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### How Does It Work?

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts provides funding for more than 13,000 children to attend pre-Kindergarten (half day or full day) in programs operated by schools, child care centers, Head Start, and private academic preschools. The program is designed to support those who are at risk of school failure because of poverty (See Federal Poverty Guidelines on the back of this handout), language barriers, or special needs issues.

### How Much Does It Cost?

PA Pre-K Counts is free to eligible families. The program may charge for additional non-Pre-K Counts programming, such as wraparound child care.

### How Can I Enroll My Child?

PA Pre-K Counts can be held in schools, Head Start programs, childcare programs with Keystone STARS ratings of Star 3 or 4, and in private academic preschools. They are available in most of PA's 67 counties. To find one near you, visit [http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs\\_PreK\\_Programs](http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs_PreK_Programs).

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## Does My Family Meet the Eligibility Guidelines?

To find out if your family meets the eligibility requirements needed to qualify for participation in PA Pre-K Counts, simply follow the chart below. \*

1. Under the Household Size column, locate the number of individuals residing in your household. Age does not matter.
2. Follow the row across to the 300% column. If your family income is less than this amount, your child may be eligible.

\* These guidelines are subject to change annually. To locate the most updated guidelines, visit: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov>.

Household size	100%	133%	150%	200%	300%	400%
1	\$11,770	\$15,654	\$17,655	\$23,540	\$35,310	\$47,080
2	15,930	21,187	23,895	31,860	47,790	63,720
3	20,090	26,720	30,135	40,180	60,270	80,360
4	24,250	32,253	36,375	48,500	72,750	97,000
5	28,410	37,785	42,615	56,820	85,230	113,640
6	32,570	43,318	48,855	65,140	97,710	130,280
7	36,730	48,851	55,095	73,460	110,190	146,920
8	40,890	54,384	61,335	81,780	122,670	163,560
For each additional person, add	\$4,160	\$5,533	\$6,240	\$8,320	\$12,480	\$16,640

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Phone:** (717) 346-9320

**Websites:** For more information on PA Pre-K Counts, visit [https://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs PreK Families](https://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs%20PreK%20Families) .

For a PA Pre-K Counts downloadable flyer, go to <http://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/Early%20Learning/Pre-K%20Counts/PA%20Pre-K%20Counts%20Flyer%20for%20Parents.pdf> .

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