

Contact Information

Day Care Centers

☆☆	Koss's Child Care Center	885-6493
☆☆	ABC (Always Bettering Children)	834-2115
☆	Lil Critters Day Care	834-3918
☆☆	Ridgway YMCA Child Care	772-2355

Family Day Care Homes

	Rita Miller	265-0546
	Debbie Charles	787-4289
	Mary King	965-2039
	Ginger Schreiber	965-5228
	Janine Emerick	772-0515
	Susan Klase	772-6487
	Shawna Konopko	772-3419
☆☆	Marguerite Hanes	834-1249
☆☆	Edith Schatz	781-7364
	Carla Leta	834-5277
	Vicki Mazzaferro	834-1736
	Phyllis Dippold	965-2888
	Shirley Scolari	834-7385
☆	Nicole Imbrogno	965-3383

Group Day Care Home

	Virginia Schreiber	965-5228
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School Based Preschools

	St. Boniface School	885-8093
	St. Leo School	772-9775
	St. Marys Catholic	834-4169

Private Preschools

	Agape' Preschool	781-7445
	FUMC— First United Methodist Church Preschool	834-3016
	Wesleyan Church	787-7205

Head Start

	NTCAC (St. Marys)	781-7776
	NTCAC (Johnsonburg)	965-5627
	NTCAC (Ridgway)	772-4030

Early Intervention

	Seneca Highlands IU9—Early Intervention Age 3-5	887-5512
	Cameron/Elk Birth-3	772-8016

Parenting Programs

	Dickinson's Parents As Teachers	834-2602
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Financial Help is available through Child Care Works

The CCIS assists qualifying parents with the cost of child care using a sliding scale based on family size and monthly income. Applications and locations of licensed and registered providers are available on-line at www.compass.state.pa.us. In addition, information on choosing quality child care, opening a child care facility and state regulations is available upon request.

Please contact CCIS at 800-638-4670.

Keystone STARS

Keystone STARS—Improving the quality through

- Standards
- Training/ Professional Development
- Assistance
- Resources and
- Support

Keystone STARS is an initiative of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of child care facilities in Pennsylvania.

The Keystone STARS Performance Standards provide the foundation for the program. The Performance Standards are grouped into four levels: STAR 1, STAR 2, STAR 3, and STAR 4

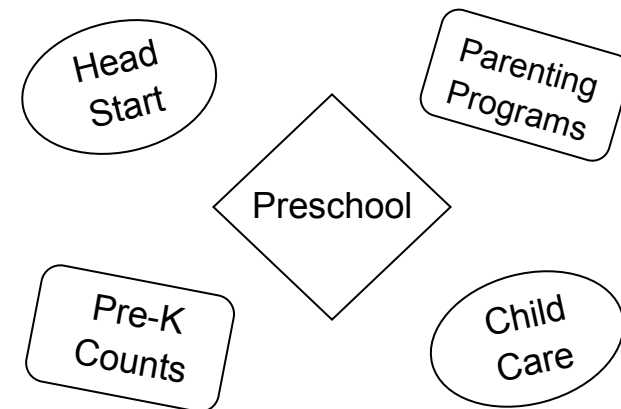


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Early Childhood Program Directory

Elk County



Early Learning Opportunities ... Something for Everyone!

Why early learning is important for every child

Quality early learning is crucial to our children's intellectual, social, and emotional development. The benefits that children and families experience from quality early learning opportunities extend to all of our communities, making it possible for parents to work and build a stable family structure for their children. In addition, by increasing our children's success in school and in life we will create a stronger workforce and tax base.

"Experts tell us that 90% of all brain development occurs by the age of five. If we don't begin thinking about education in the early years, our children are at risk of falling behind by the time they start Kindergarten."

- Robert L. Ehrlich

Child Care

Child Care Centers: A child care center is a facility in which seven or more children unrelated to the operator receive child care services. A child day care center must have a certificate of compliance (license) from DPW in order to operate.

Family Day Care Homes: A family day care home is a facility in which four, five or six children unrelated to the operator receive child care services. A family care home must be located in a home and must have a certificate of registration from DPW in order to operate.

Group Child Care Homes: A group care home is a facility in which seven to 12 children unrelated to the operator receive child care services. A group day care home must have a certificate of compliance (license) from DPW in order to operate.

Preschool

PA Pre-K Counts: Pa Pre-K Counts was established by the Pa Department of Education to bring quality pre-K to 3 and 4 year olds.

Head Start: Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Private Preschools: Vary widely in their setting, format, and educational philosophy. They may meet all-day or half-day, either every day or just a few days per week. They may be sponsored by a church, operate as an independent non-profit, or run for profit.

School Based Preschools: Administered by many school districts to prepare children for kindergarten

Parenting Programs

Parents As Teachers: Parents as Teachers work with parents during the critical early years of their children's lives, from conception to kindergarten.

Early Intervention

Early Intervention: The Pennsylvania Early Intervention program provides support and services to families with children birth to age five with developmental delays and disabilities. Early intervention builds upon the natural learning opportunities that occur within the daily routines of a child and their family.