
2022 North Carolina Congressional Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Don Davis

District: NC House District 01

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Current Occupation: NC State Senator

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?

Childhood poverty is a top concern of mine. I will prioritize implementing policies that reduce childhood poverty if elected to Congress. It is essential to make the Child Tax Credit permanent. If we can accomplish this, we can significantly reduce childhood poverty. Our children deserve every opportunity to succeed, and we can create fundamental changes to help open that pathway to living the American dream.

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

We must invest more in programs like Early Head Start, Head Start, NC Pre-K, and Smart Start. I also support making Kindergarten statutorily mandatory in North Carolina. My wife is the director of the Greene County Pre-K School, and I understand the value of early childhood education. We must do everything under the sun to ensure children are school-ready, especially for at-risk and low-income families.

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?

With North Carolina having one of the highest rates of working mothers with young children in the nation, identifying and paying for quality child care can be a challenge for many families. We must continue working to stabilize our childcare industry. Long-term investments are needed to extend federal childcare relief policies, such as raising eligibility thresholds, increasing provider compensation and benefits, and eliminating copays.