

*Connecting families  
with tools, resources, and support  
to empower every child's journey*



## Creating the link: Partnering with PEI providers

A new school year brings new routines, new experiences, and new people who will play an important role in your child's journey. These may include your child's preschool or child care teacher, special education teacher, therapists, or others who support your child's development.

No matter the role, everyone shares the same goal: helping your child have a successful year of learning and growth. Remember that you are a key member of your child's team. Your insight plays a vital role in linking together your child's experiences at school and at home. You know your child best, and when you share what you know, you strengthen the partnership between home and school.

You don't need to wait for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting to share important information. Your daily input is critical to building the right plan for your child's success. Sometimes, what you notice at home is the missing piece we need to support your child in school.

Have questions about how to start the conversation? Your Early Intervention provider is always happy to hear from you!

### Upcoming Events

**28**  
OCT

**LICC Meeting**  
[More information](#)

**30**  
OCT

**PEI In-Service**  
No Services

**31**  
OCT

**PEI In-Service**  
No Services

**3**  
NOV

**PEI Closed**  
No Services

**4**  
NOV

**PEI Closed**  
No Services

**Thanksgiving Break**  
Nov 26 - Dec 1

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## FAMILY TIPS

### Helping your child have a successful school year

*PEI providers only see your child for a short part of the week. Your updates help!*

#### Share a "snapshot"

Favorite toys, activities, games

Dislikes and calming strategies

Home routines that matter

How your child communicates

#### Share observations

New skills or behaviors

Questions about your child's development

What works and doesn't work at home

#### Discuss goals

What do you hope your child will accomplish this year?

Share your priorities so we can work together toward common goals



## BEHAVIOR BITS

### Building confidence through clear expectations

Children thrive when expectations are clear, simple, and positive—at school, at home, and in the community. Just like other skills, behavior must be taught! When children know what's expected and how to follow through, they feel more confident, successful, and safe.

Families can reinforce this at home by keeping expectations clear and consistent. Together, we can help children grow into confident, caring community members!

#### Contact Alicia Sebastian

Behavior Support Specialist, PEI

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*In school, we teach behavior expectations by:*

- Using simple, child-friendly language
- Showing examples (and non-examples)
- Practicing through songs, visuals, and play
- Giving frequent reminders and praise
- Clearly explaining what behavior looks like during each activity
- Giving frequent reminders and praise



## FAMILY RESOURCES


Empowering families to support every child's success



### Find health coverage for kids.

CHIP provides quality health insurance for children—covering doctor visits, prescriptions, dental and eye care, mental health services, and more. It's for kids without other insurance or Medical Assistance.

*Healthy kids are better students!*

 [CHIPCoversPAKids.com](http://CHIPCoversPAKids.com)

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### Get connected. Get help.

PA 211 is a free, confidential service that connects families to local resources—24/7 and in over 240 languages. Get help with housing, bills, food, child care, and more.



Dial 211



Text your zip code to 898-211



[pa211.org](http://pa211.org)



## PARENT TO PARENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Parent to Parent links families with shared experiences to provide encouragement and support. No parent should feel alone.



1-888-727-2706



[parenttoparent.org](http://parenttoparent.org)

### For assistance with resources, contact Marsha Androsik

Preschool Service Coordinator for Family Support



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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### Procedural Safeguards

You can find the Procedural Safeguards anytime in your Parent Library on Keep Current, or request a copy from our office. If you have questions or concerns about your child's services, talk with your child's teacher or therapist—or call our office to connect with a PEI Supervisor.

### Contact PEI



412-394-5986



[PEI website](#)



## GET CONNECTED

Creating a stronger link between home and school



### Early Intervention Technical Assistance Portal (EITA)

EITA supports families statewide by strengthening the quality of Early Intervention services through training and resources.



[Subscribe to PA Early Ed News](#)



[View upcoming live learning events](#)

### Keep Current

Stay connected with your child's PEI services on Keep Current. Access IEPs and evaluation reports, review session notes, and sign forms. Need help logging in? Contact your child's team.



[mykeepcurrent.com](http://mykeepcurrent.com)

## Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

The Pittsburgh/Allegheny County LICC is a group of families, professionals, and community members working together to make Early Intervention services the best they can be for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. All families and professionals with an interest in Early Intervention are welcome.



412-689-5849



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Visit the [LICC Website](#) to register for meetings

### Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 28

Tuesday, January 27

Tuesday, March 24

Tuesday, May 26

## Pennsylvania State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

The SICC is a Governor-appointed council that partners with the Departments of Health, Education, and Human Services to make sure Early Intervention services are available and coordinated for infants, toddlers, and young children with developmental needs—and their families.



To receive updates and register for meetings, email [RA-PWSICC@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWSICC@pa.gov)

### Family Meet & Greet

First Thursday of every other month, 11:30-12:30  
[More information](#)