



Clinton County Child Care Providers and Services



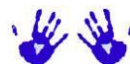
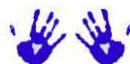
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TYPES OF CHILD CARE

FAMILY DAY CARE

The largest percentage of children are cared for in family day care homes, especially infants and children under 3. In Pennsylvania, homes with more than three unrelated children follow state regulations.

GROUP DAY CARE

Group day care is child care provided in a home setting for 6 to 12 children. When there are more than six children present, two caregivers are necessary. Group homes are subject to many of the same regulations that govern centers and they must renew their license each year.

CENTER CARE

Child care centers accommodate groups of children, including infants, preschoolers and mixed ages. The number of children depends on the size of the center. Centers follow state mandated regulations.

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PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE

SHARON BRUNGARD-SCHRACK

428 Fishing Creek Road, Mill Hall, PA 17751 (just outside Clintondale)

Telephone: 570-726-6271

Hours: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Ages served: Infant – Kindergarten

Cost: \$3 per hour

Enrollment size: 6

Services provided: Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided. Large yard for outside play. I encourage dancing, singing, arts and crafts, story time, dress up play and more. Children have free, individual and group play times. I also use Mother Goose and Early Start Preschool programs

CHRISTINA CROCE SNOOK'S FAMILY CHILD CARE

499 High Street, Flemington, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-893-8969

Email: tripletrouble123@hotmail.com

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Keystone Central School District yearly school schedule is followed)

Ages served: All ages

Cost: Varies with age and number of hours

Enrollment size: 6

Services Provided: Individual attention is given by an experienced mom with an elementary education degree. Daily activities in a home atmosphere provide a safe and comfortable environment that encourage healthy, social, emotional and cognitive growth. Large fenced in yard and relaxed atmosphere provided many opportunities for free play, teaching self help skills and exploring. Nutritional meals and snacks are provided.

Waiting List: Waiting list is maintained when full.

TANYA REEDER'S LITTLE LAMB (Tanya Reeder)

7 Girard Street, Mill Hall, PA 17751

Telephone: 570-726-7193

Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ages served: newborn – school age

Cost: please call for fee's

Enrollment size: 6

Services Provided: Preschool program, field trips, snacks and meals.

Additional Information: I offer a fun educational preschool program that is enjoyed by all aged children. This program contains fun finger plays, music, arts and crafts and educational work sheets. We enjoy outside play in our own fenced in play areas and also enjoy walks. Though routine and structure important here my main goal is to provide your child with the love and care he/she deserves and to make sure fun and laughter fill our days.

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE

RONI LETTERMAN'S FAMILY HOME DAY CARE

109 West Highland Street Jersey Shore, PA 17740 (located in Avis)

Telephone: Home: 570-873-3026 Cell: 570-932-0313

Hours: 5:30 am-5:30 pm (would consider different shifts)

Ages served: All ages

Cost: Please call for rates

Enrollment size: 6 (We currently have openings)

Services provided: As your childcare providers, you can expect the same tender love and care you would give your child. We have a positive fun environment with activities which will enhance creativity and developmentally at their own learning level. We love playing outside in the fenced in yard and taking walks to nearby playgrounds (weather permitting). All nutritionally balance meals and snacks are provided at no extra charge.

WISE FAMILY CHILD CARE (Darlene Wise)

315 East Main Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-6518

Hours: 6:30 am-4:30 pm

Ages Served: 6 weeks –age 5

Cost: Please call for rates

Enrollment size: 6

Services Provided: Nutritional meal and snacks. Your child will build his/her cognitive, emotional, social and physical skills through developmentally appropriate activities and play.
Additional Information; Convenient location and large fenced in backyard.

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE

CHRIS LETTERMAN FAMILY HOME DAY CARE (Christie Letterman)

412 High Street Jersey Shore, PA 17749

Telephone: 570-398-2203

Hours: 5:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Ages served: All ages

Cost: \$80/week

Enrollment size: 6

Services provided: Meals provided, but not formula for infants.

KIMMIES HOME DAYCARE (Kim Mertes)

414 High Street Jersey Shore, PA 17749

Telephone: 570-398-8445

Call for information

LITTLE WONDER DAYCARE (Carolyn Fisher)

321 Spruce Street Jersey Shore, PA 17749

Telephone: 570-398-7899

Call for Information

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED GROUP HOME DAY CARE

BARNES GROUP DAY CARE

24 View Lane, Jersey Shore PA 17740

Telephone: 570-753-5900

Hours: All shifts (24 hours)

Ages served: 6 weeks to 12 years

Cost: call for rates

Enrollment size: 12 children

Services provided: The Funsteps and crafts program, healthy meals and snacks provided for children, daily walks to other playgrounds. (Keystone STAR Level 1)

Waiting List: none

BUSY BEES DAY CARE

245 Bald Eagle Forest Road (PO Box 211) Blanchard, PA 16826

Telephone: 570-962-2419

Website: www.busybeesnu.com

Email: 123busybees@comcast.net

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Ages served: 8 weeks-12 years

Cost: Please call for information (dependant on age)

Enrollment size: 12

Services provided: Busy Bees provides snacks and meals at no additional charge. Our preschool program offers a variety of activities to enhance social, physical, emotional and intellectual development of children. Large outdoor play yard. Children are introduced to colors, shapes, and the alphabet at their own learning level. Computers are introduced to children 2+. Children enjoy singing, dancing, role play, dress up, story time and much more. Visit www.busybeesnu.com for more information. (Keystone STAR Level 2 moving to a STAR 3 soon) “Turning your busy bee into a social butterfly”

Waiting List: Waiting list maintained when full.

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED GROUP HOME DAY CARE

WEAVER'S GROUP DAY CARE

411 South Water Street, Mill Hall, PA 17751

Telephone: 570-726-4020 **Cell:** 263-7169

Hours: 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages served: 6 weeks to school age

Cost: Please call for information

Enrollment size: 12

Services provided: We provide a program that develops the child's act of getting along with other children (sharing, taking turns, etc.). They learn the different colors, shapes, and alphabet. Activities include music, arts and crafts, pre-writing (printing), story time, and role playing. An outdoor play area is provided to exercise and enjoy free play time. Parental involvement is encouraged. Parents provide lunch. We provide the breakfast and snacks.

Waiting List: Waiting list maintained when full.

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

BUILDING BLOCKS CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER, INC.

225 East Church St, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-8249

Hours: 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday

Ages served: 6 weeks – 12 years – Infants – School-age

Cost: Varies with age and schedule

Enrollment size: 169

Services provided: Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided. Come be part of our family. Preschool program, before and after school program, field trips and pre-kindergarten morning sessions available for preparing children educational activities for school. Involved in the Keystone Stars Program. (Keystone STAR Level 2)

Waiting List: Maintained when full.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL DAY CARE CENTER

Park and Prospect Streets, Avis, PA 17721 (inside Avis United Methodist Church)

Telephone: 570-753-8632

Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages served: 6 weeks through 12 years

Cost: varies with age

Enrollment size: 143

Services provided: All Things Bright and Beautiful strives to give positive development, ethical and spiritual guidance. We are committed to providing sensible Christian values, quality pre-education and creative play and friendship opportunities. Nutritionally sound breakfasts, lunches and snacks are provided at no additional charge. Daily reports of each child's activities are given and monthly newsletters are provided to keep parents up-to-date on weekly themes and special events. Both full and part-time positions are available. (Keystone STAR Level 4)

Waiting List: Openings currently available; waiting list maintained when full.

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

LOCK HAVEN YMCA CHILD CARE CENTER

145 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-6727 **Email:** beth07ymca@yahoo.com

Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 am-6:00 pm

Ages served: 6 weeks-12 years of age

Cost: Please call for rates

Enrollment size: Please call for information

Services provided: Infant/Toddler Preschool and Before and After School Age Programs provided. We offer After school childcare at Mill Hall and Lamar Township Elementary schools. It is our desire to provide a healthy, safe and attractive environment; develop a warm interaction with parents and families; implement a stimulating, enriching and age appropriate curriculum. The pool and gym are used to provide gross motor activities.

Waiting List: Waiting list maintained when full.

LOCK HAVEN CHILD CARE CENTER

165 Susquehanna Avenue, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-4772

Fax: 570-748-4772

Hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday - Friday

Ages served: Infant Care – 6 weeks through age 12

Cost: Please call for rates

Services provided: Infant, Toddler, and Preschool and before and after school programs provided. It is our desire to provide a healthy, safe and attractive environment; develop a warm and productive interaction with parents and families; and implement a stimulating, enriching, age-appropriate curriculum which enhances self-discipline, creativity, communication skills, problem solving, physical skills, self-help and a feeling of self-worth in each child. Meals are provided. USDA funded breakfast, lunch and snack provided. Baby cereal, food and formula provided. (Keystone STAR Level 4)

Waiting list: Waiting list maintained when full.

MOM'S, INC.

1 Bald Eagle Court

PO Box 396, McElhattan, PA 17748

Telephone: 570-769-6001

Ages served: 6 weeks-12 years

Cost: Call for rates and additional information

Enrollment size: Call for information.

Waiting List: Maintained

(Keystone STAR Level Star 3)

Services Provided: We provide quality childcare including meals and snacks. A daily schedule provides many opportunities for learning. Our curriculum includes music, arts and crafts, story time, circle time, free play, outdoor play, and directed play. Your child will be intellectually stimulated daily through developmentally appropriate activities. We offer a pre-school program and work on Kindergarten readiness. Before and after school care available at the McElhattan location only. We offer transportation to most elementary schools.

Tiadaghton Valley Mall

701 Allegheny Street

Jersey Shore, PA 17740

Telephone: 570-398-4877

Ages served: 6 weeks-5 years

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

1046B Delaware Ave., Jersey Shore, PA 17740

Telephone: 570-753-5133

Hours: 4:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages served: 6 weeks and up through school age

Cost: Infant: (\$125.00/wk); Toddler (\$110.00/wk); Preschool (\$100.00/wk); School age (\$50.00/wk)

Enrollment size: 36

Services provided: Preschool curriculum, story time, meals/snacks provided, transportation provided, diapers/wipes/mats/blankets/ etc. provided.

Waiting List: when full

Additional Information: Inside large gross motor space for bikes, scooters, and balls. Large fenced-in outside play area. Computers for toddlers, preschoolers, and school age. Everything's here for your child to learn and grow just bring your child and a smile.

PRE-SCHOOL

THE NURTURY PRESCHOOL

1080 Park Ave. Woolrich Community Center, Woolrich, PA 17779

Telephone: 570-769-6152

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Monday through Friday; September - May

Ages served: 3-5 years

Cost: \$90 (2days/week/Tuesday & Thursday) \$105 (3 days/week – Mon, Wed, Fri.) per month

Enrollment size: 12 children in 2 day program; 16 children in 3 day program

Services provided: Pre-school program that provides a wide variety of activities to enhance social, physical, emotional and intellectual development of young children. Designed around the idea that a child learns best in an environment that offers warm acceptance and exposure to a wide variety of experiences and activities. Field trips, original arts & crafts projects, gym time, individualized group activities, music, pre-math and reading activities are included.

Waiting List: Maintained when full.

TRACIE'S HOPSCOTCH VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL

223 Cherry Run Road Lamar, PA

Telephone: 570-660-1099

Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Ages served: 3, 4 and 5 year olds

Cost: Call for information

Enrollment size: 6

Services provided: Educational curriculum to prepare children for Kindergarten

PRE-SCHOOL

ACORN SCHOOL

12 W. Water Street, PO Box 514, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Director – Lori Shultz

Telephone: 570-748-5991 or 570-748-7839 (H)

Hours: Seedlings (2 year old class) Wednesdays 9:00 am-10:30 am

Pre-School (3 & 4 year olds)-Tues/Thurs mornings 8:30 am-11:00 am

Pre-Kindergarten (4 & 5 year olds)-Monday-Thursday-12-2:30 pm

Cost: call for information

Enrollment size: Seedlings-12 students, Pre-School-16 students, Pre-Kindergarten-18 students

Services provided: The Acorn School is a not-for profit organization licensed by the PA Department of Education as a private, academic school. The Acorn School provides developmentally appropriate pre-school experience that stimulates the social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children.

STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL

980 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-3928

Hours: Preschool – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and
11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Young 3 Year olds – Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ages served: 3 until beginning K

Cost: Preschool: \$30.00; Young 3 year olds (\$22.00 weekly)

Enrollment size: Preschool – 15 in each class; Young 3 years old – 12 in each class

Services provided: The Stepping Stones Preschool is a developmentally appropriate, play based program available to children from age three until beginning Kindergarten. Activities are provided in a warm nurturing environment to facilitate development in all areas, including socialization, cognition, gross motor, fine motor, self help and language. Stepping Stones provides the unique opportunity of an inclusive environment for those of typical development and those with special needs to play and learn together.

Waiting List: Maintained when full.

PARENT AND CHILD SERVICES

INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

980 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-3928

Pact-Parenting Program

980 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Telephone: 570-748-3928

Hours: Staff Available 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

Ages served: Parents of children ages birth through high school.

Cost: Free

Enrollment size: varies

Services provided: Parenting services offered in a variety of settings; home or center based. Topics are individualized to fit the family's needs. We will take referrals from parents, agencies, etc.

Early Intervention

Hours: Monday –Friday – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages Served: Birth to Five years

Cost: Free

Enrollment Size: Varies

Services Provided: Home-based and center-based early intervention services are provided to children ages birth to five years of age with special needs. Available services include educational instruction, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, family services, parent support, and transportation.

Waiting List: None

PA Elks Home Service Project

980 East Water Street Lock Haven, Pa 17745

Hours: Monday –Friday – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ages Served: Individuals of any age **Cost:** Free

Enrollment Size: Not applicable

Services Provided: The mission of the PA Elks Home Service Project is to support and promote the independence of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing advocacy services in their home environment. The registered nurse assesses needs and helps access equipment, provides in-home medical case management, and assists with finding activities and supports within the community.

Waiting List: None

CCIS – CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES

2138 Lincoln Street, P.O. Box 3568, Williamsport, PA 17701-8568

Telephone: 570-327-5495 Toll Free 1-800-346-3020

CCIS Manager – Patricia Jenkins

Services provided: Helps determine subsidized child care eligibility. Provides resource and referral on how to select child care.

PARENT AND CHILD SERVICES

CENTRAL REGIONAL KEY

2138 Lincoln Street, P.O. Box 3568, Williamsport, PA 17701-8568

Telephone: Toll Free 1-800-346-3020

Contact: Patty Cohick or Dana DeVito

The Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality, sponsored by the Department of Public Welfare's Office of Child Development, is a quality improvement program in which all early learning programs and practitioners are encouraged and supported to improve child outcomes.

Vision: All Pennsylvania families will have access to high-quality early care and education and school-age child care opportunities for their children that foster success in school and in life.

Website: www.pakeys.org

LYCOMING-CLINTON HEAD START, STEP Inc.

Director: Ann Doerr

Address: 2138 Boyd Street Williamsport, PA 17701

Phone: (570) 326-0587 and 1-800-346-3020

Fax: (570) 322-3137

Services Provided: Lycoming-Clinton Head Start fosters hope, growth, self-sufficiency and social competence in children and their families through partnerships with parents and community. Programs for pregnant women, infants and toddlers to age 3 (Early Head Start), programs for children 2 to 3 years old (The Parent-Child Home Program) and programs for children 3 to 5 years old (Federal and State-funded Head Start Program and PA Pre-K Counts Program).

All programs are at no cost and include: Individualized learning experiences that foster every child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth; support for parents, the child's first and most important teachers; early identification and intervention to support children who have or may have disabilities; and help for families to improve their lives. Head Start Programs also include: Medical and dental examinations, health screenings, immunizations, wellness, follow-up; opportunities for parents to participate in program planning and decision-making; and individualized family partnerships

PARENT AND CHILD SERVICES

EARLY INTERVENTION: CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT #10 PRESCHOOL EI Program

Address: 345 Link Road, West Decatur, PA 16878

Contact: Karen Krise, Director

Telephone: (814) 342-0884 or (800) 982-3375

Website: www.ciu10.org (Educational Services, Preschool Early Intervention)

The Central Intermediate Unit # 10 Preschool Early Intervention Program is a year round system that identifies and provides early intervention special education services to eligible young children who must meet the following criteria:

- * Ages three to five years old and not yet enrolled in kindergarten
- * Residing in Centre, Clearfield, or Clinton Counties
- * Exhibiting a developmental delay of at least 25% and/or a disability and in need of specially designed instruction.

The process of determining that a child has a developmental delay usually begins at the screening level. A multidisciplinary evaluation is conducted if the child does not pass the screening activities or there is supporting documentation that indicates the need to move directly to an evaluation. The family is the most important source of information and no assessment is conducted without the family's written consent. Programs and services for children who are eligible for early intervention are determined by a team of professionals and the child's family who develop a individualized education plan (IEP).

Preschool Early Intervention services for eligible young children are:

- * Provided at no cost to the family
- * Determined by the IEP team

Preschool Early Intervention services may include:

1. Home based Teacher and/or Therapists
2. Itinerant services provided by a Teacher and/or Therapists at a child's preschool, child care site, or Head Start
3. Classroom based services (both Integrated and Specialized classes are available)
4. Transportation
5. Teacher of the Hearing Impaired services
6. Teacher of the Visually Impaired services
7. Speech and Language Therapy services
8. Occupational Therapy services
9. Physical Therapy services
10. Psychological services
11. Assistive Technology services

Referral Process: Children may be referred by anyone involved in the child's life, however no further action will be taken until the family has been contacted and agrees to proceed with the referral.

EARLY INTERVENTION: Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention Program

Address: 8 North Grove Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Contact: Marilyn Ely EI Coordinator

Telephone: 570-748-2262 or 570-326-7895

The Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention Program provides services for children ages birth to three who have a developmental delay of 25% or more in one or more of the five developmental areas, cognitive, communication, social-emotional, physical and adaptive skills and who live in Lycoming or Clinton County.

Referrals can be made by anyone who has a concern about a child's development. Services are provided at no cost to the family and are voluntary. A referral is made by calling one of the numbers listed above. A Service Coordinator meets with the family and coordinates assessment services. If a child is eligible an Individualized Family Service Plan is developed, a referral is made to a provider of Early Intervention services such as Infant Development Program and services start within 14 days. Services include speech, occupational, and physical therapies as well as Special Instruction. For children with hearing or visual impairments EI also provides teachers who specialize in vision and hearing services. All services are provided in natural environments such as the family's home, Child Care or some other community setting.

CLINTON COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE

C/o Penn State Cooperative Extension-Clinton County 47 Cooperation Lane Mill Hall, PA 17751

Telephone: 570-726-0022 ext 132 **Email:** law27@psu.edu

Contact: Laurie Welch

The mission is to educate, assist and involve Clinton County families, businesses and communities in understanding and valuing the important role quality early care and education plays in determining future success.

Objectives:

- To increase understanding of the importance of quality early care and education.
- To educate the public to the true cost of quality early care and education.
- To give the community tools to identify and select quality early care and education.
- To increase awareness of the impact of early care and educational issues upon the business community.
- To improve public understanding of the impact of policy and legislation on quality early care and education

Website: www.clintoncountychildcare.org

Do you Blog? <http://qualitycareforyoungchildren.blogspot.com>

OTHER

LOCK HAVEN PRE-SCHOOL CO-OP

44 West Main Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Director – Heather Owens (Home: 748-5371)

Telephone (Church): 570-748-6481

Hours: Monday & Wednesday – 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20 per child/month - \$5 each additional sibling

Enrollment size: 12 per class

Services provided: Not a drop off daycare. Parents must accompany child. Program includes field trips, holiday programs and various play and educational activities. Snack provided.

Waiting list: Classes for ages infant-3 are full for the 10/11 school year; openings in the 4-5 year old class.

CENTRAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL PLAYDAYS

64 Keystone Central Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

Child Care Instructor – Gretchen VanGorder

Central Mountain High School

Telephone: 570-893-4646 Ext. 4366

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$3.50 a day

Enrollment size: 20 children

Services provided: High School students provide and guide the students in the activities. The preschool children will be actively involved in the following centers and developmentally appropriate activities: Gross Motor Skills, Fine Motor Skills, Exploratory Play, Block Center, Arts and Crafts, Nutritional Snacks, Cognitive Development, Math and Science Lessons, Literacy/Language Development, Social/Emotional Skills, Journal Writing, and Music Activities

At a Keystone STARS Facility you can count on:

A Department of Public Welfare Certificate of Compliance for Centers or registration for Family Day Care Homes

A comfortable place where your child can explore and learn

Laughing, reading, and talking to build good language skills

Teachers learning new ways to help your child succeed

A safe, healthy and exciting place

Music, art, science, and play activities that increase school readiness

Your child feeling good about his/her self

Lots of family involvement

Teachers that listen to children and parents

Children having fun together and being respectful of each other



What Keystone STARS means for YOU and Your CHILD

Keystone STARS is a quality rating system. It has four STAR levels as noted in the chart below. Each STAR designation has its own research-based performance standards. These standards measure three areas of child care that make a difference in the quality of care your child receives:

1) The staff employed 2) The environment your child is in every day 3) The way a facility runs their business

As a facility moves from STAR One to STAR Four, the requirements in these areas increase.

Below gives examples of the requirements each facility must meet at each STAR level.

In A One STAR Facility you will find:

- A DPW Child Care Certificate of Compliance/Registration for a year
- A plan to increase professional development and training for staff
- Increased staff communication by team meetings
- A completed self-assessment on quality items in the environment

In A Two STAR Facility you will find:

- Director and Staff must receive at least 3 to 6 hours more annual professional development and training than DPW regulations require
- The facility has a budget and provides at least one benefit to staff
- Some involvement of parents in the program
- A plan to address needs found in a standardized self-assessment of the program

In A Three STAR Facility you will find:

- More professional development and training hours than a STAR Two
- One half of the staff completed/enrolled in credentials or degrees
- Learning materials available for a large part of the day
- Literacy activities including reading to children, storytelling and encouraging written and verbal communication happen often during the day
- Increased parental involvement
- Written policies and procedures
- Implementation of a financial system, increased staff compensation and benefits

In A Four STAR Facility you will find:

- More professional development and training hours than STAR Three
- Two thirds of the staff completed/enrolled in credentials or degrees
- Activities designed to encourage communication, both written and verbal, occur naturally in the day
- Parental and community resources used effectively in the delivery of quality child care
- Business, organizational and staff compensation practices are maximized
- A review of the facility by a nationally recognized environmental rating scale that indicates a high quality score
- A review of the facility by a nationally recognized environmental rating scale that indicates a minimal quality score



Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts

**Providing high quality pre-kindergarten to thousands of young children across the Commonwealth
Because every child is Pennsylvania's future.**

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts, established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is bringing quality half-day and full day pre-kindergarten to 11,800 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania.

Why does my child need to attend a high quality pre-kindergarten program?

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others.

Pre-kindergarten gives children a chance to learn, become excited about school and be better students.

By enrolling your child in quality pre-kindergarten, your child has a better chance of being ready for kindergarten and grade school. This strong early start in pre-kindergarten means they have a better chance of doing well in school, going on to college or career training, and getting a good job.

All of this can start by enrolling your child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom!

What can I expect from a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

Pennsylvania *Pre-K Counts* classrooms will: have teachers with the education and expertise to teach young children; use a curriculum that will help your child grow, academically and socially; regularly review your child's progress and choose teaching and learning activities that are best for your child; help you and your child adjust to pre-kindergarten and smoothly move on to kindergarten; offer a small class size (no more than 20 students per one teacher and one aide) so that your child can have plenty of one-on-one time with the teachers.

How can I enroll my child in a PA Pre-K Counts classroom?

There are PA Pre-K Counts classrooms in most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit www.pde.state.pa.us and click on "Pre K-12," "Early Childhood" and "Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts" for a listing, and contact the programs directly

**Helping Pennsylvania's children reach their promise
through Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts!**