1. More than one in five children lives in poverty in this country, and its impacts on children’s health can be severe and lifelong. How do you propose to help lift children and families out of poverty?

I have proposed tax, trade, immigration, energy, and regulatory reforms that will lead to unprecedented economic growth. This will lead to millions of individuals being able to find jobs who cannot find them now. This will reduce poverty for families across America. We have proposed education reforms that will bring real opportunities for every American to pursue positive educational outcomes in order to achieve the American dream. Educational attainment is the strongest guarantee of economic security for both poor and rich alike.

2. In 2014, there were 2,549 children under age 19 who were killed by guns. How do you plan to protect children from gun violence?

As President, I can help with educating the American people on gun violence and will encourage Congress to make resources available to state and local governments to help in this endeavor. That said, local governments must work tirelessly to make neighborhoods as secure as possible. If we encourage strong community policing and enforce our current drug, immigration, and gun laws, we will go a long way toward protecting our communities from gun violence.

3. More children have health insurance coverage in the United States than ever before. How will you continue to build on this trend and ensure access to affordable, high-quality health care for all children, no matter where in the country they live?

First off, having insurance coverage is not the same as having access to quality health care which many studies and reports on the Medicaid program have shown – in large part due to Medicaid’s low reimbursement rates for doctors and hospitals. The Children’s Health Insurance Program has greatly enhanced insurance coverage for our children. This program should be streamlined with funds being block-granted to the states – with maximum flexibility for the states to tailor the program to meet the needs of the children in their state, cut costs, and raise reimbursement rates so more doctors are willing to participate. If we are successful in repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, and if we are able to gain reforms in other areas, we should have fewer people needing CHIP and Medicaid. That seems the best possible solution for delivering actual health care, not just insurance, for all children.
4. Children are 25% of the U.S. population and 100% of the future. How do you propose to provide for the future by investing in children?

The most effective investment we can make in our children’s future is ensuring they get a quality education regardless of their zip code. We can do this by providing real educational choices for every parent and child in America, particularly for children who are trapped in failing schools. We can bring more resources to bear on those problems if we are able to gain reforms in taxes, trade, immigration, energy, and in cutting unnecessary red tape. We can make the world safer for this generation and future generations of children and adults by recapitalizing our military and securing our borders. The future can be very bright for our children if we make America Great Again.