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The Children's Partnership Launches Vote for Kids! Campaign to Inform California Voters Where Congressional Candidates Stand on Children's Issues

Over the past five years, investments in children's education, child welfare, and youth training have declined, and children's programs have lost ground to competing political interests. At the same time, voters want action for children. For example, 81 percent of California voters support ensuring that all children in California have health insurance.

To ensure the needs of California's more than 9 million children are not forgotten by candidates this election, The Children's Partnership has launched a public awareness campaign, called Vote for Kids! that focuses candidate attention on key children's issues.

Vote for Kids! will both inform voters about where California Congressional candidates stand on key children's issues and also educate the candidates on issues critical to the health and well-being of America's children.

The Children's Partnership has sent all of the California Congressional candidates questionnaires asking candidates questions in three important issue areas: Children's Health Care, E-Health for Children, and 21st Century Skills. The candidates' responses will be posted online at www.childrenspartnership.org/VoteForKids and widely distributed so interested parties can see where candidates stand.

The Children's Partnership will encourage the public and the media to pose our questions to candidates at events leading up to the election and work with partner organizations to incorporate these children's issues into their own candidate forums and policy agendas.

Vote for Kids! will continue after the election to provide information to elected California officials and the new presidential administration about how they can invest wisely in the futures of America's children.

Vote for Kids! is funded by First Focus, a bipartisan advocacy organization committed to making children and families a priority in federal policy and budget decisions, as part of its Children in Focus Project.

The Children's Partnership is a national, nonprofit child advocacy organization with offices in Santa Monica, CA and Washington, DC, working to ensure that all children—especially those at risk of being left behind—have the resources and opportunities they need to grow up healthy and lead productive lives.

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