**GROUP CHILD CARE HOME**
Care and education provided for up to 12 children in a home or commercial setting that is state certified by OCDEL.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL**
A school that provides pre-kindergarten programming (may be funded privately or publicly).

**PRIVATE SCHOOL**
A school that provides pre-kindergarten programming (funded by the individual family or school).

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**
Keystone STARS is Pennsylvania’s quality rating and improvement system. NAEYC, NAFCC, and NECPA accreditation are voluntary private-pay national initiatives. The ELRCs offer access to information, services, and resources to promote high-quality early childhood education. Quality Coaches provide support and technical assistance to programs working to build quality.

**EARLY INTERVENTION**
System of publicly-funded services for children, birth to age five with developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention supports and services are embedded in typical routines and activities, within the family, community, and/or early care and education settings.

**HOME VISITING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
Home visiting services give parents and others raising children the support necessary to improve their health, safety, literacy, and economic self-sufficiency. Trained professionals visit women, families, and children to provide parent education and support, in order to promote child well-being and development. The six evidence-based home visiting models in PA include: Early Head Start; The Family Check-Up; Healthy Families America; Nurse-Family Partnership; Parents as Teachers; and SafeCare Augmented.

**CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)**
CACFP provides aid for the provision of nutritious foods for children birth through school age.

**CHILD CARE WORKS**
Federal and state-supported child care subsidies are provided to income-eligible families (200% of poverty), who either work or attend school or training programs and pay a co-pay. Subsidies are paid directly to a provider in a home, child care center, or community-based setting.

**HEAD START**
Federally-funded comprehensive early childhood education program supplemented by state investment (Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program, HSSAP). Infant/toddler and pre-kindergarten opportunities at no cost to income-eligible families (100% of poverty). Children with developmental delays or disabilities, or English as a Second Language learners may also qualify. Programs are found in homes, child care centers, schools, and community-based settings.

**PRE-K COUNTS**
State-supported high-quality pre-kindergarten opportunities at no cost to income-eligible families (300% of poverty). Children with developmental delays or disabilities, or English as a Second Language learners may also qualify. Pre-K Counts classrooms are found in child care centers and schools.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**
School districts allocate funds from their general fund to support their pre-kindergarten programs.

**PRIVATELY FUNDED BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN**
User-funded programming often provided by a non-profit, for-profit, religious organization, or university.

**BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN FUNDING**

* Families can visit their local ELRC for assistance with finding child care or determining if they are eligible for subsidy.