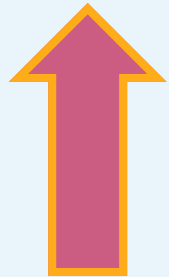


DELAWARE'S EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRESS

Thank you, Gov. John Carney and the General Assembly!

OUR ADVOCACY IS WORKING

In the last 8 years, Delaware has added funding for Purchase of Care and pre-K—totaling more than \$60 million!



Pre-K
(state-funded preschool, ages 0-5)

2X more children in high-quality pre-K

3X funding—\$13 million more

Purchase of Care
(child care subsidy, ages 0-12)

3,000 more children eligible

140% or \$45 million more funding



2,600+ more children served \$60 million more invested

Outreach

100+ Participants in 2024 Advocacy Day and 30 Legislators Reached

"Statewide POC rate increases have been a game-changer for downstate providers. Many of us can hire more people and open new classrooms so we can serve new families, and providers who didn't accept the state rate are beginning to do so (and serve subsidy-eligible families)."

-Toni Dickerson, Sussex Preschools



WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

We are only serving 1 in 5 children (10,091 of 59,000) under age 5 in state-funded pre-K, and we still rank 42nd nationally in 3- and 4-year-olds served

Delaware has made incremental strides and now needs to look for **transformational investments** to get to a more **universal system of high-quality early care and education** for all children and families

“Expanding our pre-k program has **provided funding to pay our teachers a fair wage** and ensure all our children leave ready for kindergarten.”
- Julie Bieber, Kingswood Community Center

