

Overview:

JB's Bright Beginnings is proud to be a recipient of the Pre-K Counts grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This program provides families with children who are 3 or 4 years old by September 1 the opportunity to attend a high-quality, approved preschool program at **NO COST** to the family.

This packet includes the JB's Bright Beginnings Pre-K Counts application for the 2026–2027 school year. Eligible Pennsylvania families will be considered for this **five-day-a-week program, held from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. Families must meet the income guidelines to qualify. For example, a family of four may earn up to **\$99,000 per year** and still be eligible.

Priority is given to families who meet the income requirements and have additional at-risk factors, such as English as a Second Language, foster care placement, or Early Intervention services.

We look forward to partnering with your family! ❤️

Supporting Documentation Checklist:

Please submit copies of the following items with your application:

- 2025 Federal Income Tax Return for all adults (age 18 and over) residing in the household
(Please include ONLY the first two pages of Federal Form 1040. No additional tax forms are required.)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID
- Pre-K Counts Application (all 3 pages must be completed)
- Proof of Residency (such as a utility bill, vehicle registration, lease/deed, or mortgage coupon)

The following items are required immediately upon acceptance into the program.

You may submit these with your application, but it is not required at this time:

- Child's Immunization Records
- Child's Physical (completed after September 1, 2024), including vision, hearing, and dental screenings

Income Eligibility: 2026 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines Based On Annual Income

Family Size	300% (Pre-K Counts Eligible)
1	\$47,880
2	\$64,920
3	\$81,960
4	\$99,000
5	\$116,040
6	\$133,080
7	\$150,120
8	\$167,160
Each Additional	+\$17,040 for each additional family member

Please note:

We are able to review applications once all required documents and the completed application have been submitted.

Thank you!

Role	
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)

List Household Members below for determination of family size (required):

	<i>Relationship to Child</i>	<i>Age</i>
1	ENROLLING CHILD	
2		
3		
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Per PKC Statute, Regulations, and Guidance, the following members of the household are included in family size:

- Parent of the child (biological or adoptive mother or father, stepmother or stepfather, caretaker or spouse)
- A biological, adoptive, unrelated or foster child or stepchild of the parent or caretaker who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated.
- A child who is 18 years of age or older but under 22 years of age who is enrolled in high school, a general educational development program, or a post-secondary program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate and who is wholly or partially dependent on the income of the parent or caretaker or spouse of the parent or caretaker.
- Others supported by the income of the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child enrolling or participating in the program. ***If counted toward family size, any applicable income of these persons must also be counted for eligibility purposes.***

Note: A family size value of one (1) with an income of \$0 is entered when a foster child is applying for Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts.

DETERMINED FAMILY SIZE =

<p>Employment Status of parent/guardian</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<p>Employment Status of 2nd parent/guardian (if applicable)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Household Income Sources (Must check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> Worker's	<input type="checkbox"/> TANF Cash
		Compensation	Compensation	payments
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/> SSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Alimony	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Enrollment Priority Criteria (Must check all that apply): These indicators help us learn more about your family and understand what supports may be helpful. Your answers also help us determine enrollment priority so we can serve families with the greatest need first. Every family's situation is unique, and all information is kept confidential.

	Risk Factor	Definition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preschooler with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)-	Defined as a child who is currently enrolled in the Early Intervention program with an active IEP. Verification includes a copy of the IEP or other source of documentation from the parent or the Early Intervention agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migratory (Non-Immigrant) Seasonal Student	Defined as a child who has moved from one school district to another to accompany or join a parent or guardian who is a migratory agriculture worker or fisher within the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work, including agri-related businesses such as meat or vegetable processing, or work in nurseries such as Christmas and evergreen tree farming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Language Learner	Defined as a child whose first language is not English and who is in the process of learning English. Ask these two questions, as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to determine if a child qualifies as an English language learner: 1) What is/was the child's first language? 2) Does the child speak a language other than English? (Do not include languages learned in school).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless	If any of the situations below apply a family is eligible under McKinney-Vento. Additional guidance is available from the National Center for Homeless Education . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If the family is staying with others, was this a result of a loss of housing, economic hardship, or other similar reason? → Is the family living in a shelter? (Includes youth, emergency, transitional living, domestic violence, etc.) → Is the family living in a motel, hotel, or campground?

		<p>→ Is the family staying in a public or private place not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings?</p> <p>→ Is the family living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, transportation stations, or similar settings?</p> <p>→ Is the family living in substandard (limited or no utilities, unsafe conditions, etc.) housing?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child in or Part of Family in Child Welfare System	Defined as a child who is a foster child, a kinship care child, or receiving Children and Youth Services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Family or Living Structure	Defined as a child with a single parent, divorced parents, or with relatives as guardians.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Receiving Behavioral Supports	Defined as a child who is referred to Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts from an appropriately credentialed health or mental health provider (not employed by the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program) or a child who is receiving mental health treatment. Additional verification beyond the interview is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Parent	Defined as a mother or father who was under the age of 18 when the child was born.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated Parent	Defined as a child for whom one or both of the child's parents are currently incarcerated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education Level of Guardian	Defined as when the parent or legal guardian of the child does not have a high school diploma, high school equivalency, or postsecondary degree.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligible for or Receives the Following Public Assistance: TANF, SSI, SNAP	This risk factor was added in 2024. Defined as a family who can produce documentation of eligibility for or receipt of TANF, SSI, or SNAP. (Categorically eligible for Head Start, please refer to HS program if available.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Enrolled in Infant Toddler Contracted Slots Program (ITCSP)	Defined as a child enrolled in ITCSP and eligible to transition into PA PKC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Lives in Geographic Area of High Poverty	Providers wishing to prioritize specific geographic regions with higher rates of poverty may do so. (i.e Jeannette, McKeesport, East Allegheny SD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concerns Regarding Child's	If a family concern is shared that is not covered by any of the other risk factors and the child has not yet been referred to EI for

<p>Physical Development or Existing Medical Condition (Currently Not Receiving EI Services)</p>	<p>evaluation, the program should share information on EI regardless of enrollment.</p> <p>Any details you would like to share regarding this: _____ _____ _____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Concerns Regarding Child's Speech or Language Development (Currently Not Receiving EI Services)</p>	<p>If a family concern is shared that is not covered by any of the other risk factors and the child has not yet been referred to EI for evaluation, the program should share information on EI regardless of enrollment.</p> <p>Any details you would like to share regarding this: _____ _____ _____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Concerns Regarding Child's Social, Emotional, or Behavioral Development (Currently Not Receiving EI Services)</p>	<p>If a family concern is shared that is not covered by any of the other risk factors and the child has not yet been referred to EI for evaluation, the program should share information on EI regardless of enrollment.</p> <p>Any details you would like to share regarding this: _____ _____ _____</p>

Family Assurances

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I understand that my child's eligibility for Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (PA PKC) is subject to the program's two-year participation limit. My child must be at least three years old by the kindergarten cutoff date set by the school district where we live to assure compliance with receiving only two-years of PKC programming.
- Once my child reaches the age required to enroll in kindergarten in the public school district where we live, I understand they will no longer be eligible for PA PKC funding.
- I understand that my child's enrollment is contingent upon meeting the eligibility criteria, including income verification and prioritization based on risk factors.
- I understand that the PA Pre-K Counts (PKC) program is an educational program with attendance requirements. I agree to ensure my child's regular attendance and to notify the program in case of absences. My program's PA Pre-K Counts hours of operation are: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- I understand that the PKC portion of the day will be secular (non-religious) in nature and will not include religious instruction during the PKC portion of the day. My program's PA Pre-K Counts hours of operation are: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

I understand that once an enrollment start date is confirmed, the child's PA Pre-K Counts enrollment status may be shared with other OCDEL-funded programs, such as the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) or Early Intervention, to ensure proper coordination of funding and services.

Parent/Guardian Certification

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and the associated income documentation is accurate. I understand that I may be asked to verify or give proof of information provided.

I certify that all information provided is accurate. I understand that eligibility is subject to verification and providing false information may result in disqualification.

Parent/Legal Guardian (Signature)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian (Print Name)