



**Child Poverty Reduction  
Advisory Council**

# **Public Hearing**

## **Applying for and Receiving Public Benefits**

April 29, 2024

# Logistics

- Hearing is being recorded and live streamed
- Facilities

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# Welcome

## *CPRAC Overview*

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- **Assistant Secretary to the Governor  
for Human Services and Mental Hygiene**  
**Alyson Tarek –**  
*CPRAC Co-Chair*
- **Acting Commissioner**  
**Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance**  
**Barbara Guinn –**  
*CPRAC Co-Chair*

# What is CPRAC?

- The Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC) is:
  - studying policies that impact child poverty in New York State
  - developing recommendations for reducing child poverty
  - monitoring NY's progress reducing child poverty
- **This includes improving public benefits**

# CPRAC and Public Benefits

- CPRAC is developing recommendations that would improve:
  - value of public benefits
  - eligibility for public benefits
  - accessibility of public benefits
- **We want to hear from you about accessibility of benefits**

# Accessing Benefits

## *Administrative Burdens*



# What are “administrative burdens”?

- Aspects of programs that make it difficult to access benefits:
  - finding out about, applying for, and receiving benefits
  - complying with requirements (time, providing information, etc.)
  - stigma, loss of autonomy, stress and frustration, uncertainty
- **Tell us about burdens you dealt with and difficulties you faced**
- **Tell us about positive experiences that should be replicated**

# Public Feedback

*Open Forum for Statements*

# Public Feedback and Statements

- We want to hear from you:
  - Describe the challenges you faced applying for benefits
  - What is the hardest part of maintaining your benefits?
  - Are there certain experiences/processes that you found helpful?
  - What changes would make it easier for you to access benefits?
  - What would make the experience simpler and more respectful?
- **Please keep statements limited to 3 minutes**

# Closing

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# Thank you!

Additional written statements can be emailed to [cpracpublichearing@otda.ny.gov](mailto:cpracpublichearing@otda.ny.gov) by May 15

**Fill out our survey by  
May 15!**

