

Early Childhood “Alphabet Soup”
(Abbreviations)

AA in ECE	Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AGS	Assistant Group Supervisor
BA or BS	Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree
BCAEYC	Bucks County Association for the Education of Young Children (www.bcaeyc.org)
BCCC	Bucks County Community College
BCIU	Bucks County Intermediate Unit (1-800-770-4822)
BKC	Better Kid Care (through Penn State Coop Extension)
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administration
BUILD	project to help PA construct a coordinated system to support children 0-5
CACFP	Child/Adult Care Food Program
CAO	County Assistance Office
CBK	Core Body of Knowledge
CCDBG	Child Care & Development Block Grant
CCIS	Child Care Information Service (Apple 215-348-1283)
CDA	Child Development Associate (national credential)
CDF	Children’s Defense Fund
CEG	Community Engagement Group (QCCC)
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
DOE	Department of Education
DPE	Department of Public Education
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
DVAEYC	Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
ECAP	Early Childhood Accountability in Pennsylvania
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECELS	Early Childhood Education Linkage System
ECERS	Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
EI	Early Intervention
ELN	Early Learning Network
ERS	Environmental Rating Scale
FDCH	Family Day Care Home
FPD	Facility Professional Development Plan
GDCH	Group Day Care Home
GS	Group Supervisor
ITERS	Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IU	Intermediate Unit for Department of Education

L&I	Licenses and Inspections
MAWA	Mutually Agreed upon Written Agreement (EI)
MELC	Montgomery Early Learning Center (SDA for Bucks)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org)
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care (www.nafcc.org)
NASAC	National Association for School Age Care (www.nasac.org)
NIM	Northwest Interfaith Movement
OUNCE	ECE Functional Assessment tool – Infants/Toddlers
PACCA	Pennsylvania Child Care Association
PA Key	Pennsylvania Keys to Quality (www.pakey.org)
PACCA	Pennsylvania Child Care Association
PATTAN	Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network
PCCY	Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
PD	Professional Development
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PDR	Professional Development Record
PennAEYC	Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (www.pennaeyc.org)
PKC	Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts
PQAS	Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (for PD instruction)
QCCC	Quality Child Care Coalition of Bucks County
OCDEL	Office of Child Development & Early Learning
QUEST	Quality Early Education Through Salaries & Training (www.paQUEST.org)
RFP	Request for Proposal
SACC	School Age Child Care
SACERS	School Age Childcare Rating Scale
SB6	United Way Success By 6
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SEPA SACC	Southeastern PA School Age Child Care Project
SERK	South Eastern Regional Key
STARS	Keystone Standards, Training, Assistance, Resources, and Support To facilitate continuous quality improvement in childcare programs
TA	Technical Assistance
T.E.A.C.H.	Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (Early Childhood Scholarship Program)
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
WSS	Work Sampling System – PA PreK Assessment Tool

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