

## **SAMPLE LONG ISLAND DEBATE QUESTIONS**

### **QUALITYstarsNY**

In 30 other states, child care providers get a “star rating,” much like those used for restaurants or hotels. QUALITY STARS NEW YORK is a similar system currently being tested here on Long Island. Do you support a quality rating system and how would you ensure it is adequately funded?

### **STRONGER WORKFORCE**

More than 17,000 Long Island residents work in early childhood settings. Yet the low pay and lack of advancement results in high turnover and burnout. These professionals play a critical role our children’s education – what are your plans to strengthen the early childhood workforce?

### **COST OF CARE**

On Long Island, the average cost of full time care for infants and toddlers is \$13,000 a year – twice the cost of SUNY tuition. What do you plan to do to make quality child care more affordable for Long Island families?

### **HOME VISITING**

Home Visiting programs have proven one of the most cost-effective ways to ensure the health and well-being of low-income, at-risk babies and their families. Yet just 10% of those in need receive this service because New York lacks enough providers. What would you do to expand this life-saving service?