



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 9**

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

A: Infants and toddler brains are developing at rapid speed, we need to ensure that our children are able to learn while they are still developing to set them up for a more successful life.

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

A: Yes, I have voted to increase investments in both programs and will continue to do so.

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

A: I believe it is very important to expand access to high-quality child care to working families in my district.

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 vote to increase and expand childcare and will work with my caucus to ensure it happens.

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: These needs and benefits are vital to help our children succeed, I would support increased funding for home visiting programs.

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 vote to increase and expand childcare and will work with my caucus to ensure it happens.

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

A: I will vote to increase and expand childcare and will work with my caucus to ensure it happens.

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

A: I have always championed early care and early childhood education and will continue to vote for increased funding for both.