



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?: **Senate District 49**

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

A: There are no drawbacks - Pre-K builds the foundation for later success. I truly believe education is the foundation of opportunity. Every child, no matter their zip code, deserves a quality pre-k opportunity.

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: Very important. Especially in times like this pandemic, parents are very dependent on childcare as they are working multiple jobs, and they are doing their best to not only raise but also educate their families.

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 lock arms with like minded legislators to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to increase investment in child care and make sure that protections are in place.

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: This serves a deep need and benefits both parent and child; based on the feedback I have received, it is imperative that these programs continue.

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 be a champion for working families, and will lock arms with like minded legislators to pass legislation to invest in home visit programs. In order to do so, we need to flip the Senate and reclaim a Democratic majority if we are to ensure funding for vital programs like investments in early childhood programming.

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

A: I would be honored to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to fully fund these programs.

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

A: I am committed to fighting for public education and expanding educational opportunities at all ages, and will take this fight to Harrisburg.