HELP MORE DELAWARE FAMILIES ACCESS EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION!

Delawareans United in Need for Child Care Supports

Families, child care providers, and local employers continue to struggle to make ends meet, despite some positive gains in recent years.

Let's help Gov. Matt Meyer and his administration follow through on their commitment to provide universal access to pre-K throughout the state. This year let's **capitalize on Delaware's historic investments and serve even more children and families** by investing more state dollars and allowing more families to access care by increasing eligibility.

Today, **Less than 1 in 5 children are served in public programs.**

- **Care is too expensive for many families, costing as much as a mortgage payment**
- **Employers face daily disruptions, a shrinking workforce, and business losses**
- **Child care providers want to offer more openings to families but cannot**

We are grateful for the historic investments outlined in the **Governor's Recommended Budget for FY27: Nearly $50 million total ($33 million in ongoing state funding). But we must do more to reach our goals.**

Joint Finance Committee: Invest Today

Department of Education: Increase access to state-funded pre-K (ECAP)
1. Increase eligibility to serve families up to at least 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
2. Provide infrastructure funds to expand early care and education capacity through grants and by allowing public school capital funding to cover pre-K

Department of Health and Social Services: Increase access to child care (Purchase of Care) for more families
1. Increase per-child Purchase of Care rates to at least the federal benchmark of the 75th percentile so programs can open more classrooms and increase staff pay and benefits
2. Expand eligibility to serve families up to at least 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (making about 5,000 more families eligible)

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