

HOW DO PRE-K AND CHILD CARE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN?



WHAT IS PRE-K?

WHAT IS CHILD CARE?

4- to 6-hour day

Hours vary from 4 to 12+ hour day

Monday to Friday (weekdays)

May occur any time of day or night on weekdays or weekends

180 days per year (school year)

Up to 365 days per year

May occur in a child care setting or a public or private school

Child care settings include centers, group and family child care homes, or home-based settings



BENEFITS OF HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE AND PRE-K

High-quality programs include abundant opportunities for learning through play, positive interactions between children and caregivers, curriculum, developmental assessments, and family engagement.



FOR THE CHILD

- Stimulating environment for cognitive growth
- Healthy social, emotional, and physical development



FOR THE FAMILY

- Work/life balance
- Family/community engagement



FOR STAFF

- Productive employment
- Professional growth opportunities



FOR THE ECONOMY

- Greater employee productivity
- Increased tax revenue from working families and caregivers
- Develop skills for our future workforce

PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K PROGRAMS ARE HIGH-QUALITY AND SUPPORTED BY PRE-K COUNTS AND HEAD START. CHILD CARE IS SUPPORTED BY KEYSTONE STARS AND CHILD CARE WORKS. SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS.

PRE-K AND CHILD CARE PUBLIC FUNDING



	ELIGIBLE FAMILIES			ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS	QUALITY STANDARDS	HOW MUCH TIME IS PAID FOR
	INCOME ELIGIBILITY	AGE	OTHER ELIGIBILITY FACTORS			
STATE pennsylvania PRE-K COUNTS For A Brighter Future	below 300% of FPL*	3-5	Children with disabilities English Language Learners	Child Care Center Head Start School District Licensed Nursery School	STAR 3 or 4	4-6 hours/day 180 days/year
STATE & FEDERAL Head Start	below 100% of FPL*	3-5	Children with disabilities English Language Learners	Child Care Center Group/Family Child Care Home School District	Federal HS standards STAR 3 or 4 (for HSSAP)	6 hours/day 180 days/year
FEDERAL Center-based Early Head Start	below 100% of FPL*	0-2	Children with disabilities	Child Care Center Group/Family Child Care Home School District	Federal HS standards	4-6 hours/day 230 days/year Year-round home visits
STATE & FEDERAL Child Care Works	below 200% and up to 235% of FPL*	0-12	Parent/guardian must be working or in school/ approved training programs	Child Care Center Group/Family Child Care Home Relative Care	STAR 1, 2, 3, 4	4-12 hours/day Up to 260 days/year Families pay a co-pay

*Federal Poverty Level

Families also pay out of pocket for pre-k and child care programs.