

PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood Infants-Toddlers

1. What are the PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood, Infants-Toddlers?

They are a resource for parents and providers to understand what children should be able to learn and do, along a continuum of development from birth to age 3.

2. Why are they necessary?

Learning standards provide the framework for learning. They are a guide to assist parents and providers who share responsibility for the well-being of young children.

3. Who developed the PA Learning Standards?

They were originally constructed as a joint project of the Department of Education and Human Services. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning in collaboration with the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education have overseen revisions to the standards.

4. Who are the Learning Standards designed for?

They are designed for all children to help them reach their highest potential while capturing their interests and building on what they already know.

5. How are they organized?

- There are 9 Key Learning Areas:
 1. Approaches to Learning through Play
 2. Language and Literacy Development
 3. Mathematical Thinking and Expression
 4. Scientific Thinking and Technology
 5. Social Studies Thinking
 6. Creative Thinking and Expression
 7. Health, wellness and Physical Development
 8. Social and Emotional Development
 9. Partnerships for Learning
- Under the Key Learning Areas are Standards and specific skills a child should know by the end of the developmental range.
- The Infant-Toddler Standards are divided into 3 levels: Infants (0-12 months) Young Toddler (9-27 months) Older Toddler (24-36 months)

6. How can you help your child?

Read about the PA Learning Standards: www.papromiseforchildren.com

7. What resources can be found on www.papromiseforchildren.com?

- **Activity Calendars and Cards** - Available for download or purchase hard copies, including:
 1. **Learning is Everywhere:** (Birth– 5) Calendar and webpage can include monthly tips sent to parent’s email.
 2. **Every Day I Learn Through Play:** (Infants and Toddlers) Recommended activities based on the Key Learning Areas.
 3. **Building Blocks for Babies:** (Birth-3) Simple at home experiences that build learning in the areas of social, emotional, physical and academic development.
 4. **When I Play I Learn:** (Birth– 5) Fun activities using everyday items.
- **Help choosing a quality Child Care program.** Includes information on specific programs in PA.
- **Links for “Making Ends Meet”** including childcare assistance, food programs.
- **Link to the Early Learning GPS:** www.earlylearninggps.com. Families can register, answer a few questions and create a personal “map” for their child, saving tips and resources.