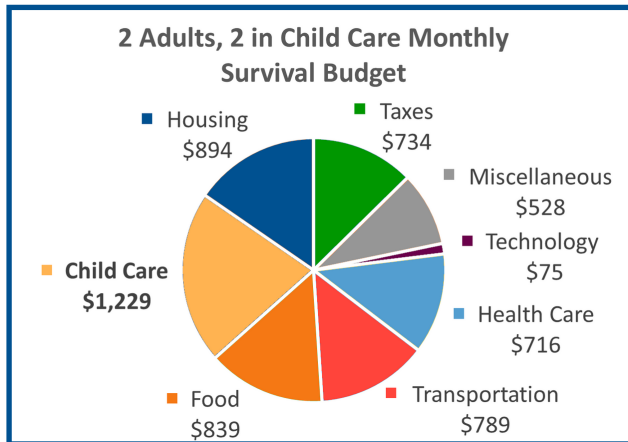
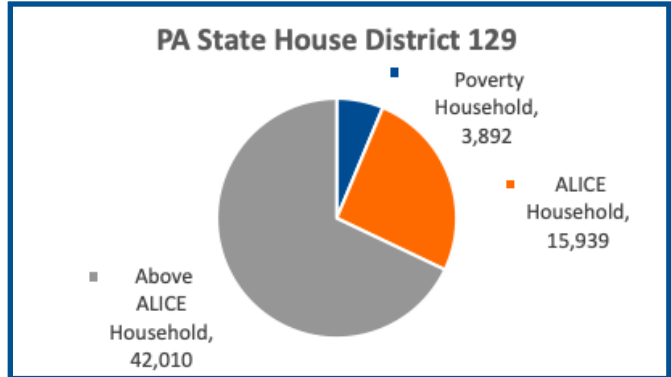


# PA ALICE® & Early Learning- State House District 129

## Who is ALICE in State House District 129?

**ALICE** stands for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome Constrained, **E**mployed. United Way of PA's ALICE report provides a comprehensive measure of financial hardship for working families across PA. ALICE households work each day and earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but struggle to meet a conservative household budget. **In Pennsylvania, 35% of families with children are ALICE.**



Child care for a family with two children is a **family's greatest expense** and accounts for **21% of a household survival budget**, which is well above the affordability threshold established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Increasing access** to affordable, publicly-funded, high quality child care and pre-k is essential for Pennsylvania's hard-working ALICE families and their journey to **achieve financial stability.**

## High-Quality Child Care and Pre-K in House District 129

**ONLY 51%** of Child Care Works (CCW) children under 5 years are in high-quality programs

... and **ONLY 55%** of CCW infants and toddlers are in high-quality programs

**90%** of eligible children **DO NOT** have access to High-Quality, Publicly Funded Pre-K

**40%** of Child Care capacity in this district meets High-Quality standards

## High Quality Child Care



Increases Employment & Tax Revenue



Increases Job Retention & Productivity



Higher Earning Potential for Parents



Improves Math and Language Ability



Healthy Development



Reduces Grade Repetition

## High Quality Pre-K



Reduces Grade Repetition



Increases Graduation Rates



Reduces Special Ed Placements



Preserves Taxpayer Dollars



Decreases Crime & Incarceration



Stronger Economy

**We urge policymakers to further increase the stability, supply, and quality of care for Pennsylvania children from birth to 5 years of age. State leaders need to take action NOW and SAVE early learning!**

Strengthen early childhood education to support working families by increasing state and federal funds for child care and pre-k

Protect child care providers and ensure confidence in Pennsylvania's early care and education system during recovery

Improve investments in accessible high quality early education and support today's kids for tomorrow's future

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