



**Pennsylvania
Partnerships for Children**

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The Honorable William Adolph Jr.
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Dear Representative Adolph:

The undersigned organizations and individuals, representing a wide array of early childhood education supporters, respectfully urge you to make investing in high quality early education and care for Pennsylvania's children an integral part of the Commonwealth's FY 2009-2010 General Fund Budget.

Over the next few months, you begin the challenging task of weighing which investments Pennsylvania makes in this extraordinarily difficult economic climate. The Governor's budget includes two critical investments in early childhood education: Child Care Works and Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts. Continued investment in these programs will help support Pennsylvania's workforce now and into the future.

Child Care Works provides an essential support for low-income, working families to gain and sustain employment. Parents of young children cannot work without safe and reliable child care. As families struggle to make ends meet in this weakening economy, more are turning to the Commonwealth for assistance with the high cost of quality child care. Child Care Works uses federal and state dollars to provide subsidies while parents help share the cost of their child care on a sliding fee basis. Child Care Works subsidies help parents go to work knowing that their children are safe, well-cared for, and having positive early learning experiences.

Currently, there are over 15,000 children on the Child Care Works waiting list, which jeopardizes their parents' ability to keep working. The funding of Child Care Works under the governor's executive budget would allow about 2,000 more children from low-income working families to receive child care subsidy. We respectfully urge you to support the proposal to increase access to child care assistance.

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is providing high-quality, pre-kindergarten to nearly 12,000 three- and four-year olds at-risk of education failure. In its first year, nearly 70% of children participating in PA Pre-K Counts showed age-appropriate skills and behaviors after attending the program indicating their readiness to enter kindergarten prepared to learn. But, only 20% of Pennsylvania's three- and four-year olds have access to high-quality, publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs in our state today and over 3,000 children were on waiting lists as programs began last fall. Research overwhelmingly demonstrates that public investment in high-quality pre-k improves school achievement, reduces special education spending, reduces juvenile crime, and increases lifetime earnings of the participating children.

The governor's executive budget provides funding to allow 1,000 more children at risk of education failure to participate in the program. We respectfully urge you to support this modest growth in PA Pre-K Counts. Based on the preliminary results noted above, our children, schools and the Commonwealth are reaping the benefits of this program.

Strong support for state investments in early education exists in every community in the Pennsylvania. We ask that you remember the powerful immediate and long-term impact investments in early childhood education have on Pennsylvania's children, their families, and future of the Commonwealth's economy. With your assistance, commitment, and leadership we can continue to support today's and tomorrow's workforce even in this trying time.

Sincerely,

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Reading Area Community College Early Learning Center - Lori Corrigan, Teacher
Erica Stratton, ELC Coordinator

REC - Ilyse Hampton, Program Coordinator
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Montgomery County RSVP - Janis Glusman, Literacy Coordinator
Rising Sun Children's Learning Center - Ann Yoon, Director
Rocky Run YMCA - Ricky Pfeifer, Community Engagement Coordinator
Rydal Elementary School - Tyheshia Cleveland, Elementary Curriculum Specialist
Saint Tabernacle Day School - Larry Dobson
Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers - Anna L. Musselman, Executive Director
Sandy Luke's Family Day Care - Sandy Luke
Sayre Child Care - Mary-Jo Ochs, Group Supervisor
School District of Philadelphia - Tamar Magdovitz, Teacher
School District of Philadelphia - Tamika Monk, SPA II
School District of Philadelphia - Mary Salisbury, Instructional Specialist
School District of Philadelphia - Patricia Smiley, Center Leader
Schoolhouse Learning Centers - Susannah Casey
Scranton Area Family Center - Janet Hess, Director
Self-employed - Sandra Baxter
Seton Hill Child Services - Sandra Hess, PA Pre-K Counts Coordinator
Shady Lane School - Polly Lipkind
Gabriela Rodriguez-Stabile, Lead Educator
Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School - Susan Kozy, Teacher
Sheridan Elementary School - Paul Daniels, Principal
Lynne Piotrowski, Reading Teacher
Shirley R. Steffler Family Day Care Home - Shirley Steffler
Sing N Say Learning Center - Katheleen Aviles
Sisters Place, Inc. - Mary Parks, Executive Director
Slippery Rock University, Early Childhood/Elementary Education - Anne M. Slanina Ph.D.
Small Steps Day Care Center - Amanda Fair
Small Wonders In-Home Child Care, LLC. - Mary Darden
Smart Start - Centre County - Eileen Wise
Sonbeam Day Care Center - Gabby Fisher
Sonia Liskoski's Group Daycare - Sonia Liskoski, Owner
Sonlight Child Learning Center - Betty Jo Saulsbery
Sonshine Child Development Center - Andrea Otto, Toddler Group Supervisor
Sonshine Christian Academy - Margie Sebastiani, Executive Director
Special People in Northeast, Inc. - Jennifer Borski, SPIN
Annemarie Clarke, Corporate Officer
Janet Edwards, Quality Assurance Manager
Denise Fong, Director
Mary Lou Haughney, Assistant Director
Rashim Lancit, Director of Center Based Operations
Bernice McHale, Director, Community Affairs
Kathleen McHale, Chief Program Officer
Patricia Parisi, CFO
Karen Schaller, Director
Springfield Psychological - Troy Brindle, Director
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children - Bronwyn Carlson, Pediatrician
St. Gabriel's Good Shepherd Learning Center - Patricia Owsiany
St. James Child Care Center - Jocelyn Kilmer
St. Jerome Child Care Center - Mary Joan Huggard
St. John's Christian Day Care and Preschool - Robin J. French, Director
St. John's Rainbow Trail Child Care Center - Cindy Mack
St. John's United Church of Christ - Karl Jones, Pastor
St. Joseph's University - Elizabeth Jaeger, Associate Professor
St. Mark's Child Care Center - Charles Leonard, Director
St. Paul's Child Development - Nadine Guerassimoff, Coordinator
St. Stephen's Nursery School - Angela Cook, Director
Stairways Behavioral Health - Christine Colao-Nickson, Assistant Director

Steps to Success - Michelle Harbaugh, Director
Street Family Daycare - Anita Streete, Owner
Success By 6 of Erie County - Bill Jackson
Sue's House - Sue Brubaker, Teacher
Sullivan County Children & Youth Services - Lisa Wilcox, Director
Sunshine & Rainbows Day Care Center – Jocelyn Kreig, Director
Natasha Farrell, Assistant Pre-K Counts Teacher
Sunshine Corners - Linda Younger, Executive Director
Tabor Children's House - Stacy Helton
TECE - Sheryl Angove, Teacher
Temple Emanuel Nursery School - Nanette Simon, Director
Temple University - Center For Social Policy & Community Development - Eileen Mays-Voss, Unit Coordinator
Tender Care Learning Centers - Christine Battista, Assistant Regional Manager
Heather Iorio, Assistant Regional Manager
Jennifer Massella, Director
Kim McMonagle, Recruiting Director
Margo Morford
Tender Loving Care Children's Center - Cynthia Hentosz, Director
The ARC of Blair County - Kathy Custren, Advocate
The Art Learning Center - Rae Stonbely
The Caring Center, Inc. - Sherilynn Kimble
The Children's Center - Kathie Hawkins, Lead Teacher
The Children's Corner - Liz Vracarich
The Children's Corner @ Moravian Manor - Mary Jane Hudock
The Consortium for Public Education - David Pribish, Program Director
The Cuddle Zone Learning Center, Inc. - Michele Nelson
The Early Learning Center, Inc. - Cathy Rentzel, Owner/Director
The Goddard School - Shannon Hanor, Director
Gretchen Seward
The Growing Tree - Suzanne Del Corso
The Learning Lamp - Leah Spangler, Executive Director
The Learning Tree School/Truxal Center - Ann Weber, Director
The Malvern School - Lindsay Kiefer
The Parent-Infant Center - Cynthia Roberts, Executive Director
The Pennsylvania State University - Karen Bierman, Professor of Psychology
The Second Mile - Martha Hostetter, Consultant
Marc McCann, VP Programming
The Sprout Fund - Jocelyn Horner, Program Manager
Theiss Child Development Center - Virginia Cowell,
Tina's Lil Busy Bodies - Tina Clark, Owner/Operator
Tiny Tot Child Development Center - Terry Mauck, Director
Vi Prisuta, Associate Director
Jill Pyzoha, Office Manager
Titusville Learning Center - Gretchen Schlosser, Director
Tobyhanna Kids Day Care Center - Dominique Jospitre
Today's Child Learning Centers - Christine Ambrose, Education Administrator
Toddlers' Patch Childcare Center - Carole Nicolella, Director
Touching the Future - Anita Mullen, Director
Troy Area School District - Aubrey Carrington, Kindergarten Teacher
Tuny Haven International Early Learning Center, Inc. - Adrienne McKinney, Director
Tuscarora IU11 - Diane Galbraith, Supervisor of Special Education
Tyrone Elementary - Shana Smith, Teacher
Union County Children and Youth Services - Matthew Ernst (Acting), Director
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United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania - Michael McHale, Director of Child Care
United Way Lackawanna County - Robert Schwartz, Board Member
United Way of Adams County Ready to Learn - Judith Reuwer, Interim Coordinator

United Way of Allegheny County – Robert Nelkin, President and Chief Professional Officer
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United Way of Beaver County - Bruce Simmeth, Executive Director

United Way of Berks County - Sharon Mast, Director
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United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County - Nancy Fishman, Director

United Way of Erie County - Julie Trohoske, Campaign Coordinator

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Upper Gwynedd Child Learning Center - Jan Snovel, Director

Warwick Child Care Center, Inc. - Christine Dragan, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development
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Washington Family Center - Tammy Thompson, Project Coordinator

Wattsburg Area Elementary Center - Gina Rullo, Principal

Wayne County Family Center - Michelle Nuss, Family Dev. Spec.

Wayne Presbyterian Church - George Aman, Member

Wee Care Early Learning Center - Sheri Bravo

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West Chester Area Day Care Center - Betsy Billie

West Chester University - Dr. Catherine Prudhoe, Professor

West Mifflin Area School District - Molly Greiner, Pre-K Counts Teacher

West Point Child Learning Center - Elizabeth Vena, Preschool Program Coordinator

Western Learning Center - Kimiyo Porter, Program Director

Westminster College Preschool Lab - Diana Reed, Head Teacher

Westmoreland County Community College - Vicki Hricik, ECE student

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 - Marie Nickle, Paraprofessional

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Wilfreta G. Baugh, MD - Gabrielle Smith, Manager

Wilkes-Barre Area Schools - Karen Trowbridge, Reading Teacher

Williamsport YMCA - Carolyn Hawk, Child Care Director

Wonder Years Child Care - Heather Strouse

Woodcock Valley Children's Center - Rebecca Plane, Supervisor 2-year-olds

Wyalusing Valley Children's Center, Inc. - Robyn Keeney, Owner

Y2Kids Child Care Center - Christina Young

YMCA Audubon Preschool Early Learning Center - Lakia Wilson, Assistant Director

YMCA of Greater Erie - Melissa Dickerson, STARS Coordinator
Dana Songer, Director
Sabrina Wangler
York Day Nursery, Inc. - Catherine Repman, Executive Director
Young World Early Learning Center - Kimrenee Coaxum
YWCA - Dea Herman, Assistant Group Supervisor
YWCA - Child Enrichment Center - Cyndy Rineer, Group Supervisor
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YWCA of Greater Harrisburg - Tina Nixon
YWCA of Lancaster - Cheryl Gahring, Director of Childcare Services
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Maureen Powers, Executive Director
YWCA of York - Debra Riek, Director of Child Care Services
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Ashley Zurawski, Pre-K Counts Teacher
YWCA Tri County Adult Literacy Center - Marilyn Bainbridge
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