

Our youngest children are growing up.
Let's help them grow TODAY...
for a better TOMORROW!

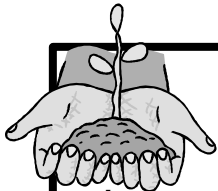
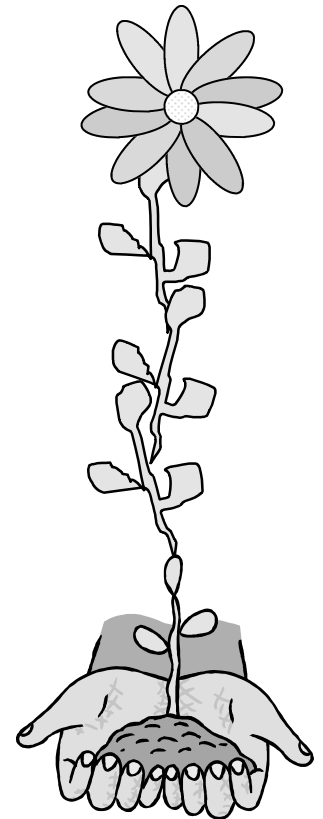
Invest in Quality

in the PA Early Childhood budget

Highlights of the Governor's Early Childhood Budget Request:

- **Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts** - \$75 million to serve 11,000 new children at-risk of education failure with high quality pre-kindergarten in a mixed service delivery system
- **Keystone STARS** – additional supports to improve the quality of child care programs for all children, regardless of their family income
- **Child Care Works** – additional resources to assure access to quality child care for low-income working families.

Together ... these investments will take critical steps to build the early learning infrastructure that will help children enter school ready to learn and prepared to succeed.



Join the Help Me Grow! Campaign

Just as spring is a time for growth in nature, quality early education programs provide children with opportunities to grow in many ways. Investment in quality helps children prepare for success in school and life as they grow!

Be creative in conveying your message to your legislators by using artwork, growing projects, letters or the "I'm growing up!" template on the back. The template can be used in three ways:

Teachers:

1. **Describe** how some of your children are growing. Explain how a high-quality early childhood program helps them grow.
2. **Have your children** draw a picture of how they are growing or what they want to be when they grow up.
3. **Have your parents** write about what it means to have their children in a high-quality early childhood program; share their vision and hope for their child's future.

Communicate with your legislator in a way that works for you--

Take your letters and art-work on a legislative visit or present them to a legislator visiting your program. We are tallying how many letters and pictures are sent and how many visits are made. To be counted in the total numbers, **LET US KNOW WHAT YOU DID!** Email us at mail@paQUEST.org.

Here's three ways to deliver your letters:

1. **Mail them to the address below;**
2. **Bring them to Early Childhood Action Day in Harrisburg on May 8;**
3. **Deliver them personally to your legislator's district office or at your program.**

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