

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY	SEAT	ACCA RESPONSES	CAA CHILD CARE QUESTION RESPONSES
1	Lindsey Bell	D	House		Access to affordable, reliable child care enables families to secure and maintain employment, pursue education and achieve a higher quality of life.
1	Bob Donahue	D	Senate	I want to assure you and the Arizona Child Care Association that I will work to restore the states ability to meet its obligations to our future generations. Providing care to children of eligible parents and thereby allowing them the opportunity to work is a benefit to the vibrancy of our economy, benefitting everyone, not just the children and their parents.	
2	Tom Chabin	D	House	Thanks, I am with you all the way.....	I voted against all the cuts to the programs (i.e. child care) identified above
2	Gloria Hale-Showalter	D	Senate		It is my belief that all parents who are the sole responsibility of every child they have in their household should take the leading role to help educate, teach, or provide creative learning experiences with their young children by providing the appropriate language literacy expected by AZ school systems. Therefore, by the time the children reach our pre-schools and/or elementary schools, the receptive and expressive language is at levels the school system can pick up and enhance upon no matter what language the child or family speaks in the home. Young children can, indeed grasp and acquire more than one language at an early age. Basic language acquisition can be acquired in the home setting. The academic English begins in the school system.
3	Beth Weisser	D	Senate		No comment. Checked 4 on the support restoring child care rating scale
4	Sue Dolphin	D	Senate	I believe in early child care and education for all children. I support all public education and we must view public education as an investment in our state NOT an expense.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
4	Tony Bouie	R	Senate	Your organization is a key support net for children in our state. The government has bears some responsibility to foster an environment that is safe for children.	It is important to create an environment where jobs are created and families are getting income from the private sector. The children of working families are important to our future so I will be sensitive to insuring their health and welfare.

4	Shawn Kohner	R	Senate		Given our state's current budget crisis it is difficult to justify an increase to a line item without an offsetting cut to a different line item. I think an option that needs to be considered rather than an increase in government subsidies would be to open bids up to the private sector to see if there is a company out there that can provide safe affordable child care to those who seek it.
5	Brenda Barton	R	House	My district (LD5) is huge and economically very distressed which hits hardest those most in need.	
5	Prescott Winslow	D	House		The ultimate solution for families having access to affordable child care is for Arizona to grow and attract the kinds of high-skill/high-wage jobs that will dramatically reduce the need for state subsidies. Until that time comes, it is good public policy to provide incentives for parents to work outside the home.
5	Bill Konopnicki	R	Senate	(Video) Very well done and make a great point!	Child care not only helps the children but help parents be productive. This is a very important issue for the up coming election.
5	Elaine Bohlmeyer	D	Senate	ABSOLUTELY! Children are my first priority	Research shows that quality preschool improves school achievement and increases the likelihood that a child will graduate from high school.
6	Teri Conrad	D	House		Finding quality childcare is a huge concern for working families, but we should be asking some serious questions about this system. For example: is subsidizing childcare, to allow individuals to take minimum wage jobs, a wise use of our tax dollars? Are we truly helping families, or subsidizing low-wage employers? We need some thoughtful economic analysis, rather than a band-aid approach.
6	John Kowalski	R	House	I watched the video and found it very enlightening. Unfortunately the voters continue to elect legislators who are not qualified and fail to address the underlying causes of our economic problems. I am running because I possess the business experience and leadership skills to balance the state budget and work to improve the economic landscape in Arizona. We must address longer term solutions; we can't simply cut our way to greatness and lose valuable services to our community.	

6	David Braswell	R	Senate		No comment. Checked 3 on the support restoring child care rating scale
6	Patricia Flickner	D	Senate		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
7	Craig Barton	R	House		No comment. Checked 2 on the support restoring child care rating scale
7	David Smith	R	House		No comment. Checked 4 on the support restoring child care rating scale
7	Ray Barnes	R	Senate		Some of the numbers are misleading. The reason for lower numbers now is a lot more people have lost their jobs. You really don't need child care and unemployment payments at the same time.
7	Bob Green	R	Senate	Yes you can count on my support. I happen to spend \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year on child care which is obviously difficult financially. It is easy for me to calculate the obvious financial benefits of having a single parent or second parent work from low income families to help keep them off unemployment, TANF, food stamps, and AHCCCS. would guess that I would be the rare republican candidate that will back these programs	We have to assist low income families so that they have incentive to work, pay taxes, and contribute to the economy, as well as child care professionals.
7	Eric Shelley	D	Senate		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
8	Michelle Ugenti	R	House	I watched the video and as a mom of 2 1/2 I can sympathize with parents who must balance the demands of a job with the demands of raising a family. You can count on me as someone who will listen with an open mind and open heart to Arizona Child Care Association's concerns and needs. I am a commonsense and fair individual - I look forward to working with your organization.	
8	Paula Pennypacker	R	House	I want you to know that I will make child care for the working poor a priority of mine if elected to the state legislature in LD - 8. Welfare reform and helping the working poor has been a passion of mine for years as a political activist. I know as a state that we can and must do a better job in the area of extending a helping hand to those truly in need.	Fighting poverty in a civil society demands that we assist the working poor with child care.
8	Michael Blaire	R	House		Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale

8	John Kriekard	D	Senate		Child care is a fact of life for many families with working parents, and children who need it should have the security of being in a safe and certified child care situation. The children will reap numerous benefits when the care meets quality and educational standards. Working parents who qualify for state assistance often possess less access to stable child care with qualified care givers who provide a high level of supervision and engage the children educationally. When child care is inconsistent or parents lose time at work and become more stressed, the home situation can become unhealthy as well. The state benefits from children being in safe and stable child care situations in the long term because the children will likely grow up healthier, parents can continue to work, and the state would not have to intervene in a negative family dynamic.
9	Shirley McAllister	D	House	Of course, you can count on my support on this important issue. I am well aware of the cost of child care and the harm done to children who do not have good child care.	Without affordable child care, some mothers will not be able to work. If children are left in unsafe situations because no assistance for childcare is available, the demand for services will increase later on.
9	Michael Patti	L	Senate	Let me know what I can do to help.	In addition to what was stated in the previous section, I am in favor of increasing personal and business tax credits without limits. Scholarships for students in need will be offered by non-profit groups, businesses, and families. Further demanding money and forcefully taking it from the people will not solve this problem.
10	Doug Quelland	R	House	If elected in Nov. you will have my support	
10	Jackie Thrasher	D	House	Great video, thanks. It's heartbreaking and it's correct, there are other choices. I will stand up for kids, you can count on my support.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
10	Aaron Jahneke	D	House	I support your efforts and you can count on me.	We have some work to do to determine ways to balance the budget. Once that is determined I would support restoring funding for child care.
10	Justin Johnson	D	Senate	If elected, you can count on me to find ways to try and reinstate the childcare that was cut.	No comment. Checked 4 on the support restoring child care rating scale
11	Eric Meyer	D	House	You can count on my support to work to restore child care in November.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale

11	Rita Dickinson	D	Senate	You can absolutely count on my support to restore child care in Arizona when I am elected to the Arizona State Senate. I am a retired early childhood educator, former school board president, and former board president of Beatitudes Age Link Intergenerational Child Development Center. I have posted your terrific video to my FaceBook page.	Providing assistance with child care allows parents to work which not only increases the family income but often boosts parents' self-esteem
12	Angela Cotera	D	House	You can count on my support.	We need to provide support for working families so they are able to go to their jobs knowing that their children are safe. Restoring funding to this program is part of our need to restore Arizona through a revised tax code that enables us to meet our needs and provides the stability we are so obviously lacking today.
12	John Nelson	R	Senate		Unknown federal controls may impact do more when we can , more and better jobs will help. Checked 3 on the support restoring child care rating scale.
13	Martin Quezada	D	House	Mr. Liggett, I met with the owner of a child care facility in my district (Mark Werber at Tots Unlimited) and he explained the situation to me a few months ago. I fully support restoring this funding.	Qualified, working families deserve support for child care. It makes sense to provide this so families can continue to work to put food on the table.
13	Ana Tovar	D	House		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
13	Steve Gallardo	D	Senate		I agree
14	Chad Campbell	D	House		I was an outspoken critic of the Brewer administration and the Republican leadership on this issue. We must fully fund public assistance for child care costs so children can be raised in a safe environment and parents can maintain their jobs.
15	Katie Hobbs	D	House	You can absolutely count on me!!!	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
15	Lela Alston	D	House	I have watched the video and will support efforts to eliminate the child care waiting list.	Working families need safe and affordable quality child care. This is one of the cuts that is penny wise and pound foolish. We need to restore this funding. It protects the safety of the children and provides peace of mind to the parents. This allows the workers to be more productive and focused.

15	Ken Clark	D	House		I believe that child care like children's health care, are necessities to a healthy state and productive work force. It is not likely, politically, that we will see these funds restored in the next year. However, I believe that we can restore them within the context of an overhaul of our revenue portfolio.
15	Caroline Condit	R	House		As a young single mom of 2 kids 13mos apart. I was denied state assistance by being over the allowable income level by 13 dollars. I worked 2 jobs while putting myself through Nursing school. I was one of the founders of a progressive child care system other single moms and I put together where we helped each other. I believe this system coupled w/our local church communities and charitable organizations would be better used than relying on "Government" . I am a firm believer in rights and responsibilities of the parents. Hand outs are NOT, in my opinion the answer to irresponsible child bearing. I raised both my children to be responsible in their teens and I believe that is what is lacking in today's society.
15	Bob Thomas	R	Senate	You can count on my continued support of children's programs. I founded the "Children's Crisis Center" in 1973 and in 1975 was the co-founder of "Jackson Group Home for Girls". My wife and I have both worked as volunteers with "Sunny Brook Children's Home" for years. Our children are our tomorrow, invest in them now!	Funding subsidies for child care need to be "earned", whether by parental involvement for school activities, or volunteer hours to their child's classroom. Our children need to understand this type of commitment and responsibility and our communities and schools need the active engagement of our parents. This would be a win-win for our children and our schools.
15	Kyrsten Sinema	D	Senate	Of course you have my full support!	
16	Cloves Campbell	D	House	You can count on me !!!!!	
16	Ruben Gallego	D	House	You can count on my support. My district needs more affordable, quality healthcare for its parents. Look forward to helping you achieve this at the state house.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
16	Catherine Miranda	D	House	I viewed your video and it was very informative and very well done.	
16	Angel Torres	G	House	Absolutely, you can count on my support to make this issue a priority. The Green Party supports state funding for day care for children.	

16	Jim Munoz Jr.	D	House		It is unfortunate that the state has gotten to the point of sacrificing children's health and safety instead of taking the courageous step of shoring up funding for this crucial program. What's worse that that our current leadership seems completely opposed to setting policy that raises the standard of living for Arizonans across the board. I will work to shore up funding for children's health services to make sure the poorest of our population are never without care. I believe we must raise the quality of life for the state as a whole. I believe in creating a new economy based on principals that respect workers right to earn a livable wage, and have access to affordable health benefits for their families.
17	Ed Ableser	D	House	Of course you can count on my support	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
17	Ben Arredondo	D	House	Thank you for your letter and your care for our state's most defenseless citizens, our children. In all my literature, questionnaires, interviews, etc. I have made it clear that children are at the top of my list for services including health care and education.	We can invest in the well being and safety of our children up front, or we can invest in welfare and jails to solve their problems later. I support early investment for children's success.
17	Gregor Knauer	G	House	Sure, I'm in full agreement with the need to restore childcare support. That was an effective and informative video. Of course, I'm voting no on the proposition on the November ballot to sweep First Things	
17	Donald Hawker	R	House		Of course this assumes the socialistic attitude that the Government is the only solution to every condition, without taking into account available resources.
17	Damien Trabel	L	House		Our current economic situation forces us to make tough decisions regarding public services such as child care. I don't support continued spending on programs when we simply don't have the money. However, I do give a high priority to child care services and am confident that a solution can be reached to aid working families in need. If the full voucher program cannot be restored, perhaps we can provide tax credits or discounted staterun or state-sponsored child care programs to help fill the need while reducing costs. I don't have all the answers - these are just some ideas. I would be interested to hear any suggestions you have about how we can restore child care services to low-income families and reduce the cost required to do so.

17	David Schapira	D	Senate	You can count on me.	
18	Cecil Ash	R	House		I generally support the concept. But this obviously doesn't work when our budget is in the red. We must improve our economy and increase revenue to the general fund in order to restore these cuts. The tendency is to want everything restored at once: Kiscare, vouchers for working parents, education funding, veterans resources, hospitals, etc. These are the sorts of problems we have when there is not enough money.
18	Michael Conway	D	House		This is the difference between the parents being able to work and support their children and not. Why create a system that de-emphasizes work. These parents want to work and provide for their children. We have an obligation to help them do so.
18	Andrea Garcia	L	Senate	I feel strongly as a Libertarian that we must not encourage the welfare state. That being said I strongly support any program that encourages people to work and eventually leads to a better and educated society. I have never been a legislator and am not certain of all the complexities of funding the budget. I do however, know that the more people are able to work the less assistance programs we will fund in the end. I strongly advocate helping people help themselves providing quality childcare is one of those principles. If elected I would be happy to talk with your organization on finding reasonable solution's to funding this program.	
18	Andrew Sherwood	D	Senate		If we assume the maximum cost of \$10,000 per child applied to 13,000 children the result is \$130 million per year. This amount is about 1/2 per cent of the total budget. Refusal to support these needs will darken their family's prospects or leave their children without care. Moreover, it will take jobs out of day care services. All of these results will harm our long term goals of creating an educated and employed population. The proper administration of the program is essential. We must ensure that fraud and abuse are minimized.
19	Kit Filbey	D	House	You can count on my support.	Legislative action is needed. Perhaps employers could contribute in exchange for some other advantage.

20	Rae Waters	D	House	I'm on your side on this one. I voted against the cuts and will continue to work to protect our hard working families.	The lack of quality childcare for families limits their ability to work and maintain a steady income.
21	Linda Macias	G	House	I support your point of view. If elected I would not vote for more cuts to child care assistance and would want to restore funding for this important program.	We have no problem spending money on growth and development. I would like to see more money spent with the citizens in mind. Services like state funding for child care needs to be restored.
21	Vanessa Whitener	R	House		No comment. Checked 3.5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
22	Kelly Townsend	R	House		I do, however, believe that we need to take a look at making childcare more affordable, come up with innovative solutions for working families, and be dedicated to instilling a pathway to self-sufficiency for low-income workers so that they do not become trapped in the entitlement system.
23	Barbara McGuire	D	House	Yes, you can count on me. I voted against all cuts to education and will continue to do so as well as, do everything I can to restore funding.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
23	Ralph Varela	D	House		I am concerned about not providing child care assistance because this hurts the parents ability to stay employed and it can put children at risk.
23	Rebecca Rios	D	Senate	Excellent video - really drives the point home. You know you can count on my support.	We need to support parents so they can support their families and pay taxes. Eliminating child care assistance results in parents being unable to work, and children being put at risk by being left in potentially dangerous situations, i.e left at home with other young siblings, left with strangers, etc.
24	Lynn Pancrazi	D	House	I have supported this organization and will continue to do so in the upcoming legislative session. Being a former teacher I know how important child care centers are to the working families of Arizona.	
24	John Well	D	House		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale

24	Jack Kretzer	L	Senate	(edited due to space) my approach to fiscal stability is to keep all services in-place and employees working. if there is a 10 percent shortfall in actual revenues to proposed spending, then spending will be reduced 10 percent across the board to create a floating budget. As revenues rise, then everyone shares the increased funding. Should revenues continue to fall then further across the board reductions would be made. the arizona pie is limited to the decisions made by the next legislature and the growth of that pie will only occur when all swept funds are restored and employees at all levels of government are empowered. My approach to fiscal stability is to keep all services in-place and employees working. If there is a 10 percent shortfall in actual revenues to proposed spending, then spending will be reduced 10 percent across the board to create a floating budget. As revenues rise, then everyone shares the increased funding. Should revenues continue to fall then further across the board reductions would be made. The Arizona pie is limited to the decisions made by the next legislature and the growth of that pie will only occur when all swept funds are restored and employees at all levels of government are empowered.	Until the state of Arizona achieves fiscal stability, the existing problems will only worsen. The state cannot spend money that is not generated as revenue.
24	Amanda Aguirre	D	Senate		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
25	Pat Fleming	D	House	Thank you for the work you do to remind members of the legislature of the importance of your work, for Arizona's working families and children!	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale

25	Peggy Judd	R	House	<p>I realize that there is a need, it is a bit disturbing seeing all those child centers closed, but I am sure there are lots of children who are at home with the other parent or with grandparents or a kind neighbor. If you ask me, that is preferable. Institutions are not as nice as home. If we could revamp the system a little bit, allowing for a tax credit... even up to the \$5000 cost for childcare and then encourage parents to use their own alternative childcare, it would not open up the schools again, but would give the parents a little money to pay a grandma or retired neighbor or friend, who is at home with their kids, to babysit. This may even need to be a lesser amount...\$3000 possibly – for everyone, the first year we would probably have to be fronted to those who just could not afford it – based on income and cash on hand.</p> <p>After that they would need to depend on their income tax refund and plan for the year. These are just suggestions to help alleviate the problem with not enough money to go around. Having these centers and childcare</p>	<p>The lack of childcare has caused many children to be placed with their grandparents, aunties and such during the day, while mommy works. This is better for a child than to be in paid daycare with a stranger. It is good for young people to work out and budget for day care arrangements for their children. It helps them grow and learn and become more responsible adults. As far as those who have no other choice for a sitter and really need help. I believe there are many parents of young children who are abusing the system and in more than a few cases there is money being paid out or in greater amounts to sitters than should be. It could go farther and for the best good if the program was audited.</p>
25	Ruben Ortega	D	House		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
25	Manuel Alvarez	D	Senate	Thanks for sharing the video its great. You know I am very supportive of our kids.	Parents need a safe environment for their children so they can work and be a part of the work force.
26	Wade McLean	R	House	Have you been able to collect any data of the impact of the working parents that had to quit their job to stay at home with their children as a result of these cuts? Also, do you have any idea how many jobs were lost in the industry and how many businesses (private sector) had to close their doors?	I support working families. We must insure that those that are receiving assistance are deserving and meet established criteria.

26	Cheryl Cage	D	Senate	Great video. Yes, I support helping low-income working families with child care!	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
27	Bob Gilby	D	House	Our working single parents and their children deserve our support as a society. It is so critical to societal health that it must not be left to the vagaries of charitable organizations, but must be assured by our legislature. You can trust that I will stand firm in the defense of the dignity of single breadwinners who simply want to provide for their families through their labors, and who need only to have child care while they work. Please let me know what else you need. I remain available to support you in supporting working parents and their children.	It is unconscionable to penalize children because their parents are single, by demanding that the parent quit work, or to demand that the child fend for himself during work hours.
27	Dustin Cox	D	House	Thank you for the information you sent regarding child care assistance. I'm a firm supporter of helping out working parents so they can get and keep jobs, and believe that we should do everything possible to restore child care assistance.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
27	Sally Gonzales	D	House	I want you to know that I support and will fight to find the money to remove the "waiting list."	
27	Eric Bustamante	D	House	I have seen your video. As a former K-8 Teacher, if elected, I will support efforts to reinstate childcare for working families. Our current Republican led legislature has pushed our state and students behind for too long.	
27	John Kromo	D	House	I was in the Arizona Legislature for 14 years and was a strong supporter of day care services.	
27	Robert Compton	R	House		The problem is in the educational system. What I want to know is what happened to the money? How is it spent?
27	Sami Hamed	D	House		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
28	Mohur Sidhwa	D	House	Yes, absolutely you can count on my support. I am so sorry we are in this miserable mess. I hope the next legislative session will be better for us all.	I agree whole heartedly.

28	Tim Sultan	D	House	Yes, you can definitely count on my support.	When I first launched this campaign to serve the people of Arizona in the State Legislature, I visited the Tucson Nursery School. The Executive Director, Sherry Bollinger, explained that the majority of families they serve has dropped significantly since the State Legislature cut funding to DES. Most families could only afford the nursery school with DES subsidies. The AZ Legislature took that away from the children and their families. For me, restoring funding for low income families to use child care is a priority and I intend to fight for it until it's restored.
28	Bruce Wheeler	D	House	Yes, you can count on my support!	Child care is essential to the well being of the child, and allows the parent(s) to work productive lives.
28	Steve Farley	D	House		No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
28	Paula Aboud	D	Senate	Great video, very effective. Suggested clarification that the Republican majority enacted the cuts to child care subsidy (ed.)	
29	Matt Heinz	D	House	I will continue to support funding for child care services and also a true restoration of KidsCare (no more waiting list due to the enrollment	
29	Daniel Patterson	D	House	Thanks for this. As a new State Rep., I have opposed and voted against all the bad cuts by legislative Republicans and Gov. Brewer. AZ's kids, parents and you can count on my continued support in the AZ House in 2011 in beyond.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
29	Linda Lopez	D	Senate	You can count on my support!!!	Quality, affordable, accessible child care for the working poor is critical for child well -being

30	Andrea Dalessandro	D	House	I am concerned about parents who are in dire straits leaving their children unsupervised or in substandard situations. Current actions by the GOP led legislature make both poor working parents and their children less secure. Every child should be in secure surroundings. Parents who are trying to taking personal responsibility by working are often between a rock and a hard place because of Arizona's low paying jobs. How much "real" freedom do parents have if their children are at risk? Child care settings are economic engines that provide stimulus to our suffering Arizona economy. Parents should be encouraged to work and lead productive lives. All children deserve to be nurtured and secure. Let's work together to reduce the number of people on public assistance and transition them to the work force.	No comment. Checked 5 on the support restoring child care rating scale
30	Kurt Knurr	R	House		The question here assumes that children who do not qualify for state funded child care are in "unsafe and unstable child care". This simply is not true. Many working poor rely on family and friends to provide much needed child care. Child care assistance is not a constitutionally allowed function of the government.
30	Marian McClure	R	Senate	I am fully aware of the child care issue and will look at it in the next legislative session.	
30	Todd Camenisch	D	Senate		