



## PRE-K OUR WAY

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## PRE-K OUR WAY NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER **DECEMBER 2015**



### YOUR VOICES ARE SHOWING THE BIPARTISAN POWER OF PRESCHOOL

Happy holidays from Pre-K Our Way! As we approach year-end and prepare for an even more active 2016, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to receive breaking news, updates and information about the impact your voice and support are having on expanding preschool access to more of New Jersey's 3- to 4-year-olds. Watch your email for news and information!

### BRINGING PRE-K YOUR WAY

This month, Pre-K Our Way has been attending local meetings throughout New Jersey, listening to people share why their community needs high-quality pre-k. Our visits included an event hosted by United Way Worldwide, West Hampton and Burlington County Community Action Program's Child Care Resource & Referral Program and the United Way of Northern New Jersey's Public Officials Forum.

Let us know about events in your community—PTA/PTO meetings, back-to-school nights, Chamber of Commerce meetings, Rotary or Women's Clubs—by contacting our Community Organizer, Milan, at [milan@prekourway.org](mailto:milan@prekourway.org).

### GROWING LIST OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT PRE-K OUR WAY

Individuals and organizations from across New Jersey are showing their support for expanding high-quality preschool access to more of New Jersey's 3- and 4-year-olds. This past month, Pre-K Our Way welcomed the New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and its more than 1,700 pediatricians to our growing list of advocate organizations. The New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics knows that a strong start in life begins with pre-k:

*"Quality pre-kindergarten education is one of the wisest investments in the future health and education of all children. The New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, representing over 1,700 pediatricians across the state, enthusiastically supports the Pre-K Our Way initiative to expand access to New Jersey's existing high-quality preschool program to more, if not all, of New Jersey's 3- to 4-year-olds. Pre-K Our Way links the data and scientific findings with an exceptional intervention plan for young children across NJ – an investment to help ensure today's youth are ready for tomorrow's work force!"*

— Fran Gallagher, MEd, Executive Director, New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

In addition to the New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Pre-K Our Way welcomed two local parent-focused organizations to our advocacy effort. Hulafrog of Bergen County South and Hulafrog of Cape May County, our newest advocate organizations, each have several thousand county-specific subscribers.

Founded in 2010 to connect suburban parents to the resources they care about most, Hulafrog started in the Red Bank, New Jersey area and is now in over 100 markets in 28 states. In New Jersey, there are 16 local organizations representing 241 different New Jersey communities. As an email, newsletter and website that connects parents to local events and businesses in their community, as well as to each other, Hulafrog provides the inside scoop on the best local events, destinations and deal for kids and families. Membership is free. Linda Escobar, Publisher of Hulafrog - Bergen County South, believes that Pre-K Our Way is "a wonderful organization and great cause."

You can learn more about their commitment to helping New Jersey expand our high-quality preschool program at [prekourway.org/our-supporters](http://prekourway.org/our-supporters).

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## IN THE NEWS

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### Putting the Garden State's Pre-K Education Programs in Perspective

Bipartisan and community support for investing in the state's 3- and 4-year-olds and New Jersey's high-quality preschool program is growing, and becoming a focal point of discussion among New Jersey residents.

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## SPREAD THE WORD

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Share the gift of ensuring our children are prepared for success in school and life. Inspire others to help bring pre-k our way. Use our videos and handouts to let others know how important a strong start is for New Jersey's children. Need help using our materials? Contact us at [info@prekourway.org](mailto:info@prekourway.org) and we'll be sure you have what you need.

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## LET'S GET SOCIAL

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Want to show your support? Share one of our pre-drafted posts or tweets and inspire others in New Jersey to bring pre-k their way.

**Facebook Post:** It's time for more New Jersey communities to have access to high-quality pre-k programs. Show your support for the education of New Jersey's 3- to 4-year-olds by signing up at [prekourway.org](http://prekourway.org) today.

**Tweet:** NJ needs more high-quality pre-k. Support the education of New Jersey's 3- to 4-year-olds by signing up at [prekourway.org](http://prekourway.org) today.

**Have questions? Contact us at [info@prekourway.org](mailto:info@prekourway.org)**

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