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: