Our 2023 Plans to Make The Lives of Children Better

- **Neet** the mental health needs of children by adopting state policies that expand access to prevention and treatment resources in their schools.
- **2 Fulfill** the promise of early learning and pre-k for at least 18,000 additional children across the state and in Philadelphia with \$430 million in new funds from the state and the City of Philadelphia.
- 3 Improve the education of 1.7 million public school children with \$2.3 billion in new funding to begin to repair the aftermath of chronic underfunding.
- 4 Prepare at least 25,000 high school graduates for real world jobs by tripling access to career-related learning in Pennsylvania with \$215 million in new CTE funds.
- **5 Reduce** the number of children poisoned by toxic lead paint with at least \$55 million state dollars to make their homes free of lead paint hazards.
- **6 Help** every child stay healthy by permitting children without citizenship documents to access health insurance.
- **Reform** state rules that send children to detention centers and institutions, so our communities stay safe and our children avoid the trauma of being locked up and susceptible to abuse.
- 8 Increase the share of Black and Hispanic high school graduates by promoting policies that boost their social and academic success.
- 9 Advance state, local, and school district policies that promote healthy social development, racial equity, and tolerance.
- 10 Make Sure parents are paid for time missed at work when they take time off to care for their children at birth or when they are sick.



An ambitious policy agenda as children and teens continue to suffer unprecedented challenges because of COVID.

Here are ten policy initiatives that will transform children's lives for the better.