

## Reduction of Suspension and Expulsion in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania

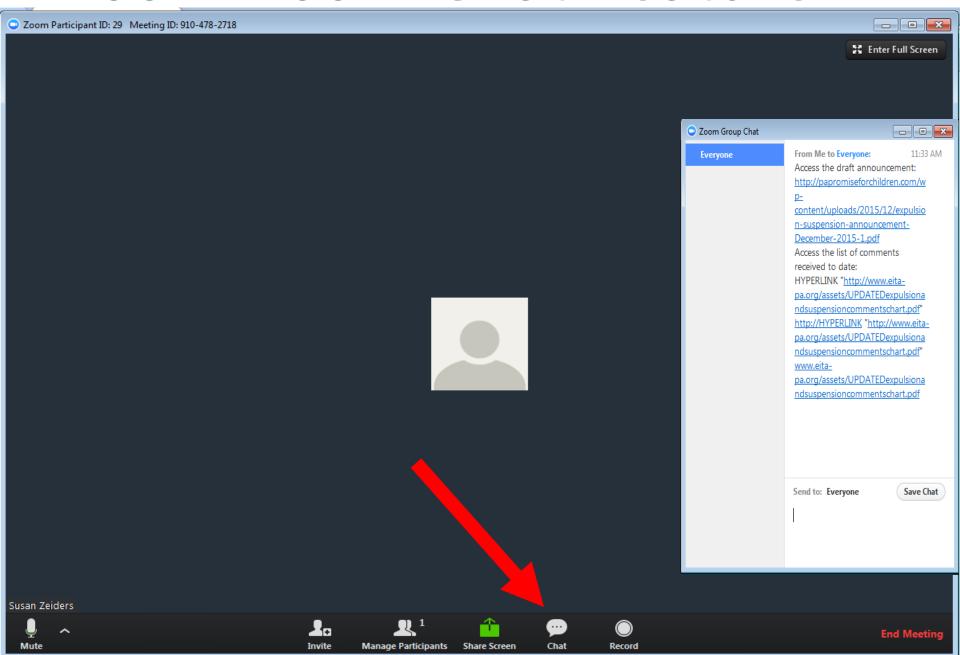
Comments to Draft Announcement January 11, 2016



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What does Expulsion and Suspension look like for young children?



Nationally...





Drag the school bus to see statistics



#### Purpose of **Announcement:**

- To promulgate the HHS and ED policy statement
- Provide guidance to OCDEL programs
- Identify resources
- Specify next steps



ANNOUNCEMENT: OCDEL-15 #01 Effective Date:

SUBJECT: Reduction of Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania Michelle Figlar, Deputy Secretary

Office of Child Development and Early Learning

#### PURPOSE:

The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education (ED) released a policy statement recommending that states develop policies and practices to significantly limit the practice of expulsion and suspension of young children due to challenging behaviors, in all early childhood

Expulsion and suspension have significant negative effects on the development and learning of young children. The purpose of this announcement is:

- To promulgate the HHS and ED policy statement,
- Provide guidance to OCDEL programs regarding appropriate behavior support practices and
- the reduction of expulsion and suspension of young children Identify resources available to local programs
- Specify next steps to be taken at the local and state level.

HHS and ED provide funding to a wide variety of Pennsylvania early childhood programs including Child Care Works; Early Head Start, early Intervention (EI); and Keystone STARS. As a recipient of these federal funds, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, (OCDEL) is acting on the recommendations to develop and disseminate a program policy statement to the local early childhood programs who are also recipients of these funds through OCDEL. This OCDEL announcement also applies to programs receiving state funding including Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program and Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts.

Recent data indicate that expulsions and suspensions occur at high rates in preschool settings and are associated with negative educational and life outcomes. In addition, racial and gender disparities exist in these practices (U.S. Department of Education, 2014).

For the purposes of this announcement, suspension is defined as removal of a child from participation in an early childhood program for 1-10 consecutive programming days in response to a behavioral incident(s). Expulsion is removal from an early childhood program in response to a behavioral microenics). Expuraion is removal noni an early children or program in response to a denovation incident(s) for a period that exceeds 10 program days (PA Code, Chapter 12-Student and Student Services), or terminating a child from services.





Access the draft announcement:

http://papromiseforchildren.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/expulsion-suspension-announcement-December-2015-1.pdf

Access the list of comments received to date:

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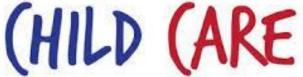


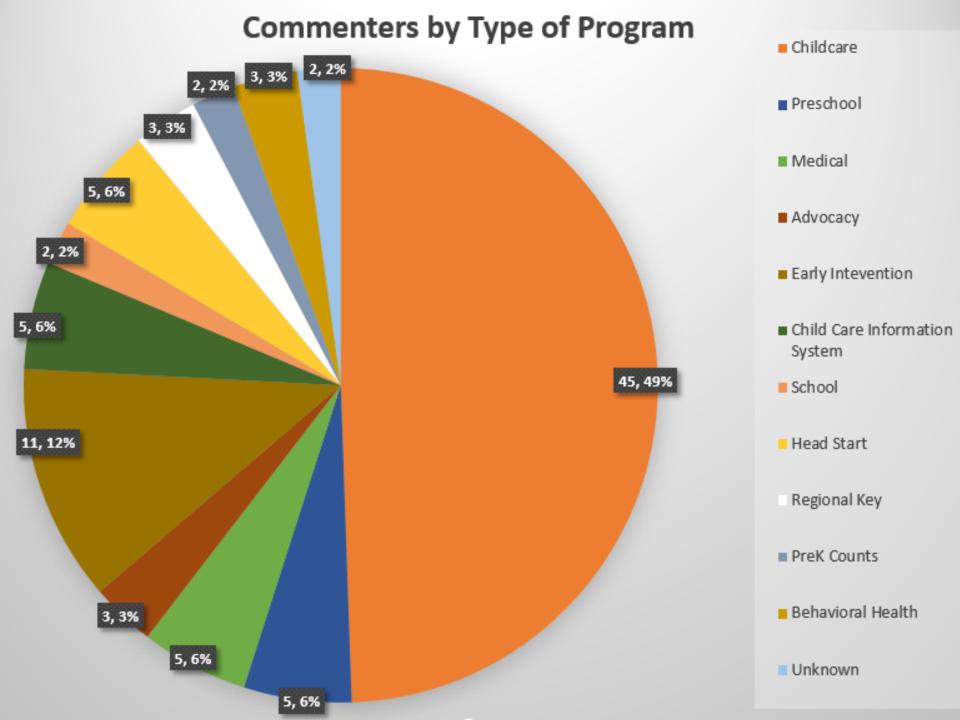
















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