

Seeking Family Voices!



Pennsylvania families are needed to support future early childhood teachers. By sharing your experience with faculty at local colleges and universities you can have an impact! Research shows early childhood teachers benefit from hearing family perspectives on how programs such as childcare, Pre-K Counts, and Head Start partner with families. This is an opportunity to support the development of strong and effective family/professional partnerships!

Who we are looking for:

- PA family members of children (age 0-5) who are currently in childcare, Head Start, or Pre-K Counts. (Looking for families from all areas of PA.)
- Specifically looking for families with diverse identity experiences such as LGBTQIA+, disability, receiving Early Intervention services in inclusive settings, race, ethnicity, and multilingual backgrounds.
- No prior experience with public speaking or sharing your experiences necessary. You will have the support you need to be successful!

What you need to do to be involved:

- [Complete application by July 9](#)
- Participate in a full day virtual training on Aug. 10, 2021.
- Commit to provide 3-5 hours to support early childhood college students and coursework between August 2021 to May 2022.

Example activities could include: record videos of family routines and/or your family story,

This initiative is supported by Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning, through the Parents as Partners in Professional Development (P3D) initiative and the Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organizations (ECE PDO).



Supports Provided to Families:

- Honorarium of \$25.00 per hour for your time.*
- Reimbursement for travel and childcare costs *
- Individualized support from training staff to be successful in partnering with college/university staff and students.
- An opportunity to develop a resume that outlines the skills, knowledge and experiences you have gained from your parenting journey.

* Honorarium and reimbursements subject to guidelines and submission of forms developed by the program.

Application Deadline is July 9, 2021

Click on [application hyperlink](#) or go to: <http://bit.ly/P3DPDOapp>

We can only accept 20 family members at this time. In the event that we have more applicants than are able to support, a selection committee will review applications based upon the priorities of the project, which include ensuring diverse family voices are represented.

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Questions??

A [pre-application webinar](#) will be held on June 30, 2021 from 10:00-11:00 am. This will be a chance to ask questions and learn more about the project before you apply.

Note: This is optional and registration is not necessary. Join via this zoom link on June 30, at 10:00 am

<https://paiu.zoom.us/j/96945271767>