

Behavioral Help for Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania to Prevent Suspension & Expulsion

Pennsylvania early childhood programs are committed to reducing and eliminating the use of exclusionary discipline practices (suspension and expulsion).

Is your child at-risk of losing their place in a Pennsylvania Early Childhood Program due to challenging behavior?



Information for Families

Contact your Early Learning Resource Center

Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs) are the hub of child care information in your area. ELRCs provide information on quality child care and personalized child care referrals to child care providers based on your specific needs or preferences.

Find your ELRC at
[raiseyourstar.org](https://www.raiseyourstar.org)

Call the Child Care Works Helpline
1-877-4-PA-KIDS

PA Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Attend Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Virtual Office Hours

IECMH Virtual Office Hours is a short-term, collaborative, problem-solving conversation to help you find next steps for: Child Social-Emotional Concerns | Child Behavioral or Developmental Concerns. [Register for Virtual Office Hours.](#)

Request Expulsion/Suspension Support

[Complete this form](#) or call 1-800-284-6031 to request support for children who are at high risk of being suspended or expelled due to behavioral or health challenges.

Do you have developmental concerns for your child?

Contact Early Intervention Program directly and request an evaluation. CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288 or email help@connectpa.net

Does your child have an IEP or IFSP?

A team meeting must be requested before any suspension and/or expulsion may occur.
Contact your Early Intervention Program directly and request a meeting.

Behavioral Health Services

If behavioral concerns are persistent, contact your local [Children's Behavioral Health Specialist](#) (i.e., CASSP, System of Care, Children's Coordinator, etc.) and request services.

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania

[Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania](#) connects families of children and adults with a disability or special need to a Peer Supporter (mentor) for purposes of emotional support and information.

PA Families Inc. (PFI)

[PA Families Inc. \(PFI\)](#) is a Statewide Family Network providing support to families raising children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and special needs, as well as serving as an advocate in the different child serving systems.

PA Parent and Family Alliance

[PA Parent and Family Alliance](#) provides 1-on-1 support to parents and caregivers whose children (including those 18+) may be experiencing social, emotional, behavioral and/or mental health struggles, including learning and attention issues and substance use disorders. Even if you're not sure what's going on with your child, reach out.