



Preschool for All Plan

voluntary, high-quality, affordable
for Seattle

Resolution 31478, which the City Council passed unanimously in September 2013, states, "The City Council supports the goal of instituting a program to make voluntary high-quality preschool available and affordable to all of Seattle's three and four year old children...and outlines a Work Plan...to make significant progress toward this goal."



Why Preschool?

- +Public Preschool programs impact children's early learning
 - ⇒ Students gain additional learning in the areas of **language, reading, and math skills**
 - ⇒ **Social emotional development and health** benefit from preschool education
- +Quality preschool benefits children **regardless of income level, disability, or home language.**
- +Preschool has long term benefits for children and communities
 - ⇒ **Higher high-school graduation rates**
 - ⇒ **Higher earnings**
 - ⇒ **Reduced crime**
 - ⇒ **Reduced teen pregnancy rates**

Sources include:
Yoshikawa, Weiland, et al. (2013). Investing in Our Future: The Evidence Base on Preschool Education. *Society for Research in Child Development.*

Additional sources at: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/PreschoolforAll/default.html>

All children in Seattle could benefit from high-quality early learning programs

There are approximately 12,280 3-and 4-year olds in Seattle.



"Preschool for All" Plan

Sept. 2013
City Council
passes
Preschool
for All
Resolution

Jan. 2014
Berk
Consulting
Group will
develop an
Action Plan,
Along with
local &
national
experts

**Jan. 2014-Mar.
2014** Workgroups
from our local
Early Learning
community will
view Action Plan
drafts and advise
consultants about
what will work for
our city

**Jan. 2014--Apr.
2014**
Stakeholders,
providers,
families, and the
community at
large will give
feedback about
what they would
like to see from
PFA

Apr. 2014
All of these
efforts will be
brought into
the Action Plan
that will be
presented to
the City Council

Components of the Action Plan

- Programmatic features (teacher and staff education requirements, curricula, teacher/student ratio, classroom hours, etc.)
- Licensing and other eligibility requirements for providers receiving PFA funds
- Support for the development of preschools and staff
- How to involve families in their child's learning
- Program costs and funding models
- Tuition costs for families (program may be free for those under %200 of the Federal Poverty Level)
- Who will be eligible
- Measures of quality
- Ways to include various languages and cultures
- Health screenings and referral
- Delivery systems (center-based, home-based, or other)
- Implementation timeline
- Outcome measures and evaluation strategy



HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

- ⇒ Join a workgroup.
- ⇒ Invite Rachel Schulkin (rachel.schulkin@seattle.gov) to speak about Preschool for All at any local community group, preschool, or workplace.
- ⇒ Follow Preschool for All on Office for Education Website or on Twitter.
- ⇒ Join our listserv.
- ⇒ Send your feedback to upk@seattle.gov

For additional info please visit:

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For questions email: upk@seattle.gov