CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Child Poverty Reduction Act

The Child Poverty Reduction Act, legislation spearheaded by Schuyler Center, was signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul in 2021. The law commits New York to cutting child poverty in half — with attention to racial equity— within a decade.

In December, 2024, the Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC) voted to release recommendations to help New York State achieve the historic goal of cutting child poverty by 50% by 2031.

Recommendations for achieving a bold poverty reduction goal:

Permanently expand eligibility and increase the value of the state child tax credit, with a focus on children in low-income families

Make additional housing assistance available, aligned with the housing market and existing voucher programs at 108% of the HUD Fair Market Rent level

Raise public assistance levels and reach more low-income New Yorkers with direct vital assistance

Establish a food benefit to help needy households not eligible for SNAP feed their families

ABOUT *NEW YORK CAN END CHILD POVERTY*

New York Can End Child Poverty is a coalition of organizations from across New York State working to improve long-term outcomes for children and families from households experiencing economic hardship. We are dedicated to advancing public policies that support children and families while reducing child poverty and inequity across New York State.

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Details about CPRAC recommendations can be found here:

New York State Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council. (2024). Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council Recommendations and Progress Report. https://otda.ny.gov/news/meetings/CPRAC/2024-12-18/attachments/2024-12-18-CPRAC-2024-Recommendations-and-Progress-Report.pdf