



Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children 2015-16 Public Policy Priorities

a voice for kids a voice for kids

Children's Health

- Build on the success of Medicaid and CHIP to ensure every Pennsylvania child is insured.
- Assure that children receiving Medicaid and CHIP coverage have access to services to meet the full array of their physical and behavioral health care needs.
- Develop and implement a health insurance exchange that is efficient, easy to access and use, and meets the comprehensive health care needs of children.
- Expand Medicaid coverage for uninsured adults up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, consistent with the PPACA.

Child Welfare

- Take steps to align child welfare funding with desired child and family outcomes.
- Strengthen the response to reports of child abuse and neglect and the services and supports children and families receive to reduce instances of child maltreatment.
- Ensure that all children in foster care receive services and supports that will help them be part of a permanent family.
- Improve the education outcomes of children involved with the child welfare system.

Early Childhood Education

- Increase the availability of evidence-based home visiting strategies to strengthen families and meet the comprehensive needs of infants and young children at highest risk.
- Monitor investments and policies that support the inclusion of children with developmental delays and disabilities in high-quality early learning programs and provide ongoing supports to parents and providers.
- Ensure the availability of high-quality child care for at-risk, working parents.
- Ensure the health and safety of children in child care settings and improve child care quality.
- Increase the number of children enrolled in high-quality pre-k.
- Ensure the use of data to manage and evaluate early learning programs.

Continued ...

K-12 Education

- Ensure that all children receive a high-quality public education that is supported by a rational school funding system, sustained multi-year commitments to provide schools and teachers with tools to aid their efforts, and strong accountability for investments and how schools/districts perform.
- Provide all children with the opportunity to learn from an effective teacher every year of their educational careers.
- Ensure high school graduates are postsecondary and workforce ready.

###