

**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Southeastern
Pennsylvania**

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Philadelphia

**Children's Literacy
Initiative**

Delaware Valley
Association for the
Education of Young
Children

Education Law Center

Education Voters of
Pennsylvania

**Free Library of
Philadelphia**

Hands Across
Philadelphia

**Health Federation of
Philadelphia**

iHeartRadio

Juvenile Law Center

Mabel Morris Family
Home Visit Program

**Maternity Care
Coalition**

Mental Health Association
of Southeastern
Pennsylvania

NAACP

National Nursing Centers
Consortium

**Pennsylvania Health
Access Network**

Philadelphia Freedom
Valley YMCA

**Philadelphia Nurse-
Family Partnership**

Public Citizens for
Children and Youth

Support Center for

Child Advocates

Urban Affairs Coalition

West Philadelphia

Alliance for Children

Women's Way

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Dear Mayoral Candidate:

While many candidates for office make pronouncements as to the state of Philadelphia's children and youth, that state remains far below where it should be. We know that every candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia wants the best for the City's youngest residents, which is why we, along with the groups listed, ask you to take the attached Pledge for Philadelphia's Children, and commit to a specific set of goals to better the lives of the City's children.

The pledge commits our next mayor to championing school funding, achieving universal high-quality Pre-K access, establishing a higher minimum wage, expanding participation in childhood hunger prevention programs, upgrading City healthcare and recreation centers and creating an Office of Children's Services Integration. We will be publishing a list of which mayoral candidates have signed the pledge and which have not.

PCCY is joined in the pledge by 23 groups serving tens of thousands of children and families in the City. More organizations endorse the pledge with each passing day and are sharing it with their supporters.

With the Pledge for Philadelphia's Children, candidates make a public vow to support our children not with vague platitudes but with distinct policy solutions. To learn more about these issues, and the solutions we propose, we invite you to meet with us for a briefing on the matters facing Philadelphia's youth in Early Childhood, Education, Healthcare and Poverty.

With the support of the Mayor, the City can provide its children with the support necessary for their success. We hope you will sign the Pledge for Philadelphia's Children and commit to achieving these goals in your administration. We look forward to working with you to make them a reality.

Sincerely,



Donna Cooper
Executive Director
Public Citizens for Children and Youth