



## PRE-K OUR WAY

Prepared for school, ready for success.



# BRING PRESCHOOL TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND MAKE IT YOURS

New Jersey has one of the best, most successful and high-quality public preschool programs in the country. It's successful because the communities that have it are allowed to adapt the program to their individual local community needs by incorporating both public and private providers.

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**The existing law, passed in 2008, as well as current expansion of pre-k in New Jersey are clear and support local community choice.** Your community chooses: public pre-k can be implemented through public schools, community for-profit, nonprofit or faith-based providers, or private providers. New Jersey law supports what is called 'mixed-delivery' – a system of public supports and public and private implementation. Federal programs and laws also incentivize public and private service delivery.

**But your community can't make a choice if there is nothing to choose from.** Pre-K Our Way works with local communities to expand pre-k programs to 3- and 4-year-olds throughout New Jersey – and to secure the funding to make that expansion a reality. As a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, Pre-K Our Way helps parents, family members, community leaders, providers and others to have the tools to bring pre-k their way. Together, we're working to make the state's existing high-quality pre-k program – currently in nearly 150 communities – available to families who now choose between working a second job to pay for pre-k vs. being able to have access to state-funded programs available in other communities in New Jersey – just not in theirs.

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**Pre-k expansion provides an opportunity for existing providers – nonprofit, for profit and faith based, as well as local public schools – to start 3- and 4-year-olds off with a stronger foundation for the future.** Having more opportunity and more pre-k availability makes New Jersey and its communities, its families – and existing pre-k providers – stronger and more successful.

**Today, communities across New Jersey have a great opportunity to bring pre-k their way.** There is momentum: Pre-k is a NJ priority. People, the press and elected officials including the governor and legislative leadership understand and support the need to expand high-quality pre-k to more communities.

**Bring your children the pre-k they need to be prepared for school and ready for success. Visit [www.prekourway.org](http://www.prekourway.org) for more information and join our mailing list.**



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