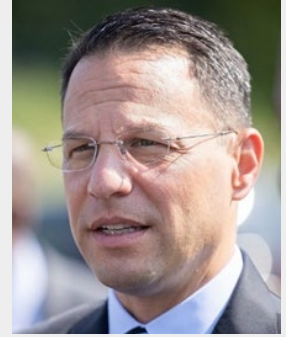


The social model of disability needs to be considered in tandem with the medical model. What could you do to improve this understanding and sensitivity for clinicians?

General Josh Shapiro


- Insure ADA compliance in healthcare facilities that receive state funding.
- Utilizing the voices of people with disabilities to develop training materials for frontline professionals in healthcare is powerful and effective.
- This kind of awareness/sensitivity training should be offered not just to people in healthcare but those who work in law enforcement and are first responders.
- Creating an intra-agency commission on this topic will allow for people with disabilities to work with government and healthcare organizations to develop proper training.

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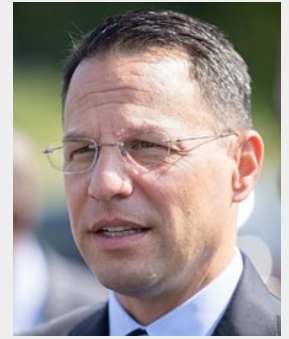
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What would you do to increase the availability of home and community-based services?

General Josh Shapiro


- Simplify the waiver process, allowing people to choose from a broader range of service options.
- Incentivize someone utilizing in-home care instead in
- Increase the amount of care workers in the workforce, but doing targeted recruitment and implementing retention plans that include employee bonuses and student loan forgiveness.

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What kind of actions would you consider to support people with disabilities for attending and completing college?

General Josh Shapiro


- Higher education institutions have programs and supports but the information can be hard to find. This must be improved so students can participate.
- Students need to have their student loans forgiven and have the chance to participate in work study programs
- Programs need to support students while they are in college and once they graduate and begin looking for a job.

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What are your thoughts on PFML?

General Josh Shapiro


- Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) people to create a balance between work and family, no one's job should be jeopardized over a family health emergency.
- PFML is a tool of empowerment for people.

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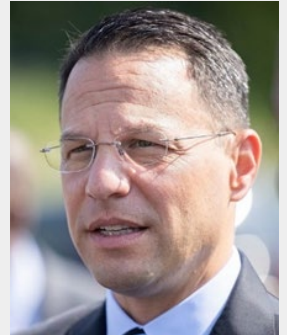
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What would you do to increase the availability and affordability of housing for people with disabilities?

General Josh Shapiro


- The amount of funding in this area should be increased 3x of the current allocation.
- Increase tax credits available for building affordable housing, specifically earmarked for people with disabilities.
- Make grants available for down payment programs, particularly for first time buyers with disabilities.
- Improve access to funding for modifications and retrofitting so people can stay in their current homes.
- Make funding available for landlords and tenants home repairs program.

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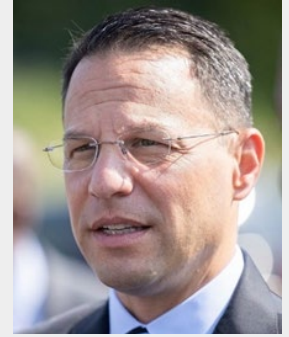
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What would you do to address or eliminate employment barriers for people with disabilities?

General Josh Shapiro

- People with disabilities should be consulted with directly when new employment related policies are being considered that will directly impact people with disabilities.
- People with disabilities should feel like there are systems in place that encourage people being a part of the workforce in Pennsylvania.
- People with disabilities should be rewarded for working in their communities.
- Increase income limits for workers with disabilities who rely on medical assistance; current limits are about \$42,000 in annual wages, increasing that to well over \$60,000.

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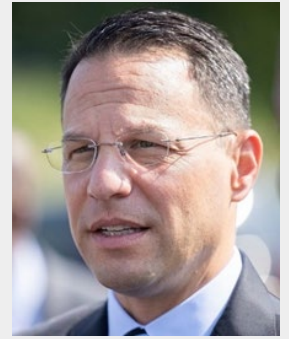
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What would you do to increase accessible rural transportation?

General Josh Shapiro


- This issue is critical to Pennsylvanians with disabilities.
- Provide funding to local transit authorities to provide more local transportation options to people with disabilities.
- Combine funding sources (state and federal) to create microtransit systems, doing this will provide more options that are efficient and effective.

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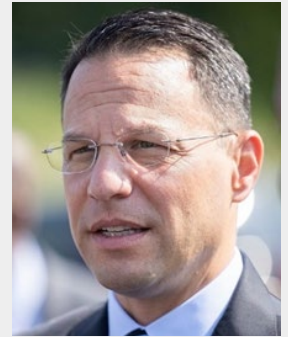
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How will you work to ensure students with disabilities continue to receive high quality primary and secondary education and support services as the pandemic continues?

General Josh Shapiro

- Education is a big part of his campaign.
- School buildings must be made safe and secure.
- Teacher pay must be increased and emotional well-being must be a focus along with academics.
- Funding for support services must be increased.

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