



Week of 04/23/07

What's New with Pre-K Today?

Lobby Day – or Early Childhood Action Day - is two weeks away!! Please plan to be in Harrisburg May 8 to rally in support of pre-K and the governor's early childhood budget. The day will include registration from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg; visits to legislators from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a rally in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:00.

Come to Lobby Day May 8 and show your support for the governor's early childhood budget request which includes:

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

Quest is handling the organizing of Early Childhood Action Day and needs to know if YOU will be there. Participants receive a free boxed lunch! **Please click on the link below to register for Early Childhood Action Day.** Some local organizers will be arranging transportation. Click on the link to register for Lobby Day and find out if buses will be available in your community.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zqi?p=WEB226DNRZZBJ7>

We need your support to tell the General Assembly that pre- K matters and that pre-K is built on a strong early care and education system.

Quest has taken the lead and created some materials for early care and education providers to use to mobilize parent for "Help Me Grow" and to recruit people to attend the lobby day. Please click on the link below to access these materials:

http://www.prektoday.org/lobby_day.shtml

Sen. Mike Brubaker is circulating a co-sponsor memo for a resolution recognizing May 8 as Early Childhood Action Day. If you communicate with your local State senator ask them to co-sponsor.