

# HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K IN PENNSYLVANIA

**57%** of eligible children  
**DO NOT** have access

**153,210**

of the 282,228 children age 3-4  
living in Pennsylvania  
are eligible

**87,288**

eligible children  
**DO NOT** have access

**In Pennsylvania:** 3,067 pre-k locations are eligible\* to participate. Of those, 2,298 (75%) receive public funds to support high-quality pre-k. 468 (or 46%) of the 1,019 Pre-K Counts locations are child care.

**4,364** additional pre-k classrooms  
needed for eligible children

Plus, **6,451** more high-quality pre-k classrooms are needed to serve all remaining children age 3-4 in Pennsylvania.

The General Assembly should:

- Support investments of \$30 million in Pre-K Counts and \$3 million in the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Programs to increase the per child rates to address staffing shortages and inflation.
- Ensure the Pennsylvania Department of Education implements the Pre-K Counts rebidding process without service delivery cuts to current service areas, since all Pennsylvania counties have unmet need for publicly-funded pre-k.



Campaign led by Children First, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, First Up, Mission Readiness, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, Pennsylvania Head Start Association, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, Trying Together and United Way of Pennsylvania.

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