

# The Pennsylvania Key

# **IECMHC Virtual Office Hours**

The Pennsylvania Key Infant-Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) Program is offering a new service: *IECMHC Virtual Office Hours* 

Are you an early learning program in ELRCs 11–19 who needs support with:

Helping a child who is struggling with behavior, attachment, peer relationships or emotion regulation?

Helping teachers and families with self-care, stress, and coping, but not sure what to do next?

IECMHC Virtual Office Hours is currently being piloted in ELRCs 11–19, with plans underway to make the service more widely available to other ELRCs in the future.

IECMH Consultants are available by appointment to provide *IECMH Virtual Office Hours* consultation via telephone or video conference. *IECMHC 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 Emotional Well-being of Teachers and Caregivers | Partnering with Families

## Who can request IECMHC Virtual Office Hours?

Services are available at no cost to child care programs in <u>ELRCs 11–19</u> who participate in Keystone STARS, including center, family, and group-based care.

### How can IECMH Virtual Office Hours help your program?

IECMH Consultation helps adults strengthen their relationships with young children and build capacity to respond to children's social-emotional needs. IECMHC can help reduce caregiver stress, as well as increase caregivers' reflective practice skills.

- Figure out what's really going on when a child exhibits challenging behaviors
- Reflect and respond to problem behaviors with the power and impact of nurturing relationships
- Build partnerships with families
- Share community resources
- Consider your next steps and where to go from here

### How can you request an IECMHC Virtual Office Hours appointment?

Appointments are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month, or other days/times by request. To schedule an appointment, <u>register here</u>.



Pennsylvania's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Consultation is a free resource that supports children's social-emotional development from birth through age five within early learning programs participating in Keystone STARS.

Learn more about Pennsylvania's Infant/Early

Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program.

