



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? HD 144

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

A: Studies have clearly shown that the benefits outweigh the costs of high-quality early learning education. Therefore, I would support the measure.

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: It is very important. As I stated above, my family has personal experience with not having access to a much needed pre-k program. High-quality child care for working families would not only benefit the children in the district but also the overall economy in Pa. Helping working families climb out of poverty benefits everyone.

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

A: The facts speak for themselves in support of this funding both in terms of more productivity from working parents and the betterment of young children. I would educate voters and colleagues about the return on investment this funding provides.

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

A: I would support this funding. Child Abuse and Neglect are problems that are hard to identify and negatively impact children for their entire lives. With more funding we can make early interventions and make sure that all students are on the path to success.

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: We need to make sure that there are incentives to work in Child care. One policy that I would support is having student loan forgiveness programs modeled after the federal loan forgiveness programs. Where if you work in a job such as a social worker, teacher or Child care worker in an area seeing a shortage you would be eligible to have the state cover part of your student loan.

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

A: I believe that we need to shift the tax burden. the lack of federal and state funding has led to school districts increasing local taxes. what we need to do is shift that burden from hard working families to fracking companies. Something as simple as a 7% extraction fee on the natural gas companies fracking in our commonwealth could result in nearly \$1.7 billion over 5 years for schools and children.

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: We need to do good by our Children. That means we need to make sure all schools have mental health professionals that are culturally competent. We can increase access to families that need them by adding them to the home visit program and by making sure that all parents are aware of them by having more community outreach events.

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

A: Like I said earlier we need to shift the tax burden from hard working families to corporations. I would be in Support of creating a state EITC because it is not fair to struggling families out there to have to pay dollars when there are companies out there paying pennies.

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

A: There need to be incentives to implement broadband in rural areas. This can be done through public private partnerships as well as the state and local governments doing it themselves. I am in support of local Townships and Boroughs implementing their own municipal broadband in areas that private companies refuse to service.