



Investing in Child Care Means Investing in Pennsylvania's Future

By Senator Rosemary Brown

This week, I joined the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women, parents, educators, and local leaders, at Tiny Steps Child Care Center in Honesdale to highlight the need for continued investment in Pennsylvania's child care system.

Access to affordable, high-quality child care is not a partisan issue—it's a work-force issue, an economic issue, and a family issue. These services are essential to the stability of our families and communities.

In Harrisburg, I've been proud to support bipartisan efforts that make child care more affordable—like expanding tax credits for families—and creating incentives for employers to offer child care options. We're also focused on strengthening the early childhood workforce so providers can recruit and retain qualified educators. When we support those who care for our children, we build a stronger foundation for the future.

Thank you to Tiny Steps Child Care Center for hosting this important conversation. I'll continue working to ensure Pennsylvania's children, families, and work-force have the support they need to succeed.

Make May Matter with Fake Is Real

By Northampton County Drug and Alcohol

May marks the start of celebration season—proms, finals, graduations, Memorial Day, and warmer weather. With fentanyl still lurking in fake pills and other street drugs, this time of year calls for even more awareness.

This month, we're encouraging everyone—from teens and parents to educators and community members—to stay informed and make smart choices. Together, we can celebrate safely, support one another, and keep our communities strong.

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Stay Sharp. Stay Safe. Stay Sober.

As celebrations ramp up, so does the risk. In our latest blog, we talk about how to navigate the season safely—without substances. Learn why fentanyl is more dangerous than ever, how to be prepared in an emergency, and where to turn if you or someone you love needs support.

Whether you're headed to prom, hosting a graduation party, or just enjoying the sunshine, this blog has something for everyone.



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June 7: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

June 8: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

June 9: Half-Price Sale: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

June 10: \$8 Bag Sale: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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June 7: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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May 31: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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TEXTILE RECYCLING



By Waste Management

Textile waste. For many, shopping for new clothes is exciting. But what do you do with the old, ripped, or items you simply don't like anymore? Most throw these items in the trash.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) When consumers dispose of used textiles, like clothes, linens, bed sheets, etc., only around 15% are recycled or repurposed. 85% are sent to a landfill or waste-to-energy facility. The volume of textile waste generated annually grew 80% from 2000 to 2018, faster than any other material in our waste stream, including organics, plastic, and paper. Consequently, states are initiating or enacting legislation to improve textile lifecycle management, often by restricting their disposal in landfills.

WM is exploring new technologies and leveraging strong partnerships to reshape the mindset and infrastructure around textile waste management.

Over 50% of the fast fashion garments produced are disposed of in under a year.

In the U.S. alone, **17M** tons of textile waste are generated each year.

The average U.S. consumer throws away approx. **81.5 lbs.** of clothes annually.