

PEAK Announces Mini-Grant Program for Teachers

PEAK is pleased to announce a new mini-grant program made available through United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania funding. The PEAK Mini-Grant Program is open to instructional staff working in PEAK partner programs (licensed childcare, Head Start or part-day preschool programs). The applicants can be lead or assistant teachers who work with any age group from infants through Pre-K. Funds are to be used to improve teaching practices through the purchase of materials or resources to support the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

In 2008-2009, 10 mini-grants of \$500 each will be awarded to PEAK partner teachers. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of educators and specialists for quality and completeness. Winners of the teacher mini-grants will be announced in December 2008.

Eligibility Requirements

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- The teacher applicant must work in one of the PEAK community partner programs (KinderCare Learning Center, Montgomery Early Learning Centers, Montgomery County Head Start, Pottstown YMCA, YWCA Tri-County Area, Warwick Child Care Center, Dotlen Academy, Grace Lutheran Preschool, HENS Preschool, Tot Spot Preschool)
- The teacher applicant must be a teacher of infant, toddler or preschool/Pre-K age children
- The applicant must have worked at the current partner program for a minimum of two years
- Only one teacher per application may apply for this award

PEAK and United Way see the new mini-grant program as another component of the work force development initiative by giving teachers experience in developing and implementing a grant project. For more information on the mini-grant initiative and to receive a copy of the application, contact Emily Baddeley, PEAK Pre-K Coach, at 610-718-8635 or ebaddele@pottstownsd.org. Completed applications are due by November 1, 2008.