



Pre-K Counts in Bucks County

Overview and Family Application for the school year beginning August 2018

PENDING APPROVAL OF FUNDING

Bucks County has seven Pre-K Counts grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Those grants allow families with children (ages three and four years on or before September 1) to apply for entry in a high quality, half-day or full-day pre-school program *at no cost to the family*.

The belief is that early education will prepare children to succeed in kindergarten.

We are accepting applications for pre-school programs for the 2018-2019 school year.

Residents of Pennsylvania children who meet the required criteria will be considered for this five day-a-week program. Some of the programs are half-day and others are full-day based on the grant received. All families must meet the income guidelines to be eligible for the program. A family of four can earn up to \$75,300 a year and still qualify.

Families who qualify financially and *also* have secondary at-risk factors (for example: English as a Second Language, Foster Care, Early Intervention Services, etc.) will be given priority consideration for the program.

To apply for Pre-K Counts in Bucks County, complete the application on pages 4, 5 and 6 of this packet. If you are completing the application electronically, please print and then sign the application (on page 6) before submitting it. Families may submit the Pre-K Counts application and all supporting documents to their school district representative listed on the next page. If your school district is not listed, please send your materials to United Way of Bucks County.

Thank you for your interest in the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program!



Bucks County Pre-K Counts Contact Information for 2017-18

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Bucks County Pre-K Counts Application Checklist

Included in this packet are all of the necessary application forms for our Pre-K Counts Program. Please complete the information and return it to your local program listed on the contact sheet.

Applications will not be reviewed until the application and all supporting documents have been received. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please submit copies of the items listed below with your application:

- 2017 Federal Income Tax Return for all adults (18 and over) residing in your household
Please include ONLY the first 2 pages of Federal Form 1040; no other tax forms are required.
- Birth Certificate (child)
- Social Security Card or Number on Tax Return (child)
- Photo ID (Parent/Guardian)
- Confidential Pre-K Counts Application (all 3 pages must be completed)
- Proof of Residency: Lease, Deed, or Mortgage Coupon. They must be current and the child's name must be on the lease.
- Three (3) additional proofs of residency such as vehicle or home owner's insurance, vehicle registration, utility bill for phone, water, electric, etc.

The following items are due immediately upon acceptance into the program:

- Immunization Records
- Physical (completed after September 1, 2017), including vision, hearing, and dental screenings.

SECTION 3: HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
<i>A copy of the first two pages of the 2017 federal income tax return for ALL adults in the household must be submitted with this application.</i>	
Income from all sources for all household members _____/year	
Number of Adults (everyone over age 18) in the household _____	Ages _____
Number of Children in the household _____	Ages _____
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> I own my home <input type="checkbox"/> I rent my home <input type="checkbox"/> I am living with another family	
FOR PROGRAM USE ONLY Income Verified by _____ Date _____	

SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL CHILD INFORMATION (Required)	
Are you currently enrolled in the Head Start Program?	___ Yes ___ No
Is your child enrolled in Child Care Works (subsidized child care)?	___ Yes ___ No
Does your family receive public benefits (TANF, Medical Assistance, SNAP, etc.)?	___ Yes ___ No
Is the parent a migrant (non-immigrant) or seasonal worker?	___ Yes ___ No
Is your child homeless (living in a motel, shelter, in substandard housing)?	___ Yes ___ No
Is your child in foster care, kinship care, or receiving Child Protective services?	___ Yes ___ No
Does your child receive behavioral supports or been referred for behavioral supports?	___ Yes ___ No
Was the child's mother less than 18 years of age when he/she was born?	___ Yes ___ No
Is one of the child's parents incarcerated?	___ Yes ___ No
Does the parent have a high school diploma or GED?	___ Yes ___ No
Are there concerns about the child's physical development or existing medical issues?	___ Yes ___ No
Are there concerns about the child's speech or language development?	___ Yes ___ No
Are there concerns about the child's social, emotional, or behavioral development?	___ Yes ___ No
If there is anything else that we should know about your child or your family, please explain here: _____	

SECTION 5: RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Child's Name _____

When necessary to the fulfillment of the Pre-K Counts grant or to enhance services provided to my child or family, I authorize release and sharing of information to:

Bucks County Intermediate Unit	___ Yes ___ No
My local school district (_____)	___ Yes ___ No
Pennsylvania Department of Education	___ Yes ___ No

When necessary for the fulfillment or enhancement of the Pre-K Counts grant, I authorize the use of photographs in which my child appears for purposes including, but not limited to, newsletters, press releases, and/or brochures.

I authorize the use of my child's photo as described above. ___ Yes ___ No

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 6: PROGRAM ASSURANCES & SIGNATURE

- Families are considered for enrollment after the completed application and all supporting documents have been received.
- Families are accepted on a "need" basis and not from the date the application was submitted.
- Families whose children are selected for the Pre-K Counts program *must provide transportation on a daily basis to and from the pre-school to which they are assigned.*
- Families are required to attend parent/guardian conferences and at least one parent workshop.
- Attendance is essential. Except for excused absences, children must be prompt and present on a daily basis.

Please check below:

___ To the best of my knowledge the information on this application is accurate.

___ I accept the responsibilities of a Pre-K Counts family.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

**All documents listed on page 3 must be included with your application.
We will not review or accept any application without all supporting documents.
Please submit this application and all documents requested to the Lead Agency listed on Page 2.
Thank you!**