



## Candidates Early Childhood Education Survey Results

The Children Matter Action Fund is surveying all candidates for Pennsylvania House and Senate seats to learn more about their views on childcare and early childhood education. We invite you to learn more by reviewing their responses below; by contacting their campaigns; and by following them on social media. Let them 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

House or Senate District?: **House District 101**

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

**A:** Early childhood education gives the best bang for your buck. It is an investment that pays off in less than a generation, and universal access equalizing opportunity.

**Q: Will you support increasing annual investments in the Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program line items?**

**A:** Yes.

**Q: How important, or unimportant, is expanding access to high-quality child care to working families in your district?**

**A:** It is extremely important for families in the 101st district that they have expanded access to child care. In many cases, they are facing impossible decisions regarding work.

**Q: If you support increased state investment in subsidized child care for infants and toddlers at the campaign's recommended levels, how will you help the campaign expand child care for working families? OR If you do not support the proposed increases in access to child care, please explain why.**

**A:** I support the increased investment, and my role would be as a champion for the cause: speaking to its virtues, building coalitions, and messaging on the issue.

Q: Improved parenting skills, increased family economic self-sufficiency, improved maternal and child health and reducing abuse and neglect are just a few of the key benefits realized through evidence-based home visiting services. How do you view the needs and benefits of home visiting to families?

A: Home visiting is a necessary tool towards improving the quality of life for children and the parenting skills found within homes.

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

A: I would vote for bills or cosponsor bills supporting the expansion.

Q: What would you do to increase payments to high-quality providers to improve their ability to retain qualified professionals?

A: I would vote for or cosponsor legislation supporting subsidies with contractual obligations to pay minimum educator salaries more aligned with the higher end of the pay scale.

Q: How will you champion early care and early childhood education?

A: Beyond voting for bills that support needed solutions to these issues, I will be a vocal advocate for the programs and the reasoning behind them, in an effort to change minds. Before I am elected, I would be interested in interviewing someone on the topic to begin getting the message out to voters in my district.