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?