

ILCW Candidate Questionnaire

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1. I believe the three most important issues in the next legislative session are passing a comprehensive health care reform package, closing tax loopholes that have shifted the tax burden onto property owners and creating a system for public financing of *all* state level elections to remove the power of special interests from the legislative process.
2. As part of the health care reform package, I would insist on including mental health coverage and fight for funding for community services for those in need of local care.
3. I have talked to over 12,000 people as I've campaigned. A recurring theme I hear is 'stop punishing us for working' – people receiving aid are tired of losing their aid money due because they have jobs. I want to make sure we encourage people to work, not the current system. I'd also agree there is so much in the way the current system works, small changes are not going to really fix the problems people are facing today, but am willing to work with those in need to meet their daily needs.
4. First, I would listen to the problems this mother is facing and how she believes the system is failing her. I'd also make sure that all appropriate resources were provided to her family to guarantee they can stay in their home while receiving the care needed.
5. I support expanding Family Care as a cost-effective means to give people better choices about the services and support available to meet their needs.
6. As a high school teacher, I have worked with students with a wide range of disabilities both in my classroom and as part of the club I advise. I have always found that if a student needs a means to attend a school function, we have been able within our members, faculty or student body to provide a means to include them in our activities without requiring the school to supply transportation. I would hope there would be a comparable solution to this problem.
7. My wife is a disabled USAF veteran, she is part of the 1:6.5 ratio. I have many contacts already within our local disabled citizens and look to them for help and advice with it comes to meeting their needs.