

# 2019 PLATFORM PRIORITIES

Quality Early Learning	Increase Grade Level Reading Success	Seniors Healthy at Home	Essential Human Needs	Reduce Food Insecurity	Nonprofit Effectiveness	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
<p>Ensure adequate funds for Pre-K in state budget</p> <p>Promote universal Pre-K in state of Pa.</p> <p>Continue full support for the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), ensuring pre-kindergarten scholarships for low-income children</p> <p>Ensure policies that support and promote high quality early childhood education programming</p>	<p>Drop the required age for attending school in Pa. from 8 years to 5 years old</p> <p>Champion equitable education funding for all students</p> <p>Encourage state support for the Community School model</p> <p>Support expansion of, and access to, behavioral health services</p> <p>Focus on policies ensuring trauma informed care practices in schools to address social emotional barriers to school success</p> <p>Support efforts that help reduce chronic absenteeism</p> <p>Increase access to summer learning opportunities for low income youth</p>	<p>Improve affordable housing opportunities for seniors</p> <p>Support policies that promote fairness and equity for all seniors, most prominently those populations not covered by municipal, state and federal civil rights laws (ie., the LGBTQ community)</p> <p>Ensure protections for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security</p>	<p>Ensure adequate funds for PA 2-1-1 services in state budget</p> <p>Support measures to end human trafficking</p> <p>Address addiction and opioid epidemic</p> <p>Ensure access to affordable housing for all people</p> <p>Ensure income equity via a livable wage</p> <p>Promote trauma informed care, practices and resources throughout the education, health and criminal justice systems</p>	<p>Improve access to affordable, nutritious food for all people</p>	<p>Ensure timely passage of Pa. budget to ensure continued funding for nonprofit services</p> <p>Support incentives for charitable giving</p>	<p>Support local, state and federal legislation to support fairness for those populations not covered under current civil rights legislation</p> <p>Support legislation that would promote diversity, equity and inclusion policies and practices</p>

## 2018 PLATFORM SUCCESSES:

- Increased dollars allocated for quality early learning for State of PA
- 2-1-1 included in state budget for second year in a row to build statewide call center infrastructure
- Open dialogue on SNAP inclusion in the U.S. Farm Bill with key legislators
- Trauma informed care language was kept in the Support for Patients and Communities Act, which is focused on reducing the opioid epidemic