



Candidates Early Childhood Education Survey Results

The Children Matter Action Fund is surveying all candidates for Pennsylvania House and Senate seats to learn more about their views on childcare and early childhood education. We invite you to learn more by reviewing their responses below; by contacting their campaigns; and by following them on social media. Let them know your views on the importance of ensuring young children in Pennsylvania get the early education supports they need and deserve.

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You are running for election in which

House or Senate District?: **House District 31**

Q: What are your views on the benefits, or drawbacks, of allocating additional state funds for high-quality early learning education?

A: Early learning education is the key to a strong educational system. Pre-K gives students a running start on skills that they will learn in kindergarten as well as prepares them for the social and emotional aspects of grade school. Every dollar that we invest into Pre-K will pay us back many times over.

Q: Will you support increasing annual investments in the Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program line items?

A: Yes.

Q: How important, or unimportant, is expanding access to high-quality child care to working families in your district?

A: Child care is extremely important for working families. Too often parents are faced with the difficult balance of raising and providing for their children. With high quality, state funded preschool programs, parents can rest assured that their children are in good hands while they concentrate on putting bread on the table and saving for their child's future.

Q: If you support increased state investment in subsidized child care for infants and toddlers at the campaign's recommended levels, how will you help the campaign expand child care for working families? OR If you do not support the proposed increases in access to child care, please explain why.

A: I will continue to sponsor and vote to pass legislation that provides more funding for Pre-K.

Q: Improved parenting skills, increased family economic self-sufficiency, improved maternal and child health and reducing abuse and neglect are just a few of the key benefits realized through evidence-based home visiting services. How do you view the needs and benefits of home visiting to families?

A: Preschools are an excellent setting for a child to learn the fundamental social skills they will need to be a member of society and a successful student at higher levels. However, conflicts at home may prevent students from regularly attending school and affect their performance while in school. We need to do everything we can to keep children in school and actively engaged.

Q: How will you support the expansion of state investment dollars to serve those in your district who can benefit from home visiting?

A: I will continue to work with early childhood educators in my district to find out their needs and work with them to secure grants which will be able to help accomplish their goals.

Q: What would you do to increase payments to high-quality providers to improve their ability to retain qualified professionals?

A: I will continue to work with early childhood educators in my district to find out their needs and work with them to secure grants which will be able to help accomplish their goals.

Q: How will you champion early care and early childhood education?

A: I will continue to co-sponsor and vote for legislation aimed at better funding and improving our education. In addition, my door will remain open to the teachers and parents of our communities.