



## 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?** HD 202

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

A: Families are what make Pennsylvania great and are what we need to focus on if we want to do better. This means universal pre-K so every child has equal access to the education system and investing in our early learning education program.

**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: We need to make sure that parents are able to work while knowing that their children are looked after in a safe and responsible manner. Parents need to have access to affordable and quality childcare – something that will help our children and our economy.

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

A: Anything we can do as a state to uplift families and empower their lives, we should do.

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

A: I will work across the aisle and with my colleagues to identify areas in the budget to allocate funding for the programs and work on legislation to unlock 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 wages and working conditions for qualified professionals. We can do this through better funding, wage increases, and benefits.

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

A: We can do childcare grants and assistance similar to COVID19 relief.

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**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: We must make mental health professional and access to mental health services more accessible.

**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: Broadband access is a utility and should be treated as such.