

Getting To Know PA Pre-K Counts Webinar Series *Grant Basics*

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Meeting Topics

- Locating Resources
- Available Data
- PKC Program Authority
- Eligible Provider Types
- Grant Cycle
- Must-Do's Before Applying

Resources

Websites:

- The Pennsylvania Key (www.pakeys.org)
- [PDE Website](#)
- Provider Self-Service (www.pelican.state.pa.us/provider)

- PA PD Registry [Registry - Event Search \(papdregistry.org\)](http://papdregistry.org)

**Grant Writing 101

Communication:

- Penn Link (school districts)
- [PA Early Ed News](#)

Monitoring, Support, Coaching:

- Preschool Program Specialist
- Contact Curt Gussler to connect with the specialist in your area
curgus@pakeys.org

Publicly Available Data

- Open Data Portal - data.pa.gov | [PA Open Data Portal](#)
 - Child Care Provider (monthly)
 - Child Care Works Wait List (monthly)
 - Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance (quarterly)
 - Home Visiting and Family Support Services (quarterly)
- PA Early Learning Dashboards - [Early Learning Dashboards \(pa.gov\)](#)
 - Child Care Certification and Keystone STARS Rating Details
 - Child Care Works
 - Early Intervention
 - Family Support Programs
 - Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance – Eligible and Served
 - Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance – Funded Slots and Children Served
 - Child Care Early Learning Program Provider Locations
- COMPASS - [COMPASS HHS Home \(state.pa.us\)](#)
- Early Learning Data References - <https://www.pakeys.org/getting-started/research-and-results/>
- Future Ready Index- [Find a School - Future Ready PA Index](#)

PKC Program Authority

- Act 45: 1511
 - School Code: Regulations 450
 - [PKC-Regs-2022-FINAL.pdf \(pcdn.co\)](#)
 - Grant Contract
 - Policy Announcements
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Eligible Applicant Types

- STAR 3 and STAR 4 Child Care Providers
- Head Start Providers (Federal Grant Recipients)
- School Districts
- Private Licensed Nursery School Providers
- Third Party Entity
 - Services provided by an eligible provider through partnership

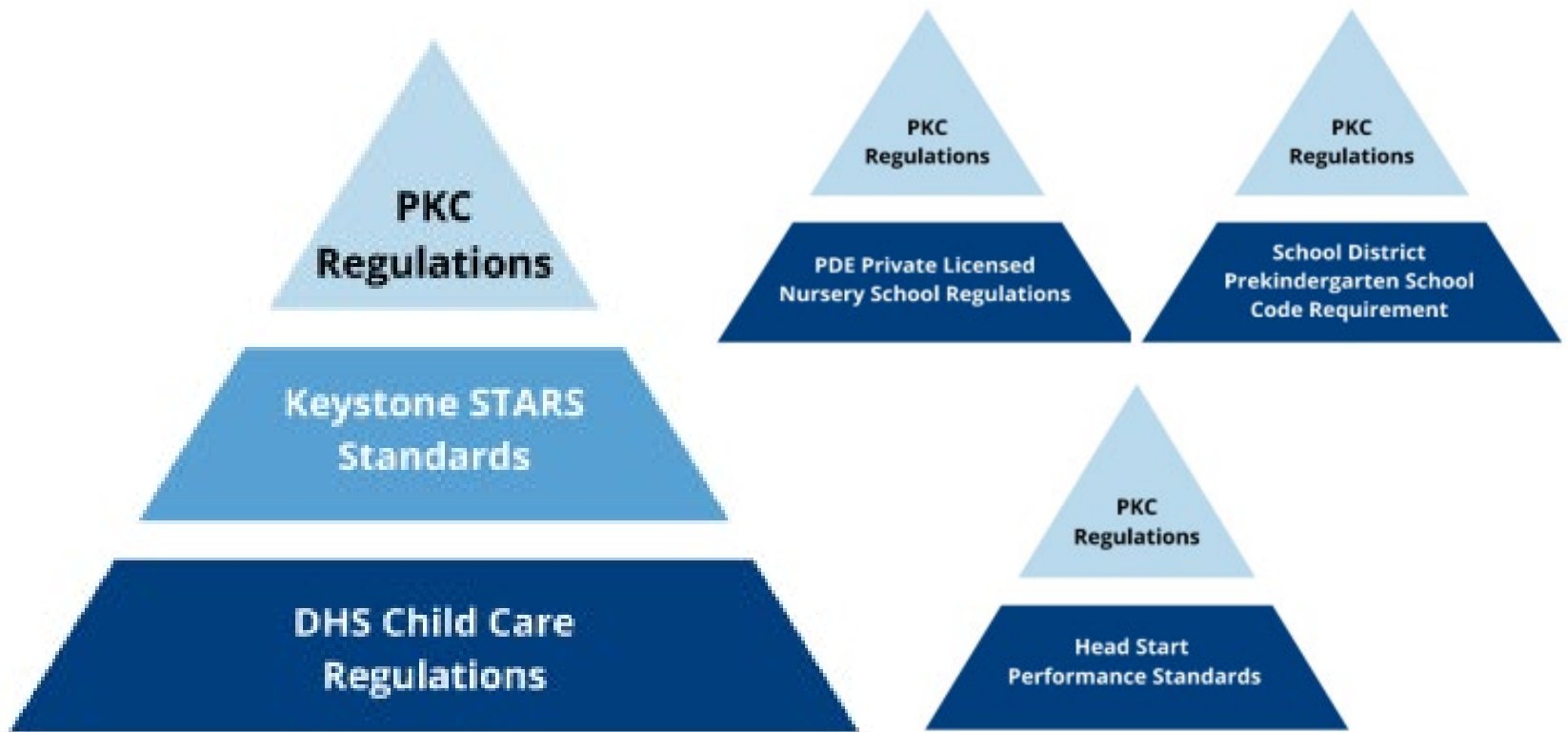
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Eligible Provider Types

- Applicant must meet eligibility requirements at time of application submission
- Providers must maintain their provider type status as a grantee
- Grant implementation builds on provider type, guided by the PA Pre-K Counts statute, regulations, and school code.

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Grant Cycle

- PA Pre-K Counts grants go through a rebid process every 5 years; the last time being 2018
 - All grantees, regardless of tenure in the program, must reapply
 - One year grant, with option for 4 renewal years (no expectation of COLA)
 - This affords the opportunity to stay aligned with community needs throughout the commonwealth
 - The process also assures continued alignment with statutory priorities
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Before You Apply:

- Applicant Eligibility
 - Clearance of any CRP Blocks (ongoing throughout the process)
 - Attainment of an Administrative Unit Number (AUN)/ EDNA
 - Establish a Local Security Administrator (LSA) in myPDESuite
 - SAP Vendor Number
 - Electronic Signature (preferred and recommended)
 - A word about MPI
 - Community Needs Assessment (topic for our next webinar)
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