

Pennsylvania School-Age Professional Credential



The **Pennsylvania School-Age Professional Credential** (SAPC) is administered by the Pennsylvania Key through the six Regional Keys. It was developed to promote quality services for children and families by providing specific standards, professional development, and evaluation of school-age practitioners. This credential is recognized in the Keystone STARS Continuous Quality Improvement System as meeting Level III on the Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality Career Lattice.

The **PA School-Age Professional Credential** is modeled after the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. Candidates participating in the SAPC process must:

- Meet eligibility requirements which include working in a Department of Public Welfare regulated facility providing service to school-age children (5-12 years-old); a high school diploma or GED credential; and have worked 480 hours with school-age children.
- Demonstrate 120 hours of coursework addressing the thirteen (13) Functional Areas.
- Collect information to include the following:

Portfolio – contains an autobiographical statement, a program description, and three written examples of his/her competence in each of 13 Functional Areas.

Resource File - A collection of thirty-three (33) resource items. These items are not to duplicate items in the *Portfolio*.

Observations – Three observations of the Candidate are conducted [by Advisor, Parent Community/Representative and SAPC Assessor] while working with children of this age group.

Family Questionnaires - The Candidate must coordinate with the Parent/Community Representative the distribution and collection of family questionnaires.

- Submit an application for Local Assessment Review Meeting. Application is submitted to the PA Key, 200 N. Third St., Harrisburg, PA 17101. PA Key assigns a SAPC Assessor to conduct the Local Assessment Review Meeting, an on-site assessment.
- Participate in a Local Assessment Review Meeting. The Candidate and the SAPC Assessor meet to review and discuss the information collected about the Candidate. The SAPC Assessor will conduct an observation of and interview with the Candidate. The Candidate has an opportunity to orally present his/her learning as demonstrated in their *Portfolio* and *Resource File* through an interview process.

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