



2015 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Below you will find additional questions the audience asked our legislators on Monday, January 26 2015:

Iowa and Illinois:

Volunteerism is one way to increase the capacity of non-profits and government agencies with a limited cost. In Illinois the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) uses state funds to leverage federal funds to promote volunteerism. Would you advocate to your governor to continue or begin that funding promoting volunteerism?

Legislators brought up the need to intervene and address the number of teens in corrections and the economic needs of the community. Do you acknowledge the root causes of emotional dysregulation leading to these issues? ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) affect emotional regulation across the lifespan impacting behavior when stressed. This creates a case for stronger prevention and intervention programs. What is your position on this?

How do you promote early childhood investments to your elected colleagues?

The President has made affordable early care and education a priority. What are your thoughts on this? How do you see this changing our future?

Illinois:

Does money from the lottery still fund the schools?

As a police chief I observed 2 kids ages 8-6 sleeping in a garage during child weather. I called DCFS, they came out the next day and since they did not see the kids sleeping in the garage it was unfounded. As a police, our words aren't good enough.

When parents call local agencies and ask about the child care funding crisis in the Child Care Assistance Program what should we tell them? Any assurances we can provide? Providers are starting to turn families away that depend on this assistance. This means parents will either not be able to work or go to school or will find alternative, sometimes illegal, child care.

If the state raises minimum wage, will they also raise the amounts paid by state contracts so we can afford to give staff raises? Otherwise this is just one more unfunded mandate.

Has Illinois or would you as IL Legislators be willing to sponsor legislative that would require as continuing education human trafficking education for all law enforcement, highway patrol, local law enforcement and county sheriffs, etc?

Where are funds distributed from the Video gaming Act? How are we utilizing the money to better serve the state?