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From left to right: Karen Pittman, Executive Director, Forum for Youth Investment; Nancy Duff Campbell, Founder and Co-President, National Women's Law Center; Miriam Calderon, Associate Director, Education and Children's Policy Project, National Council of La Raza; Michael Petit, President, Every Child Matters; Dana Friedman, Executive Director, Early Years Institute; David Foulk, Dean, School of Education, Health and Human Services.

'Every Child Matters' Kicks Off Campaign at LI Children's Museum

On Oct. 14, Dana Friedman, Ed. D., Executive Director, Early Years Institute, hosted a town hall meeting at the Long Island Children's Museum in Garden City, titled "Putting Children on the Political Agenda." The event put a spotlight on the national Every Child Matters Education Fund initiative and kicked off the Every Child Matters on Long Island campaign, sponsored by the Hagedorn Foundation. A panel of national and local experts came together to raise awareness of important children's issues that they said need to be addressed by the Presidential candidates other national lead-

ers. Highlights from the meeting will be broadcast on WLIW21 on Nov. 1 at 6 a.m.

Friedman reported the staggering statistics that, "On Long Island, one of the nation's wealthiest regions, 14.5 percent of children live in poverty, 93,000 children are unsupervised after school and 65,000 children island wide do not have health insurance." As moderator of the town hall meeting, she posed questions to the panel on issues ranging from poverty to health care access for all children; child abuse and neglect; and quality early childhood care, as well as after-school programs.