

2024 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 6, 2024. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Email *

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Did you know?

Did you know Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 17% of the state's total payroll
- Generate an estimated \$350 million in state tax revenue
- Contribute \$14+ billion to the nation's economy

Candidate's Full Name *

Ethan Brownell

Office Running For: *

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

State House

State Senate

Other:

District *

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Campaign website:

n.mainecandidate.com

Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

I currently work and have been employed by nonprofits. I currently teach at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and serve on the board of the Maine Council for the Social Studies. I have previously worked with the Maine Afterschool Network as well. In a way, I've spend my professional career in public-serving roles, and really hope to work in such roles in perpetuity. Nonprofits do incredible work in the lifes of Maine families.

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Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

Education - Our kids should feel safe and supported while they learn the skills they need to succeed after high school.

**Reward the dedication of educators and support staff with real, professional pay, benefits, and prestige

**Promote teaching as a critical, edifying line of work. *SERVICE* (push back against the anti-intellectual/book-banners).

**Increase funding for wrap around services, after school programs, and community school support

**Emphasize multiple pathways for career exploration, development, and transition

Out-of-School Time Opportunities - We need to promote more funding opportunities and partnerships for quality school & community based after school programming to support working families and keep kids safe

**Work with community partnerships for civic engagement and career exploration

**Gives working parents more options - gives them freedom to pursue work and interests

Childcare - we are in a crisis of care. Childcare costs are rising and families need financial help. Families need the freedom to be able to work, with the peace of mind knowing their kids are in good hands.

**Promote a subsidy system that meets the needs and resources of families seeking care

**Provide subsidies for all OR streamline application processes for families seeking subsidies

**Promote and support those seeking careers in early childhood education & care

**Help businesses create care centers or childcare affordability benefits for employees

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign. *

I think of nonprofits as the folks with "boots-on-the-ground" - they are the professionals who can both inform lawmakers of the lived experience of working families and be the ones to execute programs and reforms in our communities. I see a great opportunity in partnering the state bureaucracy, legislature, and Maine nonprofits to craft budgets and legislation in a way that can best deliver aid and opportunity to our communities.

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