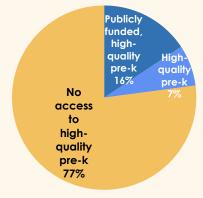
# MAKING SURE CLINTON COUNTY CHILDREN ARE READY TO SUCCEED

Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn.

But ... 697 children ages 3 and 4 in Clinton County don't have access to high-quality pre-k!

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of children in the county have access to <u>publicly funded</u>, high-quality pre-k

## There are 904 children ages 3 and 4 in Clinton County.

Of those children, 688 or 76% 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 Clinton 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.

