

## Raise Your Voice for Kids: Candidate Question Guide

Kids can't vote and they don't often give money to political candidates. As candidates for elected office hit the campaign trail for rallies and town halls, it is up to us to make sure that children have a voice. The questions below will help you be ready to go the next time you have a chance to ask candidates how they plan to address the many ways to prioritize kids.

### Sample Question about Investing in the Child Care Industry

*These questions are appropriate for congressional, state and local candidates. If you are not a child care provider or parent, please adjust one of these questions.*

1. As a child care provider/ teacher/ worker, I am deeply concerned about the challenges we face in maintaining staff and resources in order to keep our doors open. Despite the need, Congress wasn't able to pass the Build Back Better bill. What will you do to fight for sustainable solutions –not temporary fixes- for critical child care?
2. As a parent, I depend on child care so I can work. Child care providers in my community are struggling to maintain staff and resources to keep their doors open. This is increasing costs for parents who are already struggling with the high costs of child care. Despite the need, Congress wasn't able to pass the Build Back Better bill. What will you do to fight for sustainable solutions –not temporary fixes- for critical child care?

### Sample Question about Child Hunger

*This question is appropriate for congressional candidates.*

1. The past 20 years have seen domestic and global hunger getting worse with more than 3 million children dying from hunger every year. Congress wasn't able to pass the Child Nutrition Reauthorization- or CNR- and current US government funding for addressing global hunger crisis has been well below the needs. What action would you take to ensure that children don't go hungry at home and abroad?

### Sample Question about Helping Children Seeking Safety in the U.S.

*This question is appropriate for congressional candidates.*

1. *Policies like Title 42 and MPP remain in place and access to asylum is still being denied to children and families*  
Policies implemented under the previous administration remain in place and countless children and families are being denied their basic right to seek asylum. What actions would you take to ensure these children are protected and given the opportunity to claim asylum?

### Sample Question about Child Mental Health Worldwide

1. Millions of children around the world are experiencing loss, violence, displacement and trauma. Most don't have access to emotional support – and their mental health is declining with each passing day. Will you support increased U.S. government focus on addressing mental health o ensure struggling kids can heal and grow?