

## Join the Pre-K for PA Campaign and work with PHSA to advocate for your program's state funded Head Start and PA Pre-k Counts!



### OUR VISION

To ensure that all children can enter school ready to succeed by making high-quality pre-k, like Head Start, accessible to every 3 and 4- year-old in Pennsylvania.

### OUR MISSION

By 2018, every at-risk child will have access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten program and middle-income families will more easily afford these services for their children.

As a member of the Pre-K for PA Campaign, PHSA has worked along side our state-wide partners to make pre-k a priority issue in the legislature and to advocate for additional funding for HSSAP and PA Pre-K Counts.

The campaign has grown quickly and our ranks include over 100 Leadership Council members, 580 supporting organizations, and nearly 15,000 grassroots advocates. Pre-K for PA will work tirelessly until the PA makes high-quality early learning accessible to all children. We need the support and voice of ALL of Pennsylvania's Head Start and Early Head Start staff and parents to make it happen. We hope you'll join us!

### Activities that you can participate in!

**Join the Campaign as a supporter-** Use PHSA's new **Communications Sign Up Form** to make sure that you get the information that you want from PHSA. This form also allows you to join the Pre-K for PA Campaign and help your program win our Pre-K for PA Supporter Drive Contest. PHSA will award VISA gift cards to the top three programs in our fall supporter drive! Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/a/paheadstart.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgoBmOwb9dUUrLF1c1o6tdoTiG1jwxMmcGIPkLF36Mjn6-g/viewform>!

**Make a Call** - Calls are more far powerful than emails. Call your state leaders and tell their office: "I support the Pre-K for PA vision for young children. Karen can help you find your legislator!"

**Share Your Story** - Stories from parents and staff are powerful tools that help the media and leaders remember how important this issue is to so many people. Share your story by contacting Karen at [karen@paheadstart.org](mailto:karen@paheadstart.org).

**Be an Advocate** - Grow our effort's momentum by inviting 10 friends or family to support our cause. You can invite them to sign up for our updates, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter. An invitation from you is far more powerful and convincing than anything we could do to grow momentum.

**Write or Respond** - Write a letter to the editor of your local paper explaining why you support expanding access to Head Start or respond to a pre-k related story or opinion featured in your local paper. Never written a letter to the editor? No problem—[click here](#) to download our quick tips for writing and submitting a letter!

**Visit Your Legislator** - Pre-K for PA wants to make sure all of our legislators understand the value of Head Start and support it. You could be a huge help by meeting your legislator personally to share your story. You can meet with them in their district office, or better yet, invite them to your program! Want to see the Capitol? You can by participating in a Capitol Caravan and visiting your legislator in Harrisburg! PHSA has money to support all of these activities and Karen can help you set it up!

**Still not sure how to get involved?** Contact Karen at 717-526-4646 to get your questions answered!