

Penn State Extension Better Kid Care

Professional Development for Early Care and Education and School-Age Professionals

About BKC

Better Kid Care provides evidence-informed professional development to early care and education and youth development professionals to improve the quality of their care and educational practices. Online training is available for child care professionals with more than 200 relevant modules. Better Kid Care translates research-based information into online child care training modules and other professional development resources for early childhood and school-age practitioners in the following curriculum areas:

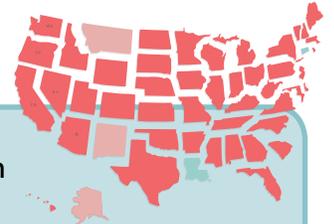
- Child Growth & Development
- Curriculum & Learning Experiences
- Families, Schools and Community Collaboration and Partnerships
- Assessment
- Communication
- Professionalism & Leadership
- Health, Safety & Nutrition
- Program Organization & Administration

BKC Approval as a Professional Development Organization

Currently, BKC online professional development is approved in 47 states and D.C. through state licensing agencies and/or QRIS systems. Additionally, BKC's professional development is listed on the Administration of Children and Families, Offices of Child Care and Head Start and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services web portal, Early Educator Central. (earlyeducatorcentral.acf.hhs.gov)



Watch a short video about Better Kid Care at:
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BKC Reach

Penn State Better Kid Care has learners from all 50 states and more than 56 countries. Since the launch of On Demand in July of 2011, more than 280,000 professionals have completed more than 90,000 modules to equal over two million hours of professional development.

To view approval status of each state, visit: tinyurl.com/bkc-states

Building on Expertise through Partnerships

Curriculum development specialists at Better Kid Care have expertise in many different areas of child and youth development including social-emotional development, language and literacy, nutrition and health, youth development, early care and education, adult learning and more. Better Kid Care also reaches out and partners with experts and other agencies to develop On Demand modules such as physicians, CACFP Sponsoring Organizations, research scientists, nutritionists, sleep specialists and other early childhood experts. Each partner represents support with funding and/or expertise for module development.

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