

2008 Elections

SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

You can take action by speaking up for children's health and well-being during the election season and focusing attention on children's issues. Anyone running for public office—whether it's for school board, city council, statehouse, or US Congress—needs to hear from people who care about children. The following questions are examples of what you could ask candidates this election year:

1. What do you identify as the number one challenge facing children today and how do propose to address it?
2. How do you propose to provide health insurance to each and every child?
3. Insurance coverage will not result in access to quality pediatric care unless significant numbers of pediatricians are willing to participate in the programs. Currently, payment for services provided under Medicaid and SCHIP often do not cover the costs of providing that service. How would you address this?
4. How would you work with national, state and local public health systems to guarantee we are prepared to treat the unique needs of children after a terrorist event or natural disaster?
5. How would you address emerging public health issues like rising rates of childhood obesity?
6. How would you improve children and adolescents' access to mental health services and oral health services?
7. What would be your top three public health priorities to improve the health and safety of children?
8. How would you encourage access to immunizations for all children and adolescents?
9. What specific plans do you have to reduce child poverty?
10. How do you propose to address and improve the physical, mental and social health care needs of foster care children?
11. What would you do to strengthen the state's public health infrastructure?