



HELP MORE DELAWARE FAMILIES ACCESS EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION!

Delawareans United in Need for Child Care Supports

Families and child care providers in Delaware continue to struggle to make ends meet, despite some positive gains in recent years. Local employers are losing out on their workforce and having to scramble to cover shifts, hampering the local economy.

Let's help Gov. Matt Meyer and his administration follow through on their commitment to provide access to universal pre-K throughout the state. This year, serve at least 5,500 more children by investing more state dollars and allow more families to access care by increasing eligibility. Today, Delaware's challenges include:

- **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**
- **Parents can't work, which holds back our economy**
- **Employers face daily disruptions, a shrinking workforce, and business losses**
- **Child care providers want to offer more openings to families but cannot**

Policymakers: Invest Today

Department of Education: Increase access to state-funded pre-K (ECAP)

1. Expand access for 500 more children and 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

3. 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.
4. 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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