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Here is a brief outline of the four key positions I discussed, or planned to discuss, on the policy panel.

- 1) In order to prevent abuse and neglect as well as better address it once it has occurred, we should truly address drug addiction head on.
- 2) In order to improve the educational outcomes of foster care alumni, we should expand educational services to children in foster care.
- 3) In order to insure that foster children achieve better outcomes all around, we should seek to recruit and support foster and adoptive parents that are best able to provide emotional and educational support.
- 4) In order to improve our democracy as well as each child's sense of empowerment- We should include foster youth and alumni in every stage of the decision making process. Whether that is including their voice in court, on advisory boards, or in state and federal policy making meetings.