



## 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?** 103rd House District

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

A: With existing measures still falling short of the need, it is important to understand how those resources are being applied. It is vital to fully understand the shortfalls in the application of these programs before more funds can be allocated.

**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: Especially now it is important to assist families that want to work. I also believe in programs that strengthen the family unit as well. Financial literacy and tax relief are major priorities for my term.

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

A: I don't feel that mandating wages is the answer to solving workforce shortages. I do believe in educational programs that give pathway to entering the child care field is imperative.

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

A: I would be open to expanding the state's current investment in home visits once the current allocations are examined and processes are identified.

**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: Business tax relief and a moratorium on fees and regulation. Increasing the minimum wage is a non-started and further burdens the business owner,

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

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A: Added efforts to treat the cause and not the symptom. Financial literacy, tax burdens, school choice all help build stronger families.

**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: It is imperative to understand the vast number of departments and resources that needs have increased because of the pandemic. Without this information, a "band aide" will only push the problem into the future with more costly ramifications.

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

A: In 2017, the Federal credit value was increased for the EITC to ensure it would match inflation levels. I would need to further understand the impact on Tax burden to Pennsylvania tax payers before creation of a state EITC.

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

A: Having a technology background, I certainly understand the value of broadband service. However, I would want to meet with stakeholders in education and business to access it priority in the budget.