



## EARLY EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The mission of the TFEC Early Education Initiative is to cultivate, convene, and strengthen community opportunities for growth, safety, and wellness for all children, now and for future generations.

The TFEC Early Education Initiative is guided by the expertise of the TFEC Early Education Advisory Committee. The membership of this group consists of early childhood stakeholders who represent the assets and needs of children and early childhood professionals within our area communities.



**Early Education  
Assistance Fund**



**Participants in  
Early Learning  
Conference**



**The Basics Principles:  
evidence-based parenting &  
caregiving principles**

### **Early Education Assistance Fund**

TFEC offers early education assistance for families in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Franklin, Lebanon and Northern York counties through its Early Education Assistance Fund.

The Fund provides opportunities to eligible Pre-K students ages 3 to 5 years old to attend a quality early learning center or preschool program located in TFEC's service area. TFEC awarded \$31,112 to 15 students in 2024.

For more information on how you can partner & support the work of TFEC's Early Education Initiative, contact us at:

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### Early Learning Conference

TFEC has offered continuing education forums and conferences surrounding early education in Dauphin County since 2012. The 2024 conference was a partnership with the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, First Start Partnerships for Children & Families, and South Middleton School District.

In an effort to assist in the State's efforts to recruit young people into the field, in 2024, TFEC again invited high school and college students to attend the annual Early Learning Conference for free. For more information, visit [www.tfec.org/early-education-resource-center](http://www.tfec.org/early-education-resource-center).

### The Basics

TFEC is proud to partner with The Basics, a Boston-based campaign aimed at assuring every child gets a great start in life. The Basics are five evidence-based parenting and caregiving principles that encompass what experts find is important for children from birth to age three. Every child from every background can benefit from routinely experiencing The Basics learning experiences, which include:

-  Maximize Love, Manage Stress
-  Talk, Sing, and Point
-  Count, Group, and Compare
-  Explore Through Movement and Play
-  Read and Discuss Stories

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