

April 8, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited that you are interested in the Greater Nanticoke Area Pre- K Counts program for your child for the 2024-2025 school year! Please complete the enclosed application in its entirety and include copies of the documents listed in the Application Checklist on page 5 of the application. Be sure to indicate if you have a preference for the AM or PM session in the upper right corner of the first page of the application.

When the application (and documents) are complete, please secure the application and documentation in an envelope clearly marked **Pre-K Counts Application 2024** and drop it off at the Kennedy Early Childhood Center Office or the GNA Family Center Office.

Please note, an application is not complete until **ALL** documentation has been submitted and accepted. Acceptance letters for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent to families in July.

Please do not hesitate to reach out by email or phone if you have any questions about the application process. We look forward to meeting our 2024-2025 Pre-K Counts families!

Thank you,

Beth A. Kratz
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2024-25 PA Pre-K Counts Enrollment Form **AM__ PM__**

(This information is confidential to the PA Pre-K Counts program)

Date Form Completed: ____ / ____ / ____
MM DD YY

Last Name (Child)	First Name (Child)	Middle Initial
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Street Address		County	
City	State PA	Zip Code	
School District of Residence			
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	

Child's Date of Birth	Age <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Race (optional)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Ethnicity (optional)	Primary Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)

Name of Parent or Guardian completing this application	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Relationship to Child <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)	(Select) <input type="checkbox"/> Biological <input type="checkbox"/> Foster <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify)
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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		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

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 =

Employment Status of parent/guardian	Employment Status of 2nd parent/guardian (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Household Income Sources (Must check all that apply):

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

Other Child Eligibility Risk Factor Criterion *(Must check all that apply):*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioral Supports: A child who was referred to PA Pre-K Counts from an appropriately credentialed health or mental health practitioner who is not employed by the PA Pre-K Counts program; a child who is receiving mental health treatment. Additional verification beyond the interview is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Protective Services: A child who is a foster child, a kinship care child or receiving Children and Youth services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education Level of Guardian: Does not have high school diploma or GED or post-secondary degree.
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Language Learner: A child whose first language is not English and who is in the process of learning English is considered an English Language Learner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individualized Education Plan (IEP): A child who is currently enrolled in the Preschool Early Intervention program with an active IEP. Verification would be a copy of the IEP or other source of documentation from the parent or Early Intervention provider.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated Parent: A child for whom one of the child's parents is currently in prison.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Homeless: A child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to one of the following:</p> <p>A. Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;</p> <p>B. Children who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;</p> <p>C. Children who are living in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migrant (Non-Immigrant)/Seasonal Student: A migrant child has moved from one school district to another in order to accompany or to join a migrant parent or guardian, who is a migratory worker or migratory 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, working in nurseries such as Christmas and evergreen trees farming.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Mother: A child whose mother was under the age of 18 when the child was born.

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 substantiate information provided.

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Name)

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Income Verification

2024 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines Based On Annual Income

Family Size	100% (Head Start Eligible)	300% (Pre-K Counts Eligible)
1	\$15,060	\$45,180
2	\$20,440	\$61,320
3	\$25,820	\$77,460
4	\$31,200	\$93,600
5	\$36,580	\$109,740
6	\$41,960	\$125,880
7	\$47,340	\$142,020
8	\$52,720	\$158,160
Each Additional	+\$5,380	+\$16,140 for each additional family member

Actual Annual Verified Gross Household (Family) Income: \$ _____

*Attach copies of documents used to verify income prior to enrollment

Family Size (per PKC guidelines): _____

Family income is at or below 300% of federal poverty level relative to family size (required risk factor). Consider all sources of income. Must be verified prior to enrollment.

Staff Verifying Income and Risk Factors Signature

Date

For Head Start Eligible families (100% of FPL or below)

Check if not applicable

I have been informed of my child's eligibility for Head Start and given the following:

- Contact information for the following Head Start location _____
- Application and/or assistance with referral
- Brochure or website with information about Head Start

My signature below indicates that I have been informed about my options but may still choose to enroll in the Pre-K Counts program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date

Greater Nanticoke Area Pre-K Counts

Enrollment Prioritization Plan

1. To be eligible for enrollment in GNA Pre-K Counts a child must be **3 or 4 years old by September 1st** of the program year they wish to attend.
2. The family must meet the income requirements, which are at or below 300% of the most recent federal poverty guidelines. The chart below is to be used for reference only, as the guidelines change annually.

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3. _____ Child resides within the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.
4. _____ Child enrolled in GNAFC PAT EBHV program.
5. _____ Child’s family is experiencing houselessness.
6. _____ Child is in the custody of foster care, kinship care, or family involvement with Children and Youth.
7. _____ Child has been referred by Early Intervention, Behavioral Support Agency, or GNA Family Center, or other service provider (not to exceed 20% of children with identified disability at enrollment).
8. _____ Child who is an English Language Learner or families preferred language is not English.
9. _____ Child with an incarcerated parent.
10. _____ Child born to a teenaged parent or parent without a high school diploma.

I hereby give permission for my child to have his/her picture taken for any publicity (photographs for newspaper, videotaping by television stations, newsletters, etc.).

Please check the appropriate line below.

_____ Yes, my child can participate in publicity.

_____ No, my child cannot participate in publicity.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To complete the PA Pre-K Counts application, the application file must contain copies of all of the following:

_____ Income verification (the household's 2023 tax return/returns)

_____ Proof of residency (1 utility bill)

_____ Child's immunization record

_____ Child's birth certificate

_____ Driver's license of the parent/caregiver who will be doing school pick-up

_____ Child Health Report

_____ Dental Report

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