



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?: **Senate District 25**

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

A: I believe an early start is essential for educational and social development, and access can help to reduce generational poverty.

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

A: Yes, I think it is essential.

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

A: It would make the difference between poverty and self-sufficiency.

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 would offer workforce development grants for institutions and CDBGs for facilities.

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: As a former public school teacher, I had participated in home-based instruction. I know that it was beneficial even for older students and their families. Personal connections and modeling instruction and interactions are two of the benefits. Becoming educated about the students needs and how to best engage were additional benefits.

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 use a grant program for training.

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

A: Pay for all full time workers needs to be increased. I do think education and training are to be factored in to the level of compensation.

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

A: I would legislate to ensure that education is a priority, including early childhood education. I would push for workforce training and CDBG funds. I am in favor of moving individuals into the workforce, expanding educational opportunities, and supporting working parents. Children are our future.