

Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge – Major Projects at a Glance

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2014	2015	2016	2017
Early Childhood Education Community Innovation Zone Grants			
12 pilot exemplar grants issued	Community Innovation Zone grants to 38 at-risk schools and communities	Community Innovation Zone grants to 50 at-risk schools and communities	Community Innovation Zone grants to 50 at-risk schools and communities
First Family Engagement Conf.	2015 Family Engagement Conf. English Early Learning GPS & app	2016 Family Engagement Conf. Spanish Early Learning GPS & app	2017 Family Engagement Conf.
Refining and expanding Keystone STARS			
	U Penn Inquiry of Keystone STARS Expand Keystone STARS to include other ECE programs	Adjust STARS grants and awards	Revisions to STARS standards Validation study of Keystone STARS
Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards for Early Childhood			
Electronic release of revised Infant/ Toddler and Pre-K Standards	Public comment review period for K – 2 nd grade standards	Electronic release of revised K- 2 nd grade standards	Independent validation study of PA Early Learning Standards
Comprehensive Assessment Systems			
Refine Early Learning Outcomes Frameworks based on Standards revisions		Revised Early Learning Outcomes Reporting Strategy	Integrated resource and referral system Early Learning Outcomes Reporting Strategy Report
Workforce Development			
Launch of new Professional Development Registry New home visiting competencies	Mini-grants for higher education to align coursework with new Core Knowledge Competencies		New consumer rating system for PD Revisions to PD Registry, linkages to other systems STAR – level professional development packages
Pennsylvania's Kindergarten Entry Inventory			
Priority and Focus schools begin using the Kindergarten Entry Inventory at no cost	Invite all school districts to access the Kindergarten Entry Inventory at no cost		Validation study of Kindergarten Entry Inventory
Measuring outcomes and progress			
	Automated Spanish language correspondence for Child Care Works providers and families	Enhancements, including mobile-friendly, to online provider application and renewal	Enhancements, including mobile-friendly, to online provider attendance and payment tracking Enhanced features for public searches for child care and early learning programs Online community early childhood education dashboards
Governor's Institutes for Educators Pre-K to Grade 3			
2014 Governor's Institute for P-3 education	2015 Governor's Institute for P-3 education	2016 Governor's Institute for P-3 education	2017 Governor's Institute for P-3 education