



Children First Action Fund General 2022 Survey Results

The Children First Action Fund is surveying all candidates for Pennsylvania House and Senate to learn more about their views on issues affecting the lives of children. We invite you to learn more by reviewing their responses below; by contacting their campaigns; and by following them on social media. Let me 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 district? House District 116

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

A: All children need high-quality care and age-appropriate development activities.

Q: How important, or unimportant, are increased public resources to expand access and affordability to high-quality child care to working families in your district?

A: Very important

Q: Should the wages for child care workers and preschool teachers be commensurate with those of other educators with similar qualifications and experience?

A: Yes

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

A: Yes

Q: In addition to making child care more accessible and affordable, what other policies would you champion to help businesses facing a workforce shortage?

A: More workforce training and affordable, accessible transportation, higher minimum wage

Q: What other government resources or policies would you consider for families that are struggling with keeping costs, especially child care, under control?

A: Funding full-day kindergarten for all, more assistance to pay childcare workers

Q: Which mental health supports are needed most in your district and how will you work to increase access to families that need them?

A: More counselors in our schools and available for families, more mental health funding for out-patient as well as in-patient care.



**Q: Would you support the creation of a refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?
Why/why not?**

A: Yes, EITC will help working families

Q: What would you do, if elected, to expand the access to affordable broadband internet?

A: I will support and endorse legislation to ensure affordable broadband is accessible for all.