POLICY COMMITTEE

Public Hearing: Making Childcare Affordable for Pennsylvania Families

The purpose of this hearing is to examine how burdensome childcare regulations are constraining providers, driving up costs for families, and standing in the way of workforce participation.

April 30, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
  - Chairman David H. Rowe
  - State Representative Scott Barger
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers

- **Sharon Jones,** Executive Director, Blair Regional YMCA
- **Bill Young**, Director of Compensation, Benefits and Risk, Sheetz
- **Mark Lingenfelter**, Lead Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church
- **Rodney Green**, Founder, Rodney L. Green Consulting

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About the Testifiers



Sharon Jones

Sharon Jones is the **Executive Director** of the **Blair Regional YMCA**. The Blair Regional YMCA is a nonprofit organization focused on Healthy Living, Youth Development, and Social Responsibility. They have been a part of the Hollidaysburg area community for over 100 years. Blair Regional YMCA offers quality childcare for all ages from infants to children in the 6th grade. Their programs include care while parents work out and participate in classes and programs at the Y, weekly care, early learning programs, preschool, before and after school care, and fun, exciting summer camps for preschool and school-aged children.



Bill Young

Bill Young is the **Director of Compensation**, **Benefits and Risk**, for **Sheetz**. Sheetz is a family-owned, rapidly growing convenience store chain founded in 1952 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, operating over 800+ locations across six states (PA, MD, OH, VA, WV, MI, NC). Sheetz partnered with Bright Horizons to create Little Sproutz Early Learning Center for employees' children and grandchildren.



Mark Lingenfelter

Pastor Mark Lingenfelter has been the lead pastor of Grace Fellowship since 2001. He and his wife Angie have been married since 1998. They have three children; Hannah, Elijah and Faith. His wife and sister oversee the church-affiliated Leamersville Preschool, which, for over 40 years, has been a trusted and sought out educational ministry in the community. Their class size has been full almost every year, with a waiting list and without the need for advertisement. Every year, almost 30 children and their families entrust Leamersville Preschool to provide excellence in age-appropriate academics, preparing the children for kindergarten, in a Bible based structure.



Rodney Green

Rodney Green has 38 years of experience in public education, with 25 years as a school administrator serving in various roles including: Elementary Principal, Director of Special Education, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. In 2012 he retired after serving as Superintendent for Spring Cove School District and for the past 11 years has worked extensively in Pennsylvania as an educational consultant. He has focused on helping school districts with leadership and special education services. Mr. Green also serves as a Peer Monitor for the Pennsylvania Department of Education - Bureau of Special Education.