

# ParentChild+

## Equal Possibilities From The Start

Dear ParentChild+ sites,

As the crisp autumn breeze starts to blow through the leaves, we hope this message finds you well and ready for an exciting new season of growth and learning. As the key people in our incredible community, your dedication plays a crucial role in shaping the journey of families, caregivers, and children. We are thrilled to embark on a new cycle of exploration and discovery with you. Change is in the air, and it brings an array of opportunities for growth, development, and collaboration.

As always, please reach out if you have questions, need information, and/or just want to update us on what you are up to. ***We want to share your successes, your stories, your impact, so please send stories, quotes, and/or photos to our Development and Communications Coordinator, [Ricardo Abreu](#).*** For a moment of joy today, scroll down for some wonderful pictures!

Stay safe and be well!

- The national center team

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**Kate Zmich** with ParentChild+ Pennsylvania State Director, **Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum**

## **Meet new National Center staff: Kate Zmich, Writer and Content Specialist!**

Kate first learned about ParentChild+ when she partnered with the North Philadelphia site in 2017 working on a multi-year program reading and playing together with families. Still based in Philadelphia, she joined the National Center staff in March of this year. In her role, she works to share the stories of our families and staff with the world in different ways. That work includes organizing the 2024 National Conference with Michele Morrison! So, if you've got a story to tell or a workshop idea to share, please be in touch with her [here](#), she can't wait to hear from you!

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**The National Center Annual Conference is staying virtual in 2024!  
It's happening May 7, 8, and 9, and we need your help!**

We will be working with some flexible and fun new features in the conference platform with Zoom Events, which will allow our sites to share ideas and interact with one another. While these features are great, your input can make this conference the best ever. We need your help to consult on:

- Themes
- Conference Structure
- Speakers
- Hosting Connection Activities
- Vendors
- Coaching for our speakers

We are looking for folks (both Coordinators and Early Learning Specialists) who can commit to approximately 2 meetings a month (just 1 in Nov and Dec!) until the conference in May, and/or staff who might be interested in facilitating some of the interactive events we have in mind. And, as always, we love when our field staff can present a workshop, be part of a panel discussion, or host a fun activity. Gift cards for committee participants will be provided.

Interested? [Fill out this form](#). Any questions? Contact [Michele](#) and/or [Kate](#) at the National Center. We will be in touch!

Stay tuned for news about a special 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in 2025!

We can't wait to connect with you!

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### **New PIEL & ASQ:SE-2 Forms Next Week in DAISY**

All required forms for the new assessment protocol – ASQ-3, ASQ:SE-2, and PIEL/PICCOLO – will be available under 'Forms' in DAISY by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For more information, please send a support ticket

at [support@parentchildplus.zendesk.com](mailto:support@parentchildplus.zendesk.com), or click on Support on the DAISY page.

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### **Attention HBCC Model Sites (Formerly known as FCC/FFN Initiative)**

The New Coordinator's Institute for the HBCC Model will be taking place on:

**Tuesdays, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31  
from 12:00 – 3:00 pm EST. Please block your time accordingly.**

If you are a new coordinator at a ParentChild+ site, you must register using the web registration, [please click here](#).

If you already work with the HBCC model for your site and have attended the training institute in the past, you will receive a calendar invite on 10/2/2023.

If you do not know your status or have any questions, please email Vidya at [vragoo@parentchildplus.org](mailto:vragoo@parentchildplus.org).

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### **NY State Coordinators' Meeting**

NY State Coordinators' Meeting will be on next Thursday, October 5th from 11 am - 1:00 pm. [Please click here to join](#).

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**REMINDER!!!  
Merchandise Order Form Deadline Friday, 10/13**

Please remember the deadline for all merchandise orders is **Friday, October 13th**. [Here is the list of merchandise](#). When you are ready, [here is the order form](#). Please send all order forms to [Dina Shahverdi](#). The next ordering period will be in March 2024.



Check out these block creations made by Early Learning Specialists at our ParentChild+ Minnesota site! Just like with our families during their visits, they're playing and learning together!



It's that time of year! Many of our sites are welcoming new families, like Latino Community Center in Pittsburgh, PA. We can't wait to cheer them on and watch them grow! ¡Bienvenidos!

