

What About the Kids? 2025 Election Campaign Candidate for New Jersey Governor Steve Fulop Responses

What specific steps will you take to ensure every working family in New Jersey has access to affordable, high-quality child care?

I will expand universal pre-K across the state so every child, regardless of zip code, can access early education and every working parent can have peace of mind. I'll also increase the Earned Income Tax Credit to put more money back in the pockets of working families. These are concrete steps to make child care more affordable and help parents balance work and family responsibilities.

Given New Jersey's ranking as 28th in maternal mortality, what policies will you prioritize to address racial disparities and improve Black and Hispanic maternal and infant health outcomes?

I will push to move New Jersey toward a single-payer healthcare system that puts people over profits and ensures every mother gets the care she needs. I'll also strengthen partnerships with community health providers like Planned Parenthood to expand access to maternal care in underserved areas. My goal is to close the racial gaps in maternal and infant health outcomes with policies that are rooted in equity and access.

How will you ensure that best practices are expanded and sustained to address the whole child in schools, supporting students' academic, social-emotional, and health needs?

I'll make sure we fund and expand mental health services in our schools so students get the support they need to thrive. I'll invest in programs that support students with special needs and advocate for smarter use of resources by encouraging school district consolidation, freeing up more money for the classroom.