

Sign our declaration!

You can sign our declaration online at www.papromiseforchildren.com or mail this form to PA's Promise Declaration c/o PA Key, 301 Market Street, 9th Floor, Harrisburg, PA, 17101 or fax (717) 213-0584.

I believe

- **quality early learning and child development play a major role in a child's future success in school and in life.**
- **young children learn best when they have proper health and nutrition; a safe and stable family/home life; and activities that stimulate creativity, curiosity, and all the skills they need to succeed.**
- **every child in Pennsylvania deserves access to quality early learning opportunities and that it is the responsibility of every Pennsylvanian to help our children reach their promise.**

I support Pennsylvania's Promise for Children because every child is Pennsylvania's future.

- Please CHECK here to allow your name and city to be displayed publicly, such as on the PA Promise for Children website and materials.

Name: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Email: _____

- Please sign me up for the Build ECE News
 Please connect me with my LEARN team

Why should you help make quality early education a priority for Pennsylvania?

When our children receive a quality early education, we all benefit:

Saves taxes. Children who participate in quality early education are less likely to need special education or remediation in school. Special education can cost twice as much as typical education.

As adults these children are also less likely to need public assistance, commit crimes, or be incarcerated.

Saves jobs. About 60% of children under age six in PA need some form of child care while their parents work. When working parents have access to quality, reliable early education, they have fewer absences and can be more productive at work.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 60% of new jobs require 21st century skills that only 20% of today's workforce has. Our children need quality early learning from birth to build these skills so they are qualified for these jobs.

Child Care Certification | Child Care Works
Children's Trust Fund | Early Intervention
Full-Day Kindergarten | Head Start Supplemental
Assistance Program | Keystone Babies
Keystone STARS | Nurse-Family Partnership
Parent-Child Home Program | PA Pre-K Counts

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YOU can make quality early education a priority for Pennsylvania!



Because every child is Pennsylvania's future

Pennsylvania's Promise for Children is a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of providing Pennsylvania's young children with access to quality early learning opportunities. Sponsored by the PA Build Initiative, Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality, The Grable Foundation, The Heinz Endowments, and William Penn Foundation.

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All children need quality early learning to succeed, but not all children get it.



Quality early learning at home and in early learning programs (like child care, Head Start and preschool) promotes brain development and builds the skills children need for success in school and in life. Without quality early learning, children may fall behind and stay behind. With it, children who may be at risk for failing in school can overcome those risks and reach their potential.

YOU can help make quality early education a reality for Pennsylvania's young children. We need our children to succeed!

Learn

- ☺ Learn ways to help young children grow. Simply reading to and playing with young children helps them learn. Find fun activities in our *Learning is Everywhere* calendar.
- ☺ Did you know that a child's brain grows more before age five than it will the rest of his life? Learn the facts about why quality early learning matters and share them with others!
- ☺ Learn the keys to a quality early learning program and choose quality for your family.

Get Involved

- ☺ Sign PA's Promise for Children declaration to show you believe quality early education should be a priority for Pennsylvania.
- ☺ Volunteer at your local library, community center or an early learning program in your community. You can read to or tutor children, or help with field trips.
- ☺ Join your Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN) team to help with fun family events and learn what's going on in your community.

Tell Your Story

- ☺ Help make early education a priority for our leaders by telling your story—how Pennsylvania's early childhood programs make a difference for your child, family and community.
- ☺ Tell your story to school principals, board members and superintendents; community leaders; and elected officials.
- ☺ Get tips, submit your story online and read other stories at the PA Promise for Children website.

For more information, visit www.papromiseforchildren.com or contact your Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN) Team