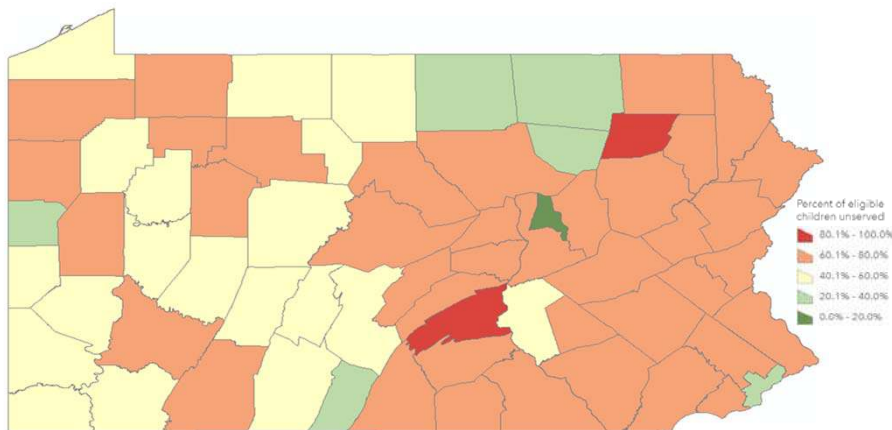


HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K IN PENNSYLVANIA

60% of eligible children **DO NOT** have access



170,216
eligible children ages 3-4
living in Pennsylvania

101,806
eligible children
DO NOT have access

In Pennsylvania: 3,098 pre-k locations are eligible* to participate, 2,238 high-quality providers participate, and 5,090 additional pre-k classrooms are needed.

It is imperative that state leaders take action now to save early learning in PA and focus COVID-19 recovery funds on:

- 1) Enabling a rapid reopening of early learning programs and return to work for all families by:
 - Continuing to pay child care subsidies and Pre-K Counts (PKC) and Head Start Supplemental Assistance Programs (HSSAP) contracts for the duration of the closure
 - Compensating providers for lost child care subsidy parent co-payments (prioritizing STAR 2, 3 and 4)
 - Covering a portion of uncollected private pay tuition at the child care subsidy rate (prioritizing STAR 2, 3 and 4 that serve subsidized children)
- 2) Protecting child care providers and ensuring confidence in Pennsylvania's early care and education system during recovery by:
 - Providing all child care, PKC and HSSAP programs free training on sanitization practices required to re-open and funding for subsidized child care, PKC and HSSAP programs to sanitize their programs.
 - Providing child care programs immunity from tort liability associated with COVID-19 claims
- 3) Boosting the chances of school success for this year's PKC and HSSAP students by appropriating funds to allow PKC and HSSAP programs to offer one month of summer instruction for children entering kindergarten in the fall.

As state budget discussions get underway, we urge policymakers to further increase the stability, supply and quality of infant and toddler child care in PA and support them to be equipped to operate in a post COVID-19 world – ensuring the safety and healthy development of young children, while alleviating the anxiety of parents returning to work.



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