



Child Poverty Reduction  
Advisory Council

# Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC)

Meeting 13 – February 26, 2025

# Reminders – Administrative Items

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

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**Welcome**

# Welcome

- **Assistant Secretary to the Governor for Human Services and Mental Hygiene Alyson Tarek –**  
*CPRAC Co-Chair*
- **Commissioner Barbara Guinn (OTDA) –**  
*CPRAC Co-Chair*

# Goals for Meeting 13

- **Recap** – progress to date, Meeting 12
- **Overview** – updates on cash transfers for children
- **Issue** – draft report on proposed Executive Budget
- **Look ahead** – next steps

# Recap

## *Meeting 12*

# Recap – New York State Progress

- Urban Institute estimates that policies enacted by New York State (including in the SFY2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 budgets) are estimated to reduce child poverty by up to 9.5% compared to baseline
  - Driven by expansion of ESCC to include kids 0-3, reforms to Public Assistance to make it easier to retain benefits, expansion of subsidized child care, increased funding secured for SummerEBT



# Recap – CPRAC Progress

- In 2023: held orientations for statutory members, established five subject-area Committees for focused discussion on ways to reduce child poverty, and developed specific proposals for further analysis
- In 2024: analyzed individual proposals, discussed policy priorities, created different packages of proposals to reduce child poverty, developed initial recommendations based on that data, drafted report summarizing progress and initial recommendations

# Recap – Meeting 12

- Issue 2024 Recommendations and Progress Report
  - Including package of proposals that could reduce child poverty by more than 50% at full implementation and take-up, on top of the progress New York State has already made reducing child poverty
- Delivered to Governor and Legislature pursuant to statute

# Overview

*Cash transfers for children*

# Overview – Cash Transfers for Children

- As CPRAC has discussed and established, cash transfer programs for children, including allowances and Child Tax Credits, are key tools for reducing child poverty
  - Evidence indicates that the effects on children, families, and child poverty are most significant at youngest ages
  - CPRAC Recommendations and Governor Hochul’s Executive Budget both include enhancements to New York’s CTC
  - Important to monitor cash transfer programs and consider models like pregnancy/birth grants that can be adapted and/or expanded

# Presentation – Cash Transfers for Children

- **Children’s Research & Education Institute / David Harris**
  - Review key State- and Federal-level updates to different cash transfer programs, including proposed CTC changes in NYS
  - Discuss pregnancy/birth grants and NYS BABY Benefit proposal
- Q & A to follow

# Overview – Cash Transfers for Children

- **Key Takeaways**

- If enacted, New York's proposed increase to the Child Tax Credit would raise NY's ranking from 5<sup>th</sup> worst to 5<sup>th</sup> best among other State CTCs
- Pregnancy/birth grants like the proposed first-in-the-nation NYS BABY Benefit are projected to help thousands of low-income families, helping to further reduce child poverty, and could be expanded in the future

# **Review and Issue**

*Draft report on Executive Budget*

# Procedural Matters – Executive Budget Assessment

- Statute requires CPRAC to assess Executive Budget:

*Budget proposal review: No later than ten days after the Governor offers any amendments to the executive budget submission pursuant to article seven of the constitution, the advisory council shall submit to the chairs of the Senate finance committee and the Assembly ways and means committee, a report analyzing the proposals contained within the executive budget submission that are expected by the advisory council to impact the child poverty rate.*

- All have had the opportunity to review this year's draft report on the Executive Budget proposal, including providing feedback, which has been incorporated
- **With no further questions, the Council will now vote to issue the CPRAC Annual Report on the 2024/2025 Executive Budget**



# Looking Ahead

*Next Steps*

# Next Steps – 2025

- Continue monitoring NYS progress reducing child poverty
  - Measuring estimated effects enacted policies
  - Comparing estimates to forthcoming Census data
- Exploring how to build on progress and recommendations
  - Reconvene Childhood and Employment Committees
  - Reassess status and goals following Enacted Budget
  - Additional iteration and microsimulation modeling of proposals
  - Proposed calendar to be developed

# Next Steps – Public Benefits Survey

- Public Benefits Survey Phase 1 final report published
  - Includes quantitative and qualitative analyses
  - Comparison of quantitative and qualitative responses
- Public Benefits Survey Phase 2 ended
  - 1000+ responses received between July 1 and Dec 31, 2024
  - 1300+ total responses received in 2024, including Phase 1
  - Will aim to produce additional findings in 2025

**Closing**

# Closing

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**Thank you!**



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