PRE-K FOR PA

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ALL CHILDREN READY TO SUCCEED

The Pre-K for PA issue campaign is working to ensure that all Pennsylvania children are ready to succeed. Our vision is that every 3- and 4-year-old in the commonwealth has access to high-quality pre-kindergarten.

We know it works. Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn.

- 4-year-olds in Pennsylvania's publicly supported pre-k programs achieved dramatic gains in academic and social proficiency in 2012-13.
- Educational investment must begin in the early years before the achievement gap is too wide and very costly to overcome.
- Despite its benefits, far too many families in Pennsylvania cannot afford to enroll their kids in high-quality pre-k and often resort to programs that lack elements essential to their child's success.

Pre-k strengthens our schools. When children arrive ready for kindergarten, classrooms are a more effective place for all kids to learn.

- High-quality pre-k reduces grade repetition and special education costs.
- Students who benefit from high-quality pre-k are more likely to graduate high school, enroll in higher education and have increased lifetime earnings.
- At-risk youth with access to high-quality pre-k are less likely to commit crime later in life.

Pre-k is a critical investment in Pennsylvania's success. Early learning investment is a smart choice during challenging economic times.

- ReadyNation, a business leaders' partnership, notes: "We rarely have the luxury of making business investment decisions with as much evidence as we have to support the economic value of investing in early education."
- Every dollar invested in early learning generates over $2 in local economic impact and up to $17 in long-term public savings and benefit.
- Other states have successfully implemented pre-k investments with impressive results, including Maryland, Oklahoma, Illinois and others.

Join us to grow the campaign.
Pre-K for PA invites citizens, parents, educators, as well as business and community leaders to join us in making high-quality pre-k a visible issue during this critical election year and beyond. We will be a regular source for pre-k information and will conduct outreach in the local community, at public forums, and in the media to spread the word.

This initiative was launched by a statewide coalition including:

Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children, Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Mission: Readiness, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, Pennsylvania Head Start Association, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

Supporting Organizations

Pre-K for PA thanks our supporting organizations in Southeastern Pennsylvania for endorsing our common vision that every 3- and 4-year-old child in Pennsylvania has access to high-quality pre-k. To join as a supporting organization, email info@prekforpa.org.

ACLAMO Family Centers
Bucks County Quality Child Care Coalition
Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition
Children's Village
Childspace Cooperative Development Inc.
Childworks Inc.
City of Philadelphia - Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity
Crayon Kids
Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children*
Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*
Elbow Lane Nursery School
Federation Early Learning Services
Freedom Valley YMCA
Give a Smile
Health Federation
Kinder Academy
Lovie Lee's Stars of Tomorrow
The Luma Center for Development and Learning
Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County
Maternity Care Coalition
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
Molly's Child Care, Inc
Montgomery Early Learning Centers
NNCC and its Philadelphia Nurse-Family Partnership
PA Coalition for Oral Health
Parent Infant Center
The Philadelphia Coalition
Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development
Please Touch Museum
Public Citizens for Children and Youth*
Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Science Explorers
St. Andrew's Nursery School
Step By Step Learning Center
Sunshine Christian Academy
United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey*
West Chester Area Preschool Parents Club
Women's Way

* Founding Pre-K for PA southeast coalition members

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