



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? House District 113

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

A: Too many benefits to list. No drawbacks

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: Extremely important. We need to start doing all we can for children before they enter the school system so that they start out on the right track and continue to do so. Period

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. These are the formative years of a child's life and sadly for some reason the people who take care of these children are far less paid than others.

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: Facilities need to be able to have the funding to give a higher wage so that they can compete for the best employees.

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

A: There are not enough resources for affordable childcare. We need to do more

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: One of the things that we need to address is the ratio of guidance counselors/student numbers. There are more and more mental health issues and struggles in students and then he turned to the guidance counselor. Sadly, these guidance counselors are overwhelmed and we need to pass legislation to lower the student council ratio. I am actually looking into doing this as we speak.

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

A: Yes

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

A: We did pass a significant broadband bill before we left for summer break. We need to quickly utilize all that we can to make sure this happens sooner than later