

## ***Announcing PA Pre-K Counts Bidders Meetings and TA Teleconferences***

The Governor's 2009-10 budget proposal includes additional funds for PA Pre-K Counts to expand families' access to high quality pre-kindergarten. It is anticipated that an estimated 1050 children will be added through both new applicants' service delivery and expansion of current PA Pre-K Counts programs. Eligible new applicants are invited to participate in Bidders Meetings and TA sessions to find out more about the application process and program requirements. Additional information can be found on the PA Keys website at [www.pakeys.org](http://www.pakeys.org).

### **Program Application Deadlines:**

- February 24, 2009** eGrants applications will be open for **New Grants**. Applicants for New Grants may contact the eGrants Help Desk at 717-783-6683 or one of the individuals listed in Section E.
- March 9, 2009** Letter of Intent for New Grantees is due.
- April 27, 2009** Deadline for eGrants applications for New Grants
- July 1, 2009** Projected Announcement of Approved New Grants. Funds will only be available contingent on the approval of the 2009-10 budget by the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Notification** of grant funds cannot occur until the budget has been passed by the General Assembly.

### **Bidders Meetings**

Staff from OCDEL will be available to answer questions and provide guidance and technical assistance to potential applicants for New Grants on the application process and program requirements. A Partner in a current PA Pre-K Counts Partnership that is not planning to continue in the Partnership but plans to apply to continue as a PA Pre-K Counts provider should attend the meeting for New Applicants.

Please bring a copy of the Guidance with you to the Bidders' Meeting. It is available at [www.pakeys.org](http://www.pakeys.org). To RSVP and register for a meeting, please fill out the registration form in Appendix C and fax it to Amber Steich at 717-213-0584 or email to [ambste@berksiu.org](mailto:ambste@berksiu.org) by the **March 10, 2009 deadline**.

These Bidders Conferences will be held on March 13, 2009. There will be a morning (9:30 - 11:30) and an afternoon (1:30 – 3:30) presentation on that date in each of the 3 locations listed below to maximize convenience for potential applicants.

[Harrisburg PaTTAN](#)  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112

[Pittsburgh PaTTAN](#)  
3190 William Pitt Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

King of Prussia PaTTAN  
300 Anderson Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

### **Technical Assistance (TA) Teleconferences**

Staff from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) will host a series of Technical Assistance (TA) calls during the application period. These calls are scheduled for the following dates:

- Licensed Nursery School – March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Child Care – March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Head Start – March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00 am
- School District – March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Program Technical Assistance (*Registration Deadline March 6, 2009*)** *Dial in information will be provided after your registration form (Attachment C) is received.*

### **Individual Assistance and General Information**

We encourage applicants to seek individual assistance from OCDEL in completing the application. Your questions are likely to differ based on what kind of entity you are. Specific questions that may relate to the characteristics of your provider type or that require a specialized knowledge of your type of provider should be directed as follows:

#### **School Districts**

Linda Brown Warren  
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Phone: 717-346-4036

#### **Keystone STARS Child Care Programs**

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Phone: 717-213-2065      E-mail: [demathias@state.pa.us](mailto:demathias@state.pa.us)  
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#### **Head Start Grantees**

Tracey Campanini  
E-Mail: [tracam@berksiu.org](mailto:tracam@berksiu.org)  
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#### **Licensed Nursery Schools**

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***Please note the Registration Date for Bidders Meetings has been extended to Tuesday March 10, 2009.***