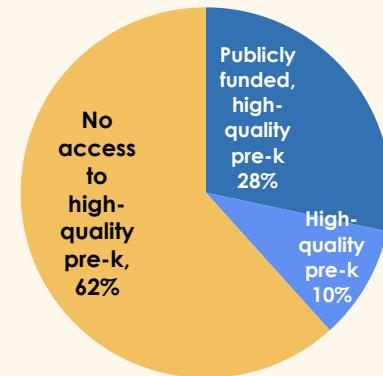


MAKING SURE ERIE COUNTY CHILDREN ARE READY TO SUCCEED

Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn.
But ... 4,233 children ages 3 and 4 in Erie County
don't have access to high-quality pre-k!

62%
of children in the county
do not have access
to high-quality pre-k



28%
of children in the county
have access to publicly funded,
high-quality pre-k

There are 6,864 children ages 3 and 4 in Erie County.

Of those children, 5,082 or 74% 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**

STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY!

Pre-k builds the foundation for a more successful Erie 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.

