

Contact Information

Financial help is through Child Care Works

Early Childhood
Program Directory

Potter County

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Day Care Centers

★ Alliance Day Care and Learning Center	274-7273
Coudersport Elementary School	274-8055
Montessori Children's House	274-8350

Family Day Care Homes

☆☆☆☆ Patricia Stebbins	274-0935
Janice Keaton	435-2440
Nancy Bice	848-9767
Cheri Kio	544-7726
Kathleen Brown	274-8704
April Rukgaber	435-8233
Calee Phelps	274-7028
Gloria Henderson	697-6093

Pre- K Counts

Austin Area SD.	274-8055
Northern Potter Elementary School	848-7563
Galeton	435-6571

School Based Preschools

Austin Area SD.	274-8055
Oswayo Valley	679-7175

Private Preschools

Parks Arc Methodist Preschool	274-9365
Lutheran Preschool	274-8164
Alliance Preschool Program	274-7273
Montessori Preschool	274-8350

Head Start

NTCAC (Coudersport)	274-7017
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Early Intervention

Seneca Highlands IU9 Early Intervention Age 3-5	887-5512
PCHS Birth-3	800-800-2560

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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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

Early Learning Opportunities... Something for Everyone

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.