



Public Hearing: Making Child Care Affordable

This hearing is to examine policies that support economic growth and longterm affordability in rural Pennsylvania.

March 30, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Kate Klunk
 - Vanessa Berger, YWCA Hanover
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers - Panel One/Child Care Providers

- **Sara Bradley**, Executive Director, York Day Early Learning
- **Jessica Shetzer**, M.Ed., Director, Nature & Nurture Discovery School (Former DHS Inspector)
- **Laura Walker**, Director, Caterpillar Lane Preschool (In-Home Provider)
- **Cam'ela "Cami" Bisch**, CEO, YMCA Hanover

Testifiers - Panel Two/Public Private Partnership

- **Dee Stremmel**, Family & Consumer Science Educator, South Western High School
- **Alayna Myatt**, New Beginnings Learning Center
- **Chamber of Commerce** Representative
- President Commissioner **Julie Wheeler**, York County

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About the Testifiers

Panel One - Child Care Providers



Sara Bradley

Sara Bradley serves as **Executive Director** of **York Day Early Learning**, where she leads the organization's mission to provide high-quality, accessible early childhood education for children and families across the York community. With a strong background in early learning and nonprofit leadership, Sara is dedicated to advancing equitable opportunities for young children during their most critical years of development. Sara's leadership reflects a deep commitment to building a strong foundation for lifelong learning, with a focus on social-emotional development, school readiness, and inclusive, child-centered education.



Jessica Shertzer

Jessica Shertzer, M.Ed., is the **founder and leader** of **Nature & Nurture Discovery School**, where she is dedicated to advancing high-quality early childhood education through innovative, child-centered learning. With a career spanning every level of the childcare field—from growing up in a family childcare environment to operating and expanding multiple early learning centers—Jessica brings a comprehensive and deeply personal perspective to her work. Her lifelong commitment to the field reflects a belief that early education is not just a profession, but a purpose—one centered on supporting children, families, and the educators who serve them.



Laura Walker

Laura Walker is the **Director** of **Caterpillar Lane Preschool**, where she is committed to providing a warm, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment for young learners. With extensive experience in early childhood education, Laura has dedicated her career to fostering curiosity, creativity, and confidence in children during their most formative years. In addition to her work as a director, Laura is an advocate for high-quality early learning and believes in the importance of supporting educators through ongoing professional development and mentorship. Her dedication to early childhood education reflects a deep commitment to helping children and families thrive.



Cam'ela "Cami" Bisch

Cam'ela "Cami" Bisch serves as **Chief Executive Officer** of the **YMCA of Hanover**, where she leads the organization's mission to strengthen community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. With a strong background in nonprofit leadership and community engagement, Cami is dedicated to expanding access to programs that support individuals and families across all stages of life. Her work reflects a deep belief in the power of community-based organizations to create lasting, positive change. Through her leadership, the YMCA of Hanover continues to serve as a welcoming and supportive hub where individuals can learn, grow, and thrive.

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Panel Two - Public Private Partnerships



Julie Wheeler

Julie Wheeler serves as **President Commissioner** for **York County**, where she provides leadership and oversight for county government operations, including budgeting, human services, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives. As part of the three-member Board of Commissioners, she helps guide policy decisions that impact more than 400,000 residents and ensures the effective delivery of county programs and services. As President Commissioner, Wheeler is known for emphasizing strong financial management, continuity of essential services, and collaborative solutions to regional challenges, including state budget impacts and human services funding.



Dee Stremmel

Dee Stremmel is a **Family & Consumer Sciences educator** at **South Western High School**, where she equips students with essential life and career skills that support success both in and beyond the classroom. With a passion for practical, hands-on education, Dee helps students build confidence in areas such as nutrition, financial literacy, child development, and personal wellness. Dee's commitment to her students and her field reflects a belief that education should empower individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to lead healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives.



Alayna Myatt

Alayna Myatt is an **early childhood educator** at **New Beginnings Learning Center**, where she is dedicated to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging environment for young children to learn and grow. With a passion for early learning, Alayna focuses on fostering curiosity, creativity, and confidence during the critical early years of development. She brings hands-on experience in childcare and preschool settings, supporting children through play-based and developmentally appropriate practices that promote social-emotional growth, early literacy, and foundational skills. Alayna's work reflects a deep commitment to helping children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning in a positive and inclusive environment.