



## 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?** PA HD152

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

A: Funding for per-K Counts and Head Start programs is vital to the well-being of our children.

**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: Our children are our most important asset. We need to drastically increase funding for their benefit.

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

A: Yes. We are losing so many child care workers and teachers because of a lack of funding for these professions.

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

A: Absolutely. It is just a matter of my colleagues across the aisle not agreeing to this funding.

**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: We need to increase the minimum wage, thereby retaining good workers and strengthening our businesses.

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

A: My colleagues across the aisle believe keeping money that came down from the Feds in a rainy day fund keeps our State strong. This is wrong on every angle. We must invest this funding in our children, our schools, our health care and our environment.

**Q: Which mental health supports are needed most in your district and how will you work to increase access to families that need them?**

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A: Again, this comes down to funding. Throughout our districts, mental health needs are at an all time high and surging still. Our families need better access, affordable access, and they need it now.

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

A: Absolutely I support this. Putting money towards our most vulnerable helps them and helps our economy.

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

A: We are already working on this one in our rural communities and inter-cities. But, it needs to do better. We have too many kids out there without the access they need to have an equitable education. This is fundamentally wrong. Our voices are loud but fall on deaf ears too many times to count. We will not give up the fight. You can count on that.