MAKING SURE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHILDREN ARE READY TO SUCCEED

Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn. But ... 12,731 children ages 3 and 4 in Montgomery County don’t have access to high-quality pre-k!

66%
of children in the county do not have access to high-quality pre-k

5%
of children in the county have access to publicly funded, high-quality pre-k

There are 19,320 children ages 3 and 4 in Montgomery County. Of those children, 5,973 or 31% 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

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 Montgomery 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.