



Serving the 200th Legislative District

Winter 2018

State Representative Chris Rabb

Reports

“Every Pennsylvanian deserves unfettered access to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as guaranteed under our Constitution regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or immigration status. While in our state Capitol, I vow to not only safeguard these rights, but will fight to expand them.”

– Representative Chris Rabb



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Policy Highlights

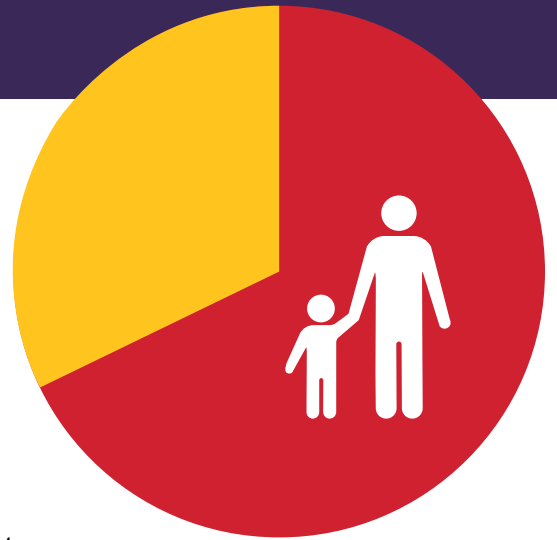
First Chance Trust Fund Act becomes law

This legislation establishes a public charitable trust to transform the lives of Pennsylvania children with incarcerated parents.

In Pennsylvania, 65% of state inmates have at least one child. Children with incarcerated parents are six times more likely to end up in prison than their peers.

The First Chance Trust Fund is funded by private, tax deductible donations and a

1% surcharge on all state Department of Corrections vendors with contracts exceeding \$5 million. It is estimated to generate \$500,000 to \$1 million annually. This money will go towards scholarships and providing grant funding to evidence-based programs that benefit at-risk youth.



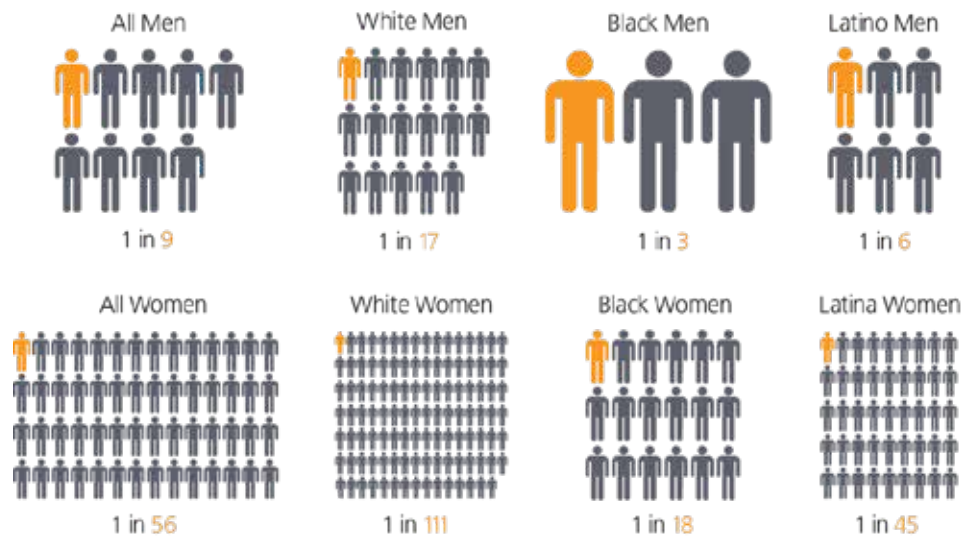
Policy hearing on bold budget innovations

In November, I hosted my first House Democratic Policy Committee hearing, on bold budget innovations that would ensure a balanced state budget and improve the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians. This includes securing economic security for all through concepts such as:

- Universal basic income
- Carbon fee and dividend policy
- Criminal justice reform



Lifetime Likelihood of Imprisonment of U.S. Residents Born in 2001



This estimate is based on data from 2001. Data source: Bureau of Justice Statistics



This November policy hearing provided an opportunity for constituents and community members to share information with elected officials.

Calendar

March 16

Third Friday
Satellite Office
Pleasant Playground
6757 Chew Ave.

April 6

First Friday
Satellite Office
Wadsworth Library
1500 Wadsworth Ave.

April 20

Third Friday
Satellite Office
Pleasant Playground
6757 Chew Ave.

April 28

Shredding Drop and Roll Event
New Covenant Church
of Philadelphia
7500 Germantown Ave.

May 4

First Friday
Mother's Day Tea
Satellite Office
Wadsworth Library
1500 Wadsworth Ave.

District Office

7216 Germantown Ave.

May 18

Third Friday
Satellite Office
Pleasant Playground
6757 Chew Ave.

June 1

First Friday
Satellite Office
Wadsworth Library
1500 Wadsworth Ave.

June 15

Father's Day BBQ
District Office
7216 Germantown Ave.

June 16

Summer Kick-Off with Mt. Airy USA
Lovett Library
6945 Germantown Ave.

July 6

First Friday
Satellite Office
Wadsworth Library
1500 Wadsworth Ave.

Past Events



Back to School Celebration with Reps.
Joanna McClinton, Jason Dawkins
and Donna Bullock.



Community members at Rep. Rabb's
Holiday Open House for constituents.



Holiday Open House with volunteers and interns.



Rep. Rabb's "Where We Go From Here"
Millennial Mixer was a success!



Rep. Rabb speaking with students at the 50th
ward town hall meeting in September.

Nobody should go to bed hungry. Period.

To combat hunger in Philadelphia, my office will be providing food to as many people as possible at our satellite offices. You don't have to fill out any paperwork or answer any questions.

If you have family, friends, or neighbors who are in need, please stop by my Wadsworth Library satellite office at 1500 Wadsworth Ave. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Friday of every month, or my Pleasant Playground satellite office at 6757 Chew Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the third Friday of each month.



Rep. Rabb and constituent, Yowanda Williams, provide emergency groceries at Pleasant Playground Rec. Center.

LIHEAP can help you save on energy costs



In Philadelphia, a family living below the poverty line is expected to pay 26 percent of their income on energy-related expenses. This means less money to

pay for rent, food and other vital resources.

If you qualify, I can help you save money on energy bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

Program. LIHEAP can help you pay your heating bills and keep money in your pockets. Call or stop by my office today to find out if you qualify and to apply.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

In 2017, my office helped 212 residents complete their 2016 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is funded by proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery. People 65 or older, or at least 50 and widowed, or permanently disabled and 18 or older are eligible to receive a rebate if their income falls below a certain threshold.

The annual household income for property owners must be \$35,000 or less, and the annual household income for renters must be \$15,000 or less. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but some homeowners can qualify for a \$975 rebate. The application to apply must be postmarked by June 30. To find out if you are eligible for the program, or to receive help completing your application, please stop by one of my offices.



212
Constituents
Helped with
Property Tax/
Rent Rebate
Applications

Free SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards



Are you 65 or older and use SEPTA as your primary means of transportation?

If so, you are eligible for a SEPTA Key Senior ID card – allowing you to ride all SEPTA transit routes, free of charge. You may also use the Regional Rail in Pennsylvania for \$1 and receive a 50% discount for stations in New Jersey and Delaware. You don't need to go downtown to apply, please call or visit my district or satellite office, as soon as possible.



Meeting you where you are



On Friday, January 19, my office hosted the grand opening of our newest satellite office at Pleasant Playground. We will be at our **Pleasant Playground satellite office located at 6757 Chew Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the third Friday of each month.** Stop by this location or any of our other office locations so we can assist you with applying for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program, the SEPTA Key Senior ID Card, and various other state-related services:

District Office:

**Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
7216 Germantown Ave.**

Wadsworth Library

Satellite Office:

**First Friday of each month
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wadsworth Library
1500 Wadsworth Ave.**



Call for Volunteers

MY OFFICE IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE EVENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT AN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE AND LET US KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY.



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