



**Child Poverty Reduction  
Advisory Council**

# **Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC)**

Meeting 07 – December 6, 2023

# Reminders – Administrative Items

- Meetings are being recorded and live streamed
- Facilities
- Breaks

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# Welcome

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- **Assistant Secretary to the Governor for Human Services and Mental Hygiene Alyson Tarek –**  
*Representing Deputy Secretary Jihoon Kim, CPRAC Co-Chair*
- **Acting Commissioner Barbara Guinn (OTDA) –**  
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# Goals for Meeting 7

- **Review** – organizational matters, final draft progress report
- **Status updates** – research, data analysis, committees
- **Vote** – to issue progress report

# Recap

## *Meeting 6*

# Recap – Meeting 6

- **To study poverty**, CPRAC has reviewed key research and is also obtaining data from the Urban Institute
- **To develop recommendations**, CPRAC conducted initial orientations on key policy areas and created committees which are having focused discussion about specific policy and reform ideas that could reduce poverty
- **To measure and report on New York State's progress** reducing poverty, UI estimated the effects of recently-enacted policies and programs



# Status Update

## *Measuring Progress*

# Status Update – Measuring NYS Progress

- UI estimated the projected effects of recently-enacted policies (from SFY22-23 and 23-24 Budgets) on child poverty in New York, comparing to baseline
- Four *simulations*:
  - Effects of child-poverty-related permanent policies in FY23 and FY24 Budgets
  - Effects of one-time/temporary expansion/supplement of EITC
  - Effects of one-time/temporary expansion/supplement of ESCC
  - Effects of permanent policies referenced above, combined with temporary policies listed
- UI has assessed without employment effects and is currently assessing with employment effects

# Status Update – Measuring NYS Progress

- According to UI, recently-enacted policies reduce child poverty
- Estimated poverty reduction effect, without employment effects:
  - Child-poverty-related permanent policies in FY23 and FY24 Budgets: 7.6% reduction
  - One-time/temporary expansion/supplement of EITC: 2.1% reduction on its own
  - One-time/temporary expansion/supplement of ESCC: 2.3% reduction on its own
  - Permanent policies together with temporary policies: estimated cumulative 12.4% reduction
- Estimated poverty reduction effect, with employment effects:
  - Underway
- To achieve 50% reduction, CPRAC recommendations must reduce child poverty by another 43%, at minimum

# Next Steps

## *Progress Report*

# Next Steps – Issuing Progress Report

- As we have discussed, CPRAC is required by statute to issue annual progress reports “detailing the progress that the state has made in reducing the child poverty rate...”
- To that end, CPRAC’s Progress Report summarizes the Council’s work from inception to present day, including membership, structure, rules, charge, processes, goals, steps taken so far, and more, and includes the Urban Institute’s estimates of the effects of recently enacted policies on child poverty in New York
- By now you have all reviewed and weighed in on the draft report, including providing feedback, which has been incorporated
- **With no further questions, the Council will now vote to issue the...**

## *1. 2023 CPRAC Progress Report*

# Looking Ahead

2024

# Assessing Individual Policies

- Committees are developing their lists of the proposals for modeling in each topic area
- As committees finalize those lists, UI will begin to estimate the independent effects on child poverty of each proposal by topic
- Committees will reconvene to review that data and identify priorities, with a focus on proposals estimated to have the greatest child poverty reduction effects
- Committee will report consensus priorities back to CPRAC statutory members for further consideration

# Developing Policy Packages

- Once committees have reported their data-based priorities back to statutory members, statutory members will develop packages that combine policy ideas from each area
- UI will then model the effects of the various proposed policy combinations to determine their estimated *cumulative* effects, accounting for interactions between policies
- Based on the data, CPRAC will recommend packages of policy proposals that achieve a 50% reduction in child poverty in NYS over the next decade



# 2024

1. Committees developing lists of policies for UI to model
2. UI beginning data analysis by topic area
3. As soon as UI provides data, will reconvene committees
4. Committees will develop data-based priorities/rankings of policies
5. Committees will report priorities back to statutory members
6. Statutory members will develop combinations/packages of policies
7. UI will assess cumulative effects of combinations of policies
8. Statutory members will review data on combinations of policies
9. CPRAC will take packages, with data, to the public for feedback
10. Via public hearings, CPRAC will obtain input on proposals and packages
11. Statutory members will finalize initial recommendations
12. Statutory members will issue CPRAC recommendations

# Initial Areas of Focus

- **Based on the work of CPRAC to date, including committee discussions and evidence reviewed on the important effect of various policies on child poverty:**
  - Enhancement of the Empire State Child Credit is a key tool to achieve the goals of the Council
  - Additionally, recommendations are expected to address housing affordability for low-income families
- Committees will work over the coming months to develop specific recommendations, based on data CPRAC receives

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# Thank you!

