

## New York State Senate District 34

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#### In light of tight budget constraints and competing constituent demands, how will you prioritize services for children and youth?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please indicate your level of support for shifting financial resources to each of the below categories.

	1	2	3	4	5
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Continuum of early childhood home visiting services such as Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families-NY, Parent-Child Home Program and Parents as Teachers.					X
<i>Additional comments on above response:</i>					
Foster Youth College Success Initiative (comprehensive college success and support program for foster youth)					X
<i>Additional comments on above response:</i>					
Full implementation of the new federal child care health and safety requirements while maintaining child care subsidy slots at the current level.					X
<i>Additional comments on above response:</i>					
Youth employment opportunities such as the Summer Youth Employment and Urban Youth Jobs programs.					X
<i>Additional comments on above response:</i>					



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I support the "Raise the Age" campaign to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York state to 18.

**If elected. what would be your top policy or budget priority for children, youth and families in the 2017 legislative session?**

I will continue to fight for safe and affordable child care for all New York families.



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The age of criminal responsibility should be raised to 21. It is unconscionable that any youth should ever be tried as an adult. I would introduce legislation to that effect. This would include alternatives to incarceration and full funding for public schools, youth programs, and family services, so that youth are given a positive, enriching, nurturing environment from the start.

**If elected. what would be your top policy or budget priority for children, youth and families in the 2017 legislative session?**

Elimination of the stock transfer tax - which could return as much as 16 billion dollars per year to the state - and introducing a progressive tax system that would tax the wealthiest at a higher rate, would be a start for finding the necessary funding for support services.



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**Aleksander Mici (Conservative)**

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*Candidate did not respond.*

