

Where do the candidates stand on children and families?

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Oct. 31 — To the Editor:

The future prosperity of New Hampshire depends on our ability to steward the next generation who will live, work and lead in our state. Effective public and private investments in young children and their families can ensure strong foundations for future growth. It is essential that we come together to build effective early childhood systems that produce long-term, tangible results for children and families.

On Nov. 8, Granite Staters will be casting ballots to elect our local, state and national leaders. To ensure that all New Hampshire children and families are healthy, learning and thriving now and in the future, find out where the candidates stand. Ask them...;

- Are early childhood policies and programs a priority?
- What is their plan for making child care more affordable for working families?
- How will they ensure all children receive screenings early in life that can identify developmental concerns?
- How will the thousands of young children in NH with a diagnosable mental health disorder get the care they need?
- What support will be available for children of people in the grips of a heroin or opioid addiction?

The answers to these questions mean the difference between an uncertain future and a bright future for all of our families. This election, cast your votes for children and families. New Hampshire's future depends on it.

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