



5 Questions to Ask Candidates When They Knock on Your Door

Candidates who are running to be your state representative and your state senator will likely knock on your door or call to ask for your vote before Election Day. Take this opportunity to highlight children's issues and find out where candidates stand on issues impacting kids' health and wellbeing.

- The average time between the onset of behavioral health illness symptoms and the start of treatment is 7 years for Connecticut's kids. How would you improve child and adolescent access to behavioral and mental health services?
- What will you do to help ensure that kids across Connecticut have equal opportunities to grow and learn, regardless of where they live?
- More than half the kids cared for by Connecticut Children's rely on Medicaid. You may also be aware that Medicaid reimburses providers at a much lower rate than private insurers. What are your thoughts on how the state's Medicaid program can be changed or improved?
- Connecticut Children's and hospitals across the nation are facing a workforce crisis. Statewide, the Governor's Workforce Council identified a need to produce 7,000 new healthcare workers per year to meet demand. How would you aim to strengthen Connecticut's healthcare workforce to ensure that children and families are able to access care where and when they need it?
- Firearms are now the leading cause of youth mortality in the United States. What do you think of Connecticut's current firearm laws in terms of keeping kids safe?