



**LWVIB Public Policy Committee (#1-2011)
LWVIB Early Childhood Learning Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. supports human capital development, as evidenced in its mission to ensure an employer demand-driven, world-class workforce system aligned with economic development, education and the community.

WHEREAS, according to studies compiled by the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission, high-quality early education is the foundation for a competitive workforce, children must start school ready to learn, high-quality early care and education benefits the community, and investing in children's early care makes economic sense.

WHEREAS, Pre-K and Kindergarten is not required in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. supports investments in high-quality, early learning opportunities for young children, especially those at-risk.

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. supports efforts to cost-effectively provide services and resources to families to meet their basic needs so that children are raised in a safe and nurturing environment.

WHEREAS, children especially those who are disadvantaged, have disabilities and are otherwise at-risk should have access to high-quality early childhood learning opportunities and cost-effective services that help them become successful adults prepared for the highly competitive, fast-paced global economy and Lehigh Valley's workforce.

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. would continue to demonstrate its leadership position by being the first Workforce Investment Board in Pennsylvania to adopt an early childhood learning resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. supports high-quality early childhood learning investments and programming.