



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? State Representative 177th District

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

A: I support additional funds, to eliminate a drawback, I will push for transparency and accountability

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: Very important for resources for childcare, I was a single father and could've benefited greatly from additional resources

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 believe so

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

A: Yes

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: Safety protocols, relaxed hours, expand possible work shifts

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

A: Incentive based funding

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: Addiction mental health issues, especially for children of addicts



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

A: Possibly, I would have to research a bit more

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

A: Work with companies of broadband and see what's best suited for my district through input if community