



Candidates Queried On Child Welfare

Forum Sponsorship is part of the child welfare initiative

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NASW is cosponsoring a series of forums with presidential candidates organized by the Every Child Matters Education Fund, a nonprofit organization promoting the adoption of sound policies for children and families.

As a cosponsor, NASW will send representatives to participate in the forums, scheduled for October in New Hampshire. The forums will include about 150 participants. Candidates will be given an opportunity to respond to questions on children's issues and policies.

"These forums will help make children's issues important in this presidential campaign," said Toby Weismiller, NASW director of professional development and advocacy.

Weismiller said NASW's participation is part of the association's child welfare initiative, which supports child well-being and the role of social workers in the child welfare workforce.

Michael Petit, founding president of Every Child Matters, is a social worker who served as Commissioner of Maine's Human Services Department and was Deputy Director of the Child Welfare League of America.

The organization is working focus public attention on condemns including preventing child abuse, improving child health and providing quality and affordable child care, preschool education and after-school programs.

For Details visit www.everychildmatters.org