



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 160**

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

A: I support funding Pre -K programs across this commonwealth. Education should be a right to all children regardless of socioeconomic status.

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 of the utmost importance to expand high quality childcare.

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: All of my children are blessed enough to have been taught in a fantastic Public School district. Education will be one of my main priorities if elected. Our children are our future and an investment in them is an investment into the future of our communities.

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 visitation is vital especially in these times. Home visitation can help improve the mental of a child and also could spot mistreatment or abuse in a home.

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

A: Home visiting should be an option to all districts.

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

A: We must invest more in our instructors. These are individuals that our children look up to. Their job is paramount to the success of our education system.

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

A: Early childhood education funding, including universal Pre-K across the commonwealth will always have my full dedication and support.