

Early Childhood “Alphabet Soup”

(Abbreviations)

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BCAEYC	Bucks County Association for the Education of Young Children (www.bcaeyc.org)
BCCC	Bucks County Community College
BCIU	Bucks County Intermediate Unit (1-800-770-4822)
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administration
BUILD	project to help PA construct a coordinated system to support children 0-5
CAO	County Assistance Office
CBK	Core Body of Knowledge
CCDBG	Child Care & Development Block Grant
CDA	Child Development Associate (national credential)
CDF	Children’s Defense Fund
CCIS	Child Care Information Service (215-348-1283)
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
DOE	Department of Education
DPE	Department of Public Education
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
DVAEYC	Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
ECAP	Early Childhood Accountability in Pennsylvania
ECELS	Early Childhood Education Linkage System
ECERS	Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
EI	Early Intervention
ERS	Environmental Rating Scale
FDCH	Family Day Care Home
GDCH	Group Day Care Home
ITERS	Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale
IU	Intermediate Unit for Department of Education
L&I	Licenses and Inspections
MAWA	Mutually Agreed upon Written Agreement (EI)
MELC	Montgomery Early Learning Center (SDA for Bucks)
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org)
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care (www.nafcc.org)
NASAC	National Association for School Age Care (www.nasac.org)
NIM	Northwest Interfaith Movement
PACCA	Pennsylvania Child Care Association
PA Pathways	DPW training system (www.papathways.org)
PATTAN	Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network
PCCY	Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
PD	Professional Development
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PDR	Professional Development Record
PennAEYC	Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (www.pennaeyc.org)
PQAS	Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (for PD instruction)
QCCC	Quality Child Care Coalition of Bucks County
OCDEL	Office of Child Development & Early Learning
QUEST	Quality Early Education Through Salaries & Training (www.paQUEST.org)
SACC	School Age Child Care
SACERS	School Age Childcare Rating Scale
SB6	United Way Success By 6
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SEPA SACC	Southeastern PA School Age Child Care Project
SERK	South Eastern Regional Key
STARS	Keystone Standards, Training, Assistance, Resources, and Support To facilitate continuous quality improvement in childcare programs
TA	Technical Assistance
T.E.A.C.H.	Early Childhood Scholarship Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

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