



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 189

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

A: My views align with yours. I believe Pre-K is essential in today's world to give children the best start possible to be successful in school. It will help children succeed in their future years not only in school, but emotionally and physically.

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 a must. You shouldn't have to choose. People are ready to work, but can't afford to send their kids to child care. This would help not only productivity for families both financially and emotionally, but will help our children be ready for Kindergarten and expand their social circle helping them emotionally and physically. They are our future.

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. This could change lives for families.

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 2nd and 3rd shift child care. Many jobs are 3pm to 11pm or 11pm to 7am and single parent homes have trouble taking these jobs because there is no child care and businesses need employees. This is in addition to regular hour child care.

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

A: Heating assistance, Food insecurity assistance and 2nd / 3rd shift child care accessibility.

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: There are many kids that go undiagnosed with ADHD, ADD, etc... There are many parents who have mental health needs that are undiagnosed, or they can't afford to see a therapist, etc.. Mental health is something that every human being should have access to and it should be affordable for those who are struggling. Many times, mental health issues lead to substance abuse disorders and a downward spiral from there. A vicious cycle. We need more access to get people help.

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

A: If the facts and figures you are stating above are true, than yes, I would.

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

A: I would support this. It is a must in today's society and it is too expensive. We need internet access for our jobs, our schools, etc.. and nobody should be without it.