



Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council

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CPRAC Public Hearing April 29, 2024

New York State's Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC) is pleased to announce it will be holding its first public hearing in New York City. The hearing will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 in The New Yorker Hotel's Gramercy Park Suite at 481 8th Ave, New York, NY 10001.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for CPRAC to hear directly from New Yorkers about their experiences applying for and receiving public benefits. The hearing will focus on "administrative burdens" that New Yorkers face when applying for and receiving Public Assistance (also known as Cash Assistance or Temporary Assistance), food assistance (SNAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), including but not limited to:

- Challenges completing application forms
- Understanding requirements related to each program
- Managing benefits once receiving them
- Getting help with these processes

New Yorkers interested in attending can register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/0a6AZX4N2X>

Attendees are invited to offer formal verbal statements at the public hearing. To provide time to comment for all attendees, attendees are asked to keep formal verbal statements limited to 2-3 minutes or less. Registration is not required to attend or offer statements, but is encouraged. Registrants who provide an email address will receive a reminder email with public hearing details a few days before the event.

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will provide a webcast of this meeting in real time on April 29, 2024. However, the public hearing will not have the capability to allow for virtual participation. The public hearing will be hosted by CPRAC co-chair and OTDA Acting Commissioner Barbara Guinn, along with other statutory members of CPRAC.

New Yorkers interested in providing feedback about experiences with public benefits can also:

- Complete this brief anonymous survey by May 15: <https://forms.office.com/g/iXXyiDEtG>
- Send written statements by May 15 to: cpracpublichearing@otda.ny.gov

The statements and feedback received from New Yorkers will help CPRAC develop recommendations to reduce child poverty by improving program access.

This public hearing is part of the ongoing efforts of CPRAC, which OTDA is facilitating in partnership with the Governor's Office of the State of New York, pursuant to the Child Poverty Reduction Act, signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul. The statements and feedback received from New Yorkers via this public hearing and survey will help CPRAC develop its recommendations to reduce child poverty by improving program access.

For more information and the link to view this webcast live visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/news/meetings/>