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<th>Rep. Loretta Sanchez: The following are excerpts from Ms. Sanchez’s answers</th>
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| Would you actively work to increase funding for child care for all children from birth? What child care expansion policies do you support for infants? For toddlers? For preschoolers? | • I support Secretary Clinton’s proposal of drastically increasing our investment in child care programs in order to guarantee that no family will have to spend more than 10% of their income on high-quality child care.  
• I have also supported increased federal funding, over $5.7 billion for 2016, for Preschool Development Grants, which aid states in developing their preschool programs through developments in workforce training and facility investments.  
• I support policy proposals that increase the salaries of childcare providers in order to further incentivize and reward high quality work. This includes, but is not limited to, the Respect and Increased Salaries for Early Childhood Educators Initiative, which would take substantial steps in achieving this aim.  
• We must make preschool universal for every child before they enter kindergarten.                                                                 | • Kamala believes we need to ensure every child has access to a quality public education – from universal pre-kindergarten to affordable higher education – in order to build the workforce of the future.  
• Children shouldn’t fall behind in school before they even start kindergarten. Kamala would fight for early childhood education for every child, including expanding access to Head Start, Early Head Start, and creating national universal pre-kindergarten.  
• Too many hardworking families barely earn enough for daycare, let alone other household expenses. There’s no one-size-fits-all answer to this problem, as different families are in different situations and have different needs.                                                                 |
| Do you support ending preschool suspensions and expulsions? What policy changes would you advocate for reducing bias in discipline? | • It is unacceptable for toddlers and preschoolers to be reprimanded to such an unnecessary extent and robs them of teachable opportunities that are more likely to result in improved behavior and sociability. We must ensure that our youngest, most impressionable students are not subjected to arbitrary suspensions and expulsions.  
• We should embrace a restorative justice approach that focuses on conflict resolution and the reintegration, not removal, of students into the classroom.  
• States must also identify schools with high rates of discipline, and report the student data.                                                                 | • Ms. Harris’s campaign website did not address this specific issue.  
• Success in school shouldn’t be decided by where students live, the color of their skin, their immigration status, or their parents’ income. Kamala is focused on eliminating disparities in our public education system, which will lead to greater community stability, economic growth and opportunity, and will put all of our children on a solid path to succeed.  
• Our teachers are expected to fill too many roles in our schools from educator, to counselor, to social worker – without the necessary support or training to do so. That’s wrong.                                                                 |
| What is your position on the obligation of state government to children once it has separated these children from their parents, whether through incarceration or the foster system? | • First, we must address the very real consequences that result from a family losing a parent to incarceration. Because of this, we must maintain a strong social safety net to ensure that families with low or no income have the ability to provide basic necessities to their children.  
• Second, we must continue to bolster the foster care system so that foster parents receive necessary resources and that foster children are raised in safe, stable homes.  
• Third, we must invest in resources that aid in children’s mental and emotional health, as those with a parent incarcerated face disproportionately high risks in this regard. This means improving access to counselors and mental health professionals and providing mentors that can serve as role models for foster youth.                                                                 | • Ms. Harris’s campaign website did not address this specific issue.  
• Throughout her career, Kamala has been a leader in addressing childhood trauma. As San Francisco District Attorney, she helped create the Center for Youth Wellness, which is a national leader in responding to significant adverse childhood events and toxic stress in children.  
• Kamala established the Bureau of Children’s Justice in the California Attorney General’s office, which includes a focus on childhood trauma and exposure to violence, and she led an effort to develop a statewide strategy for better serving children exposed to traumatic events.                                                                 |
| Please briefly describe any actions you have taken as a public official or private citizen that demonstrate your support for excellent, accessible and affordable educational opportunities. | • I urged Congressional leadership to allocate $10.1 billion to Head Start for the 2016 fiscal year. Every year, I have fought to ensure full program funding, urging Congressional leadership to allocate robust funding for Head Start.  
• During my time in Congress, I have introduced and supported legislation that alleviates the heavy financial burden of college tuition on our students.  
• I introduced H.R. 242, the All-Year ACCESS Act, which would restore the year round Pell Grant award for both part-time and full-time students.  
• I introduced the Middle Class ‘Creating Higher Education Affordability Necessary to Compete Economically’ (CHANCE) Act, which will expand access to higher education by strengthening the Pell Grant through increasing the total amount awarded.                                                                 | • She conducted the first-ever statewide study of elementary school truancy, finding that 40 percent of truant students in the state are elementary school age.  
• Under her leadership, the California Department of Justice is working directly with school districts to instill best practices for lowering elementary school absenteeism.  
• She prioritized ensuring all children – from pre-school to young adults – have access to a high quality education by establishing the Bureau of Children’s Justice, which is dedicated to fighting discrimination and inequities in the education and foster care systems.  
• As Attorney General, Kamala fought for-profit diploma mills that are defrauding thousands of California students, leaving them with no job prospects and a lifetime of debt.                                                                 |