

## NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

2023 - 2024

In January, Governor Hochul presented the Executive budget proposal. Her proposals reflect a vision of how state government can make New York more affordable, livable and safer for children and families. However, the size and scope of the challenges New York families face require more than mere ambition. They require **bold action**.



### DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

**Proposal:** No guaranteed increase in Early Intervention reimbursement rates; \$2.5M to study and set new method for setting tuition rates for specialized schools and preschool programs for children with disabilities

**Our Ask:** Increase Early Intervention reimbursement rates by 11% to attract more providers and reduce wait times for children. Cover additional costs of in-person services to ensure equitable access. Do not supplant state funds with Covered Lives revenues.



### CHILD CARE

**Proposal:** \$7.6 billion over four years, including \$1.76 billion for this year; \$389M for workforce retention at 17,000 facilities; \$25M for Employer Child Care Tax Credit, \$4.8M for Employer-Supported Child Care pilot program; raise income eligibility for child care assistance to cover 113,000 more children; streamline child care assistance application process and include categorical eligibility; statewide allowance of 80 absences and 1% co-pay; tax credit preference given to low income housing developments that include child care facilities; create business navigators to help employers find ways to support employees' child care needs

**Our Ask:** The Children's Agenda supports standardizing and streamlining child care assistance applications and benefits. \$1B to raise median child care worker pay by at least \$12,500/year. Expand child care assistance to undocumented children and families. Develop a method for determining reimbursement levels based on true cost of high-quality care. Decouple parent work hours and child care assistance.



### PK-12 EDUCATION

**Proposal:** \$34.5B in State Aid to schools; \$24B in Foundation Aid to bring to full funding; \$3.3B building aid; \$2.5B transportation aid; \$1.2B for Pre-K to fund 17,500 new full-time Pre-K slots; \$1.2B BOCES aid; \$10M competitive grants for BOCES

**Our Ask:** The Children's Agenda supports this fulfillment of full Foundation Aid; per-student rate for Early and Universal Pre-K needs to be increased and indexed to the Foundation Aid formula





## OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

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**Proposal:** \$55M shifted from State Education Department to Office of Children and Family Services for after-school programs

**Our Ask:** Restore and increase funding of all after school programs; ensure NYSED is in agreement with the shift of funding



## CHILD POVERTY

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**Proposal:** No expansion of the Empire State Child Credit

**Our Ask:** Expand the credit to include children under age 4 and increase the size of the credit



## HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH

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**Proposal:** \$30M to expand mental health services in schools; strengthen insurance coverage for school-based health services; additional \$12M in Healthy Steps and home-Based Crisis Intervention; \$10M in grants for suicide prevention for high risk youth; \$39M to reduce risk of lead exposure

**Our Ask:** The Children's Agenda supports increases for school-based mental health services. More investment in preventive services early in life like home visiting can avoid costly and traumatic crises later.



## OTHER CHILDREN'S ISSUES

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**Proposal:** \$37M in additional funds for youth employment programs in Gun Involved Violence Elimination jurisdictions

**Our Ask:** \$201M to fund Healthy School Meals for All

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*New York has the capacity to make these investments in children.  
All we need is the will.*