



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 62**

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

There are benefits to the student, parent worker, and local economy.

A:

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

Yes.

A:

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

Fairly high importance.

A:

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.

I will vote to increase funds for quality free or low-cost day care and pre-k programs.

A:

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: There exists needs within my community.

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

A: By introducing legislation and/or voting in favor of existing legislation.

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

A: I would vote for increased public funding.

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

A: With my platform and my votes.