



## **Paterson Early Childhood Coalition**

*Working together to make sure every child has access to high-quality child care  
And every 3- and 4-year-old enjoys the benefits of Pre-K!*

### **Early Childhood Education Navigators**

**To Apply:**

**Call 973-519-3655**

**Or**

**e-mail: [thepatersonalliance@gmail.com](mailto:thepatersonalliance@gmail.com)**

#### **Incentive!**

Early Childhood Education Navigators who complete the program will receive a \$500 stipend at the end of the program.

#### **Duties of Navigators**

- Distribute information regarding early brain development, the importance of high-quality early care and education and Paterson's public Pre-K program
- Conduct and participate in events and activities, and attend meetings, to educate Paterson residents about early brain development, the importance of high-quality early care and education and Paterson's public Pre-K program
- Provide information in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the needs of the population
- Provide information and services in a fair, accurate and impartial manner
- Provide referrals and serve as a parent/family liaison to facilitate early childhood education and Pre-K enrollment
- Monitor, share and contribute information through the Paterson Pre-K website and social media tools

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Affiliation with a community-based organization in Paterson:
  - Organization is a Paterson Alliance (PAL) Member

- Organization is well established in the community, positively regarded among community members and is trusted by community members.
- Organization has a mission/purpose that aligns with or complements the goals of the *Paterson Early Childhood Education Initiative*
- Knowledge of local resources and services available in Paterson
- Experience conducting community outreach and assisting community members in accessing services and resources in Paterson
- Ability to speak languages other than English; especially Spanish, Arabic and Bengali.
- Access to families living in underserved neighborhoods
- Aptitude and interest in learning about programs and services for Paterson children from birth to age 5
- Willingness to complete Early Childhood Navigator training
- Attend monthly follow up meetings
- Willingness to commit to duties, and responsibilities of the Early Childhood Navigator program

### **Application Process**

1. To apply to become a Early Childhood Navigator, applicants must:
  - Complete an application form
  - Provide a referral letter from the community based organization
2. Applications will be reviewed against the selection criteria mentioned above
3. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by PAL

### **For additional information:**

<http://www.patersonprek.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225846281532811>

<http://patersonalliance.org/>