



LaunchPAD Program

Empowering Families and Professionals Through Behavioral Health Education

Gemma's LaunchPAD program promotes child wellness in Southeast Pennsylvania by offering a variety of free programs, including Family Check Up Online, a Young Child Wellness Council, and Mental Health First Aid.



What is the LaunchPAD Program?

The LaunchPAD program helps meet the mental, emotional, and behavioral health needs of young children up to age 8, their families, and communities, connecting families to important services. It offers evidence-based training for adults who work with children and caregivers, as well as a proven parenting program to support healthy development. To ensure best practice and lift community voice, a Young Child Wellness Council is an integral part of leading the LaunchPAD program.

This program is available to families and providers in Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties, helping to ensure children get the support they need to grow and thrive.

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Family Check Up Online

Family Check Up Online is a helpful mobile web-based tool for families with children ages 2–8. It provides information about early childhood development and caregiver mental health along with coaching on positive parenting practices. Families take part in parent training courses that encourage healthy, safe, and nurturing environments where children can thrive and grow.



Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC)

The Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC) works to bring together key partners from healthcare, behavioral health, education, childcare, Head Start, child welfare, early intervention, and families themselves to support improved access and education in order to improve the well-being of children and families.



Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid is a training program that teaches parents, caregivers, and community members how to support emotional and behavioral needs. This training is designed to help recognize and respond to signs of stress or worry, providing important tools for understanding and care. Mental Health First Aid is offered in community settings by a Behavioral Health Educator who will guide participants in learning how to support mental health needs in everyday interactions.



About Gemma Services

Our Vision

We envision a world where every person knows they matter.

Our Mission

Gemma accompanies people of all ages through life's challenges using individualized, data-informed support.

Our Values

Unlimited

WE THINK BIG

Nimble

WE ADAPT AS NEEDED

Inspired

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE MISSION

Transparent

WE SEEK THE TRUTH TO LEARN

Effective

WE DO HARD THINGS WELL

Diverse

WE WELCOME DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES



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Formed in 2019 by the merger of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage, Gemma represents more than 300 years of accompanying people as they face life's challenges so they know they matter. Today, Gemma provides adoption and permanency services, foster family care, mental health programs, a special education school (Martin Luther School), and prevention programs for thousands of individuals each year.

Gemma is always looking for mission-minded individuals to join our team. Gemma is committed to equal employment opportunities. Please visit our website or contact hr@gemmaservices.org to learn more.

LaunchPAD services are provided in the community. Please contact us with any inquiries or questions as follows:

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