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## 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 132

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

A: There are now drawbacks! The benefits are almost too numerous to list: Give kids better lives and better educational foundations, prepare them for enterin the work-force, reduce special education funds, reduce interactions with the criminal justice system, get parents back to work, etc. This needs to be a top priority for our Commonwealth, and I've supported these investments my entire career.

**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: Extremely important!!! Particularly for my current district, which has relatively high rates of poverty.

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

A: Absolutely. CCWs should not have to compete with Amazon.

**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: 1) Better education or all, Pre-K - colleges 2) Targeted government assistance for priority industries. 3) Use of federal and state funds to boost funding in critical industries.

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

A: Enhanced funding is the most critical thing we can do.

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**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: My issue! I've championed mental health resources my entire career and was involved with the \$100m being allocated to adult behavioral services. We need to make investments in mobile crisis services, counties, bed space for ERs, school-based mental health, and the workforce shortage.

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

A: Yes!

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

A: Continue development of recently enacted broadband package and make sure it is targeted to at-risk urban areas.