

## May 2018 Monthly Parent Call Notes

1. Now that primary elections are over, we are focusing on the last month of budget advocacy. I urge you to call and/or write your legislators to urge them to support the increase of funding for Pre-K Counts and HSSAP in the Governor's budget. If you need to find your legislators go here: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us>. In the left column, you can search for your senators and representatives. I will be sending out a script for phone calls and emails that you can follow.
2. After we have a state budget, we will focus on the general election in November. Educate yourselves on the candidates and where they stand on the issues and make sure you are registered to vote. After the end of June, I will have more information on advocacy efforts for the November election.
3. Please let me know what advocacy efforts your programs are taking part in, for example having legislators/candidates make visits to your programs, writing letters to newspapers or legislators, or any correspondence with elected officials even if it is an attempt to get them to visit. A question was asked if sending/dropping off items the children have drawn/made would be okay. Absolutely! We have an Adopt-a-Legislator program that encourages programs to participate in monthly activities that keep legislators in the loop of what is going on in your programs.
4. The reminder text seems to be working very well. If you know of any other parents who would be interested in receiving text reminders for this call, have them email ([michelle@paheadstart.org](mailto:michelle@paheadstart.org)), call or text (717-508-4681) me their number and to include them in the monthly call reminder app text.
5. Our next call is 6/21/18 9:30a-10:30p.

Thank you,

Michelle Smith