

# INFANT TODDLER CONTRACTED SLOTS

## Program Expansion FY 2019-2020

Last year, \$2 million of federal funding was utilized to fund a pilot program serving Child Care Works eligible infants and toddlers via contracted slots. The Governor's 2019-20 budget includes \$15 million to expand the Infant Toddler Contracted Slots program to serve more eligible children. The Infant Toddler Contracted Slots Program builds upon the already established infrastructure of the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (PA PKC) Program model. PA PKC has been in existence since 2007 and provides high quality pre-kindergarten services to eligible children. Building an infant toddler focused program with established PA PKC programs will allow continued focus on quality programming while building strong transitions from infant-toddler to pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Child care providers from across the commonwealth are encouraged to apply for the 980 expansion Infant Toddler Contract slots. Eligible providers must currently serve PA Pre-K Counts funded children and have an established infant/toddler program.



**Application due by Monday, September 9, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.**

**To learn more visit:** <http://bit.ly/ITCS-RFA>

## ELRC Role

- Remind eligible providers to apply (especially those in areas where there are high CCW waitlists).
- Provide, at minimum, contact information for one point person at each ELRC for this project. This contact person will be included in the decision making process and reliable contact information is needed.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Application due -Monday, September 9, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.**
- Peer review process completed **-September 9-September 30.** *ELRCs will also be informed of those applications in their regions and asked for their feedback on CCW waiting lists, etc.*
- Final awarding shared with relevant ELRCs **-Friday, October 4, 2019.**
- PA Key informs applicants of awards or non-award via email **-Monday, October 7, 2019.**
- Relevant ELRC Contacts and awarded providers contacted by the PA Key to inform of next steps for completing contracts **-October 2019.**

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