



## PRE-K OUR WAY

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## PRE-K OUR WAY NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER **OCTOBER 2016**



As NJ went back to school last month, people from all 21 counties and virtually every community viewed Pre-K Our Way's new video, online messaging and print ads—and they acted. They emailed their legislators to write why pre-k expansion was personally important. They signed up on our website as supporters. They shared social media posts or infographics with friends, family and colleagues. **They agreed: 50,000 NJ kids are waiting for what was promised in 2008, and that's not right!** Want another chance to let more legislators know that you support pre-k expansion? Want to share the video with additional friends? Email or post the following link: <http://bit.ly/2e9rbYH>

To keep the action going, we've developed new ways for you to get involved. Pick one or more!

### BREAKFAST AND BRIEFING

Join Pre-K Our Way on the morning of **November 15 or 17—your choice—for the start of the official 2017 Campaign for Pre-K Expansion**. Come for breakfast, networking and Community Communication: a strategic briefing about how Pre-K Our Way is raising the priority of pre-k in NJ. Learn how pre-k expansion is becoming part of the 2017 gubernatorial and legislative discussions! Each meeting has the same schedule: 8:30 AM breakfast and networking, followed by meeting and discussion from 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM. Pick your date:

Tuesday, November 15: Courtyard by Marriott – Edison Woodbridge (Edison)

Thursday, November 17: DoubleTree Suites by Hilton (Mount Laurel)

Online registration and more information are available now at <https://prekourway.org/community-communication-meetings/>. **Registration is limited and pre-registration is required.**

### "CHECK" ON YOUR COMMUNITY

Use our [quick reference checklist](#) to see if your community passes the test and has NJ's state-funded, full-day pre-k for all 3- and 4-year-olds. You'll be surprised! If your community doesn't 'pass', let your legislators, school board officials and local leaders know that you want to #ExpandNJPreKNow. Share the checklist with others!

### SPECIAL FOR NJAEYC MEMBERS

Pre-K Our Way is excited to be presenting two workshops (**Friday, October 14 at 11:15 AM** and **Saturday, October 15 at 11:30 AM**) for attendees of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children (NJAEYC) State Conference. Pre-K Our Way will also be a conference exhibitor. Come visit us and get your Pre-K Our Way swag!

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## IN THE NEWS

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### [NJ's School Funding Formula](#)

Pre-K Our Way believes the discussion shouldn't be ending high-quality pre-k programs-but expanding them. [Check out our website for basic info and breaking news.](#)

### [Union County Freeholders](#)

Union County Freeholders unanimously adopted a resolution supporting pre-k expansion and supporting Pre-K Our Way; 20,000+ supporters & 50+ advocates. Is your county next?



### [In Case You Missed It](#)

NJ State Senate leadership publicly promotes pre-k expansion for 3- and 4-year-olds.

### [State-Funded Pre-k Classrooms Expanding in PA](#)

Through a program called 'Fight Crime: Invest in Kids', 25 million dollars in state funding will help enroll 3- and 4-year-olds into a pre-k class. The goal is to lower crime in the future. Imagine what could happen in NJ!



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## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

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Are you part of an organization, business, school, community or another group that supports pre-k expansion? Pre-K Our Way has created new digital ads to show and share support for increased expansion to high-quality pre-k in New Jersey. We can easily help you customize your website or emails and share the pre-k expansion message. Contact [info@prekourway.org](mailto:info@prekourway.org) for more information.

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## LET'S GET SOCIAL

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Want to show your support for pre-k in NJ? Share one of our infographics and let others know that you're working to bring pre-k their way.

Facebook Post: Where a child lives shouldn't determine pre-k access. #ExpandNJPreKNow! @PreKOurWay



Tweet: Where a child lives shouldn't determine pre-k access. #ExpandNJPreKNow! @PreKOurWay



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