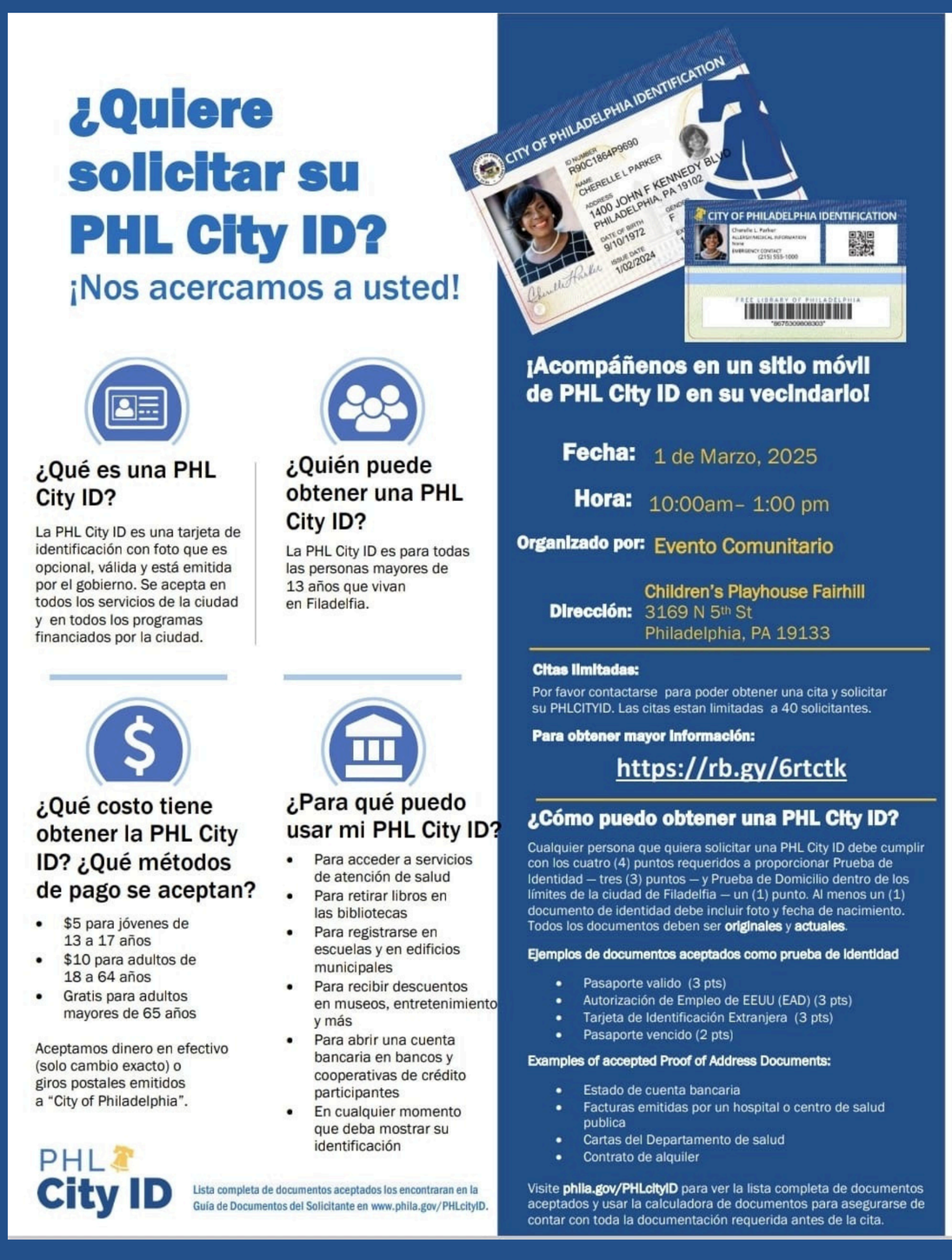
Want to Apply for your PHL City ID?

Scan for more information:

https://rb.gy/6rtctk

Join us for a PHL City ID Mobile Site in Your Neighborhood!

Date: March 1, 2025
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Organized by: Evento Comunitario
Address: Children's Playhouse Fairhill
3169 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19133



¿Quiere solicitar su PHL City ID?

¡Nos acercamos a usted!

¿Qué es una PHL City ID?

La PHL City ID es una tarjeta de identificación con foto que es opcional, válida y está emitida por el gobierno. Se acepta en todos los servicios de la ciudad y en todos los programas financiados por la ciudad.

¿Quién puede obtener una PHL City ID?

La PHL City ID es para todas las personas mayores de 13 años que vivan en Filadelfia.

¿Qué costo tiene obtener la PHL City ID? ¿Qué métodos de pago se aceptan?

- $5 para jóvenes de 13 a 17 años
- $10 para adultos de 18 a 64 años
- Gratis para adultos mayores de 65 años

Aceptamos dinero en efectivo (solo cambio exacto) o giros postales emitidos a "City of Philadelphia".

¿Para qué puedo usar mi PHL City ID?

- Para acceder a servicios de atención de salud
- Para retirar libros en las bibliotecas
- Para registrarse en escuelas y en edificios municipales
- Para recibir descuentos en museos, entretenimiento y más
- Para abrir una cuenta bancaria en bancos y cooperativas de crédito participantes
- En cualquier momento que deba mostrar su identificación

PHL City ID

Lista completa de documentos aceptados los encontraran en la Guía de Documentos del Solicitante en www.phila.gov/PHLcityID.

¡Acompáñenos en un sitio móvil de PHL City ID en su vecindario!

Fecha: 1 de Marzo, 2025

Hora: 10:00am– 1:00 pm

Organizado por: Evento Comunitario

Dirección: Children's Playhouse Fairhill
3169 N 5th St
Philadelphia, PA 19133

Citas limitadas:

Por favor contactarse para poder obtener una cita y solicitar su PHLCITYID. Las citas estan limitadas a 40 solicitantes.

Para obtener mayor información:

https://rb.gy/6rtctk

¿Cómo puedo obtener una PHL City ID?

Cualquier persona que quiera solicitar una PHL City ID debe cumplir con los cuatro (4) puntos requeridos a proporcionar Prueba de Identidad — tres (3) puntos — y Prueba de Domicilio dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Filadelfia — un (1) punto. Al menos un (1) documento de identidad debe incluir foto y fecha de nacimiento. Todos los documentos deben ser **originales** y **actuales**.

Ejemplos de documentos aceptados como prueba de identidad

- Pasaporte valido (3 pts)
- Autorización de Empleo de EEUU (EAD) (3 pts)
- Tarjeta de Identificación Extranjera (3 pts)
- Pasaporte vencido (2 pts)

Examples of accepted Proof of Address Documents:

- Estado de cuenta bancaria
- Facturas emitidas por un hospital o centro de salud publica
- Cartas del Departamento de salud
- Contrato de alquiler

Visite **phila.gov/PHLcityID** para ver la lista completa de documentos aceptados y usar la calculadora de documentos para asegurarse de contar con toda la documentación requerida antes de la cita.

LatinLift Round Table

Subcomité de Abogacía

¡Estamos buscando que los miembros de la familia se involucren!

Centro de atención:
Profundice en los efectos de las políticas de inmigración bajo la nueva administración.

¿Por qué unirse?
Su voz es crucial para abordar los desafíos y oportunidades que la reforma migratoria trae a nuestras familias y comunidades.

Cómo participar:

- Comparta su historia y experiencias de inmigración.
- Participa en discusiones significativas.
- Abogar por políticas de inmigración impactantes.

¡Juntos, podemos amplificar nuestras voces y crear un cambio positivo!

LEJ MONTHLY PROVIDER MEETING 2025 SCHEDULE

JAN 24 — **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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FEB 21 — **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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MAR 14 — **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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APR 18 — **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
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MAY 23 — **FRI, 1:00 – 3:00PM**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErfu2prDMvE9AWHIIEnL_SMf23DywCS5d-



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

Stay Connected

Be the first to be updated! Follow us on Facebook.



Exit Survey

Please take a moment to complete the Exit Survey

Por favor, tómese un momento para completar la Encuesta de Salida



Thank you, everyone!

¡Gracias a todos!

Hope to see you all next month at the LEJ Provider Meeting!
PA'Lante!!