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Q. With the rise of childhood health conditions such as obesity, autism and asthma, and the lack of awareness about available state health coverage for all children, what will you do to improve the health of New Jersey's children?

Chris Christie (Republican) - *No Response Received*

Jon Corzine (Democratic) – To help educate our children on eating healthy, I created the Office of Nutrition and Fitness. My Administration also launched a public-private partnership with approximately 100 medical, fitness and nutrition groups to create programs promoting healthy diets and physical exercise. We also mandated coverage by insurance companies for the treatment of autism, and bolstered autism treatment, training, education and research. And, we enacted a statewide smoking ban to reduce the incidence of asthma and other conditions.

Focusing on prevention decreases the incidence of childhood health conditions, and increasing families' access to quality, affordable health care by providing universal health insurance coverage for children, expanding programs like FamilyCare, investing in community health centers, and hiring more doctors means we can provide children the treatment they deserve.

Jason Cullen (People Not Politics) – *No Response Received*

Christopher Daggett (Independent for New Jersey) – *No Response Received*

Kenneth Kaplan (Libertarian Party) – Environmental factors have been implicated in asthma and are suspected in autism. Current polluters must be stopped from poisoning our children with what they spew into our air and waterways, and past polluters must clean up their mess. That said, in our zeal to clean the environment, we must not thrust that responsibility onto innocent successors to property that was polluted by others, nor must we place constraints on industry that are unreasonable. Legislators should not be passing laws to reduce harmful substances below naturally occurring levels.

Joshua Leinsdorf (Fair Election Party) – Obesity and asthma are exacerbated by air pollution and lack of exercise. I propose to build sidewalks on both sides of every street in New Jersey, install benches every 400 meters, install bus shelters and turn the abandoned railroad right of ways into bicycle and jogging paths. Then, I will sell money-losing New Jersey Transit to the private carriers and implement a comprehensive usable public transportation system. Then we can get rid of the yellow school bus system for middle and high school students and use the savings to buy the computers mentioned in the question about poverty.

What is called “health care” is actually sickness care. I will build an infrastructure to reduce air pollution and help children get exercise to be healthy.

Alvin Lindsay (Lindsay for Governor) – What I would do is establish a program and healthcare center for children who are obese and have autism and asthma. The children will get free health coverage from the state and the children will be put in a special program to monitor obesity, autism and asthma and find the best way to help them.

David Meiswinkle (Middle Class Empowerment) - *No Response Received*

Gregory Pason (Socialist Party USA) – The main way to raise awareness of health issues is to get everyone healthcare and the best way to do that is a federal single-payer healthcare system. We also need community-based health clinics in neighborhoods and schools, all hospitals must be not-for-profit and community controlled. Only but providing healthcare services and bringing healthcare to local communities.

Kostas Petris (For the People) – *No Response Received*

Gary Steele (Leadership, Independence, Vision) – *No Response Received*

Gary Stein (Independent, multiple slogans) – When I'm elected Governor, and I'm feeling quite confident now of winning, maybe because my sugar is up- and I'm not even diabetic- I'll jog every morning and evening. That's something I can't do now, but later I'll have all these aides helping manage my day. Children will have to be impressed with my regime- and that's it- because when I'm elected Governor I'm not leaving the capital in a "speeding" government vehicle to speak at schools all over the state- ever. I'll be working on eliminating waste from 9 AM in the morning till 5PM in the evening; at which time I'll go out for the evening run, and then a workout in the gym- right before a nice healthy supper cooked by the