



## 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?** 178

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

A: We need to take money from other wasteful projects and use those funds to cover high-quality pre-k education.

**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 critical, high-quality child care allows working families to earn more income and benefits the children by giving them access to early learning and development. It's a win-win situation.

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

A: I think you have to take this on a case-by-case basis. I believe this depends on their qualifications and several other factors. I do think they deserve a raise.

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

A: This program does need state investment dollars; however, I am cautious and would need to ensure there is significant oversight on this program so we do not have a similar situation to what is occurring in Texas. Parent's and Children's rights must not be infringed.

**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: I support lowering business income tax which should help ease the financial burden on small business owners, and I support mandating those collecting unemployment actively look for work.

**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 support supplemental benefits and updating our welfare income levels to reflect the current inflation levels. The maximum wages required to get assistance are too high.

**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: In my district, the lack of access to affordable mental health medications leads to self-medication which leads to drug abuse and incarceration. I support not punishing the addict with jail time and creating more accessible access to medicines and treatment. How we get there will take a lot of thought and work, but as the daughter-in-law of a recovering addict with bipolar I am passionate about this issue.

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

A: I support anything that combats poverty, poverty is a leading factor in crime and malnourishment, and we must do everything to help the citizens of Pennsylvania.

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

A: I believe the commonwealth should partner with corporations like Elon Musks' Starlink. We could give these corporations tax incentives to provide affordable or possibly free broadband internet.