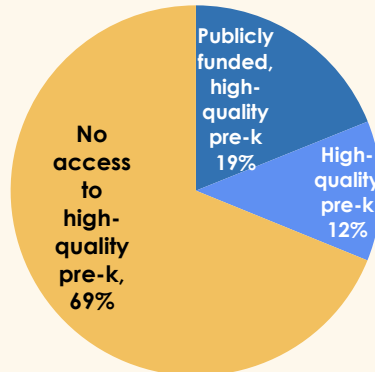


MAKING SURE PENNSYLVANIA CHILDREN ARE READY TO SUCCEED

Access to high-quality pre-k gives all children the opportunity to learn. *But ... 204,486 children ages 3 and 4 in Pennsylvania don't have access to high-quality pre-k!*

69%

of children in the state do not have access to high-quality pre-k



19%

of children in the state have access to publicly funded high-quality pre-k

There are 296,957 children ages 3 and 4 in Pennsylvania.

Of those children, 180,470 or 61% 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 Pennsylvania.

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.

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Governor Wolf's 2015-16 Budget Proposal

Increasing funding for Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts by \$100 million, which will nearly double the commonwealth's current annual investment of \$97.3 million and serve 11,600 more children.

A \$20 million increase in state funding for the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program, which would bring total funding to \$59 million and serve 2,400 more children.

If the governor's proposal is enacted, it will increase access to publicly funded, high-quality pre-k from the current 1 in 6 of Pennsylvania's to about 1 in 4 of our 3- and 4-year-olds. While this is a laudable improvement in access, it still leaves a large majority of young learners missing out on the once-in-a-lifetime benefits high-quality pre-k provides. Pennsylvania will need multiple years of similarly increased investments to reach the goal of making high-quality pre-k universally accessible.