



**The Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth exists to provide leadership in developing community-wide strategies that enhance the well-being of children and youth in Coconino County.**

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## CCC&Y 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Levi Tappan

Office: Mayor

1. What do you think the two most pressing issues are for youth and their families?

In Page its workforce housing and education. Traffic in Page has become a pressing issue for me and something that this elected office has control over. We have 4 million tourists coming through a year, most of them are foreign and don't always understand our traffic laws. We need to create new traffic patterns that keep our kids out of harm's way.

2. What do you believe the role of elected officials is in their communities when it comes to serving and advocating for children and youth?

I think elected officials should always advocate for children. As elected officials we should be partnering with our local school district and sharing resources. That's why I helped bring Little League to use the city's sports facilities and pushed for new playground equipment.

3. Within the duties of your elected office, how can you support the children and families of our community? If elected, how will this be expressed in your agenda?

One of my Mayoral agenda items is to bring a community swimming pool back to Page.

4. How would you, as an elected official, support an equitable school system for ALL students, cradle to career? As 90% of human brain development happens by age 5, please additionally share your thoughts on early childhood education and its role in the educational system.

Well I don't think we should be putting our children on a bus for 4 hours a day to get to school. I think the Navajo Nation needs to start investing in their schools and start providing school where the students live. In Page we've partnered with NACOG to provide breakfast for kids, it's not the child's fault that the parents are not responsible for their actions. The first 5 years are very crucial, not only for the student but also for society as a whole and future consequences of an uneducated society.

5. As childhood abuse, neglect and foster care continue to be major issues in Arizona, what prevention and trauma response strategies do you support for our child welfare system, the Department of Child Safety and/or our local communities? How would you propose using local, state and federal funds to improve outcomes for youth experiencing foster care or additionally, work toward prevention of child abuse in our communities?

I would support more training for CPS workers and law enforcement, but It has to be a community priority, all the funds in world won't help an abused child if we don't come together as a community first.

6. Lastly, please feel free to share any further information with voters.

My time on council I've created a parks and rec board. We've invested in new park equipment and will be building a new skate park this fall. I will continue to advocate for children in Page. If we don't have a community that keeps people here to raise their children this town will have no future. I see a bright future here and will continue to fight to make Page the place where people come to raise their families, the school system is a huge key to that goal.

Thank you for your time and thank you for caring about our future.