

## Membership Information

Name:

Organization/Program:

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### Committee Interest (check one):

City Policy Committee

Works to improve child care quality in Philadelphia by eliminating structural barriers to licensed care, ensuring child safety, monitoring the city's quality care capacity and coordinating stakeholders' efforts.

Provider Committee

Focuses on issues of immediate concern to providers, including improving the administration of the subsidy system, advocating for publicly-funded health insurance and support for early care and education.

State Budget/Policy Committee

Advocates for commitment at the state level to increase access to quality early childhood education.

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### **2012 - 2013 General Membership Meetings will be held on:**

October 11, 2012  
December 13, 2012  
February 14, 2013  
April 11, 2013  
June 13, 2013

Meetings will be held at United Way,  
1706 Benjamin Franklin Parkway,  
Philadelphia

### **Membership**

Membership is free and open to any individual or agency that provides child care or early education services, including family, group or center-based child care programs, Head Start, early intervention or school age programs and to agencies or organizations that work with, support or advocate for early care and education.

## Southeastern Pennsylvania Early Childhood Coalition

# SEPECC

Advancing quality early  
care and education in  
Bucks, Chester,  
Delaware, Montgomery  
and Philadelphia  
Counties

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## Why do we need a regional child care coalition?

Almost 140,000 children in Southeastern Pennsylvania spend all or part of their day in child care. Quality child care programs improve school readiness and foster a child's development. The early childhood coalition unites the early childhood community in Southeastern Pennsylvania to advocate for high quality child care.

## What is the Southeastern Pennsylvania Early Childhood Coalition?

The SEPECC is a coalition of early education advocates, child care and Head Start providers and early care support agencies that was created to promote issues, exchange information and coordinate public policy and public support for early care and education in the five counties Southeastern Pennsylvania area.

## Why should you join the Coalition today?

In addition to networking with other child care advocates and staying informed, having a voice in child care policy will be critical in 2012-2013. With a weak recovery and state and federal deficits – along with government's unwillingness to find additional revenues – we must work together to advocate for budgets that maintain early childhood education in this region, and prevent cuts to core programs that could affect a generation of young children.

## Mission

To ensure that children and families in Southeast Pennsylvania have access to high quality, affordable and well-resourced early education programs.

## Objectives

- Create a strong, unified and amplified voice for promoting public policy and advocacy on behalf of early care and education at the local, state and national levels.
- Develop a broad and inclusive local network of early care and education stakeholders.
- Provide a forum to share information, identify issues and form policy about regional, state and national issues affecting early care and education.
- Educate the public about the need for quality early care and education.
- Integrate the knowledge, interests and expertise of organizations that support and deliver early care and education services in the region.

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Montgomery • Philadelphia**

## Recent Activities

In 2011-2012, the Coalition advocated to preserve state funding for early learning through Keystone STARS, Head Start, Pre-K Counts, child care subsidy, and funds to school districts.

SEPECC briefed numerous local and state officials on policies that will increase access to quality early care and education.

Members organized activities to educate state and federal policymakers about child care and early learning issues.

## Policy Agenda 2012-2013

Preserve state support for early childhood education quality and access through:

- Subsidized child care for low-income working families
- Pre-K Counts
- Keystone STARS
- Head Start Supplemental Assistance

Eliminate barriers to child care licensing and secure child safety

Increase Philadelphia's commitment to quality care for all children at risk

Support providers' efforts to improve working conditions that impact quality care