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

WHAT IS PRE-K?

- 4- to 6-hour day
- Monday to Friday (weekdays)
- 180 days per year (school year)
- May occur in a child care setting or a public or private school

WHAT IS CHILD CARE?

- Hours vary from 4 to 12+ hour day
- May occur any time of day or night on weekdays or weekends
- Up to 365 days per year
- Child care settings include centers, group and family child care homes, or home-based settings

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

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

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

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*Federal Poverty Level

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