



Call for Presenters for the OCDEL/Pennsylvania Key Annual Meeting for PreK Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance

The Pennsylvania Key is seeking presenters to share their expertise and inspiration at our annual grantee meeting on March 23rd and 24th, 2022. We are planning an in-person event at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. There is a possibility that we will switch to a remote format, but that is not the plan at this time. Attendees will be administrators and/or lead teachers from each of our PreK Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance teams. We are planning to record each session, at least by audio, for those who are unable to attend. Participants will be able to select up to three workshops live and have access to all others for one month afterward. It is our hope that participants will leave with some ideas to re-invigorate them and to see their curriculum in a new light.

Our theme this year is: **Inspiring Everyday Learning: Thinking Beyond the Book**

Our Keynote speaker is Sonia Manzano – otherwise known as Maria from Sesame Street!

We believe that curriculum goes beyond academic preparation and encompasses everything the child experiences throughout their time in an early childhood program. Strong curriculum is responsive to the needs of children. We are seeking a variety of sessions which will help participants think about how to provide the most beneficial experiences for their students and how to make the best use of their chosen curricula.

Ideally, these learning opportunities for our grantees would be delivered through an equity lens and will help spark creativity, problem solving and other 21st century skills. They should be based on research and able to be connected to Pennsylvania's Early Learning Standards.

Individuals, teams, and panel discussions are welcome!

All workshops should be 1.5 hours. If a longer time is needed, please submit as two separate workshops, and indicate that they should be taken together (Session 1, Session 2, etc.) Application deadline is December 10th, 2021.

We have selected general topics and are looking for presentations in the areas listed below. Some questions and ideas are listed with each topic to guide your thoughts.

If you are interested and able to join us, please submit the application below for consideration. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity for our providers, and hope that you are too.

We can offer a stipend or payment for presenters. If you have a fee, please list below, and include whether you will need a hotel room. You may request the cost of the room in your fee. (Kalahari is charging \$149+ taxes and fees per night)

You will be notified by December 17th whether you've been selected to present. If selected, you will receive an information packet with more specific information about the event shortly after the new year.



Possible presentation topics:

- Curriculum
 - What it is. What it isn't
 - Adapting and modifying curriculum for individual needs
- Family Engagement
 - Involving families in meaningful ways
- Relationships as an integral part of the curriculum
- Loose parts
- Incorporating nature into everyday learning
- Addressing academics through a social emotional lens (such as kindness, collaboration, initiative, citizenship, workmanship, adaptability, cultural competence, resourcefulness, flexibility, resilience, making friends, or social awareness)
- Play
 - What does play look like in an effective ECE classroom?
 - How does play-based curriculum support children's learning?
- Helping children drive the curriculum (building curriculum based on children's interests)
- Meeting children and families where they are, not where you want them to be.
- Curriculum Resources for enhancement
 - Using your community, supplemental or other resources to enhance your curriculum
- Transitions in the classroom
 - Effective transitions between activities and how to weave them into schedule/routines
- Environment
 - Using classroom assessment tools to create a positive learning environment
 - Environment as the third teacher
 - Setting up a classroom for maximum learning opportunities.
- Social Emotional
 - Intentionally planning for children's social emotional skills through knowledge of children's brain development
 - Promoting teacher wellness in challenging times
- Onboarding and growing teachers through innovations such as peer learning circles, coaching, and intentional reflection as tools to promote children's everyday learning
- Incorporating technology as a learning tool
- Breakout specifically for elementary principals (request by principal)
 - For those who have PreK Classrooms and may not have a strong knowledge about what it should look like or what is developmentally appropriate.

Please complete and return the application below.



**APPLICATION for presentation at Annual Grantee Meeting
March 23rd and 24th, 2022**

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| Presenter Name(s): | | | |
| Title/Agency: | | | |
| Expertise/Background (please briefly describe your experience as it relates to your proposed workshop) | | | |
| Workshop Title: | | | |
| PA Core Knowledge Competencies (if known) | | | |
| Summary of workshop Please provide a summary of the workshop content and up to three workshop objectives. | | | |
| Objective 1 | | | |
| Objective 2 | | | |
| Objective 3 | | | |
| Presentation Experience Please provide a short summary of your experience in presenting (group size, audience, etc.) | | | |
| Willing to present | March 23 rd | AM Yes No | PM Yes No |
| | March 24 th | AM Yes No | ----- |
| | Are you able to present more than one time if needed? | | |
| | March 23 rd | Yes No | |
| | March 24 th | Yes No | |
| Technology Are you able to provide your own technology if needed? (laptop, projector) | | | |
| Fee Is there a fee for your presentation? | Yes No Please provide details: | | |
| Travel/Lodging | Will you charge travel expenses? Will you need a room for 1 night 2 nights? | | |
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| Is there anything else we need to know? | |
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Please submit by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th to Cyndi McAleer (cymca@pakeys.org)

Thank you for your interest!