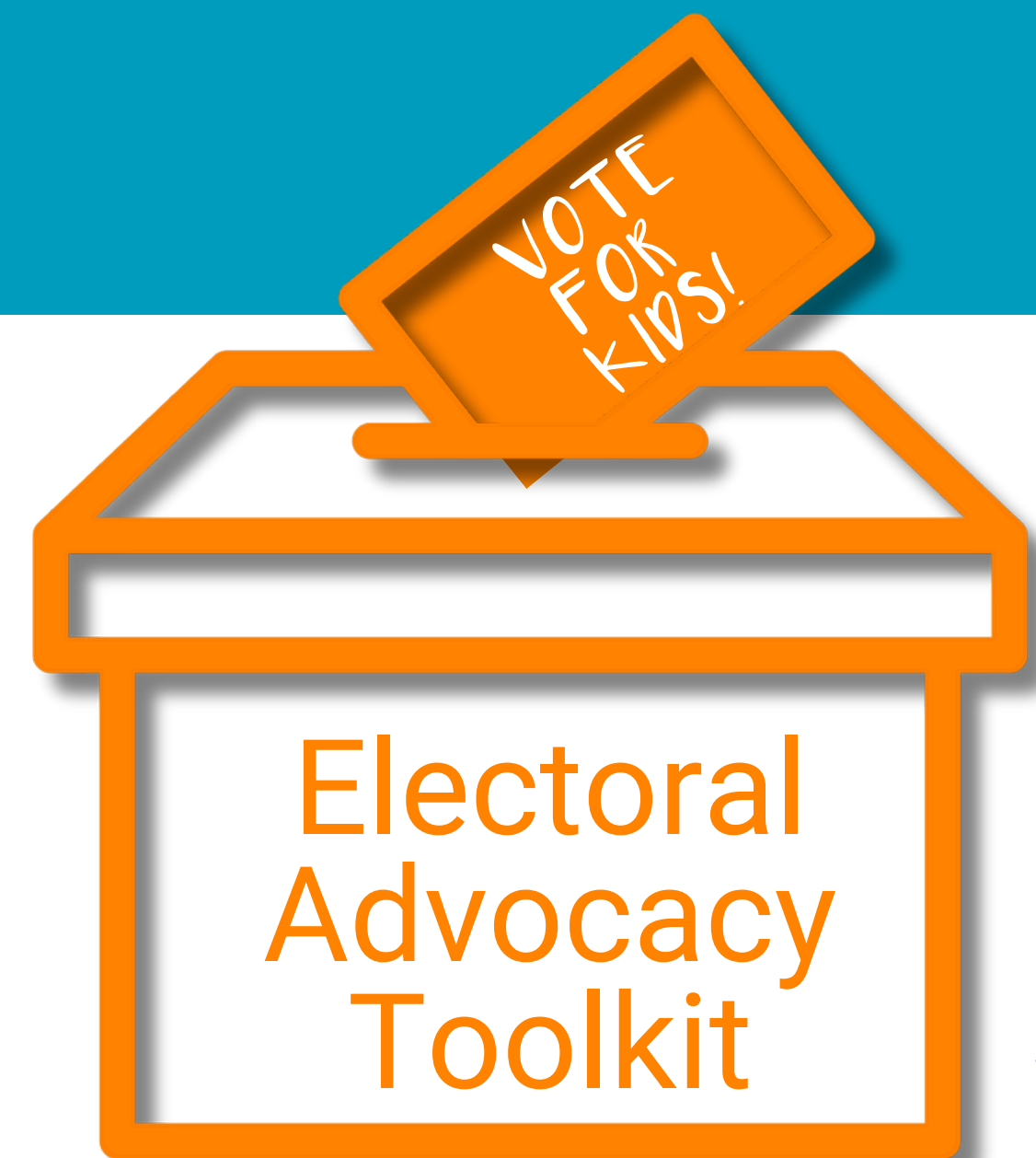


Making Kentucky Kids Count in the 2024 Election!



We must keep the needs of children front and center this election season!



Kids cannot vote, but **you can ensure that their voices are heard** by asking tough questions to candidates in local, state, and federal elections!



Before You Begin...



Check out data on child well-being and recent policies for kids and families, including:

- Kentucky KIDS COUNT [2023 County Data Book](#)
- KIDS COUNT [Data Center](#)
- [County-level data](#) and [data by race/ethnicity](#).
- [Blueprint for Kentucky's Children](#) and [past wins for kids](#)

On the Ballot in Kentucky:

- ✓ Kentucky's six U.S. House of Representatives
- ✓ Half of the state Senate (19 seats)
- ✓ Full state House of Representatives (100 seats)
- ✓ Select local leaders, such as school board members, judges, and city officials
- ✓ Two proposed state constitutional amendments



When Engaging with Candidates...

- ✓ Research and tailor your approach - know the candidate's background, platform, and key issues
- ✓ Build early and ongoing relationship with candidates and elected officials
- ✓ Ask direct questions, share relevant data and stories, offer solutions, and emphasize your WHY
- ✓ Engage candidates at town halls or other public events, on social media, and at scheduled site visits at your organization or their office
- ✓ Leverage local support - mobilizing grassroots networks to engage candidates



Candidate Question: Track Record



What have you done for kids lately?



How do your policies serve the needs of every Kentucky kid?

Candidate Questions: Economic Well-Being



Kentucky is **36th** out of 50 states for economic well-being



1. There are many families in Kentucky who work full time, but struggle to make ends meet. If elected, what steps will you take to address the needs of Kentucky's children and working families?
2. Over one in five Kentucky children live in poverty. What efforts do you support to help parents and caregivers meet their family's basic needs and build a safety net of financial resources in the event of an emergency?
3. Children need access to nutritious food and safe, stable places to grow up. How will you support efforts to address Kentucky's housing crisis, food and child care deserts, and workforce needs?

Candidate Questions: Education



Kentucky is **33rd** out of 50 states for education



1. Less than half of Kentucky children enter kindergarten ready to learn. If elected, how will you support families' access to quality early childhood education and care?
2. The latest data show that Kentucky's 4th grade reading and 8th grade math proficiency scores have decreased. How will you support schools so they can best prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in higher education, the workforce, and into adulthood?
3. More and more, schools are a hub for addressing barriers to students' academic success. How will you ensure schools are equipped to support students and their families?

Candidate Questions: Health

Kentucky is **36th** out of 50 states
for overall health of children



1. Kentucky continues to rank low in overall health. If elected, what are your priorities to improve Kentucky's ranking and improve the health of children?
2. How will you support efforts to improve access to physical, dental, vision, and mental health care providers for preventive visits and treatment services within communities?
3. How can Kentucky build and sustain a strong behavioral health system so that young people have what they need to support their mental health, build resilience, and become healthy adults?

Candidate Questions: Family & Community

Kentucky is 43rd out of 50 states
for family and community



1. While improving, Kentucky continues to see high rates of child abuse and neglect and, subsequently, high rates of children in out-of-home care -- kinship or foster care. If elected, how will you work to strengthen the child welfare system and keep families together safely?
2. Kentucky families and communities have been deeply impacted by the opioid epidemic. What policies and strategies do you support that promote substance use prevention, early intervention, and recovery so that kids can grow up healthy and safe with healthy, safe adults?
3. Kentucky's juvenile justice system has been a focus of needed improvement. How will you support public safety while also ensuring youth are able to get back on the right track after making a mistake?

Also on the Ballot: Amendment 2



If approved by Kentucky voters through a constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot, Amendment 2 would allow the Kentucky General Assembly to create legislation (laws) that allows public dollars to be spent to support nonpublic or private K-12 education.

NOTE: Amendment 2 does not designate exactly how state funds will be allocated nor approve school choice policy.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

To give parents choices in educational opportunities for their children, are you in favor of enabling the General Assembly to provide financial support for the education costs of students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are outside the system of common (public) schools by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding.

YES

NO



The Referendum Process:

A direct process through which people can vote on a particular issue. This process ensures that any changes to the Constitution of Kentucky are considered carefully by both the elected decisionmakers and the citizens, maintaining a balance between legislative initiative and direct democratic participation.



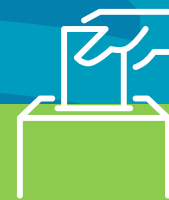
Proposal of Amendment

Amendments to the Kentucky Constitution can be proposed in either chamber of the General Assembly during a regular session.



Agreement by General Assembly

The proposed amendment must be agreed to by three-fifths of all elected members in each legislative chamber.



Public Vote on Amendment

The agreed-upon amendment is then submitted to the voters of the state for ratification or rejection.

The vote on the amendment occurs at the next general election for members of the state House of Representatives.



Certification of Votes

The vote is certified by the State Election Board.

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the amendment, it becomes part of the state Constitution.



Proclamation and Publication

The Governor proclaims the amendment as part of the Constitution.

The amendment is published as directed by the General Assembly.



Considerations of the process:

Timing of Submission:

Amendments cannot be submitted at an election occurring less than ninety days from the final passage of the proposed amendment.

Limit on Number of Amendments:

No more than four amendments can be voted upon at any one time.

Governor's Approval:

The Governor's approval is not required for any bill, order, resolution, or vote proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

Amendment Scope:

An amendment can relate to a single subject or related subjects.

Prepare for Election Day 2024:



- ✓ Register, renew, and confirm your voter registration by October 7th
- ✓ Make your plan to vote -- absentee, mail-in, early, or day of voting
- ✓ Find your local polling location -- polls open 6AM - 6PM
- ✓ Review your sample ballot
- ✓ Get to know the candidates and read up on the proposed constitutional amendments
- ✓ VOTE on November 5th!



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Thank you for Making Kentucky Kids Count in the 2024 Election!



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