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## 2022 North Carolina Congressional Candidate Questionnaire

**Name:** Ben Clark

**District:** NC House District 09

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Current Occupation:** NC State Senator; Ft. Bragg - Mission Command Systems

**1. What are your views on the needs of young children (prenatal to age 5) and what specific steps would you take to address these needs?**

The first 2,000 days are critical. I support Universal Pre-K, child-tax credits to reduce child hunger, and paid family leave to give parents and babies the best possible head start.

**2. What steps would you take to ensure that children birth to age five have access to high-quality and affordable early learning programs?**

I would fund Universal Pre-K.

**3. What steps would you take to stabilize and sustain North Carolina's early education system and child care workforce as we approach the end of the federal child care relief funding?**

I'll work to extend the federal funding. It's imperative for NC.