Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn. But ... 10,286 children ages 3 and 4 in Bucks County don’t have access to high-quality pre-k!

72% of children in the county do not have access to high-quality pre-k

6% of children in the county have access to publicly funded, high-quality pre-k

There are 14,384 children ages 3 and 4 in Bucks County.

Of those children, 5,300 or 37% live in families below 300% poverty. Despite its benefits, far too many families 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.

**HIGH-QUALITY PRE-K WORKS!**

The percentage of 4-year-olds in 2012-13 with proficient academic and social skills:

- more than tripled from 22 percent to 82 percent after participating in PA Pre-K Counts
- increased more than six-fold from 12 percent to 76 percent after participating in Head Start Supplemental

Education investment must start early, before the achievement gap is too wide and very costly to overcome.

**STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS!**

High-quality pre-k significantly improves children’s early literacy, language, math and social/emotional skills.

- Reduces grade repetition by as much as a third through 8th grade
- Reduces special education placements by nearly half through 2nd grade
- Increases the likelihood of high school graduation and college enrollment

**STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY!**

Pre-k builds the foundation for a more successful Bucks County.

- Preserves taxpayer dollars by decreasing dropout rates
- Saves taxpayers’ money by decreasing crime and incarceration
- Boosts the economy through increased lifetime earnings

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.