



**Child Poverty Reduction
Advisory Council**

Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council Childhood Committee

Meeting 02 – May 5, 2025

Reminders – Administrative Items

- Meetings are being recorded and live streamed

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Welcome

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- **DaMia Harris-Madden, NYS Office of Children and Family Services –**
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Goals for Meeting 2

- **Recap** – progress to date
- **Discuss** – identify childhood proposals
- **Look ahead** – next steps

Recap

Progress to Date

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, and more

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 data, issued report summarizing progress and initial recs

Recap – Childhood Committee Meeting 1

- Child Care Assistance Program

Recap – CPRAC Report on Executive Budget FY 25-26

CHILDHOOD - Child Care	New or existing effort	Direct or indirect impact	Timing of impact
Provide \$100 million in capital grants to child care centers, counties, and municipalities to expand the availability of child care by increasing child care seats, including in child care deserts where the need is most pronounced, and support necessary repairs and renovations at existing programs	New	Indirect	Long-term
Direct \$10 million in Federal funds to help family child care programs cover renovations and repairs that are necessary to provide safe, high quality child care, helping to preserve vital community-based child care seats and ensuring smaller, primarily home-based entities also have access to assistance	New	Indirect	Short-term
Continuing the State's more than \$7 billion four-year plan to expand access to child care and improve affordability for young families by providing nearly \$1.8 billion in resources towards child care assistance	Existing	Direct	Short-term

Recap – CPRAC Report on Executive Budget FY 25-26

CHILDHOOD - Education	New or existing effort	Direct or indirect impact	Timing of impact
Provide \$340 million for universal free school meals, requiring all school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools that participate in the national school lunch and breakfast program to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all students regardless of their families' income, thereby reducing costs for families and ensuring that no student goes hungry at school	New	Direct	Immediate

Recap – CPRAC Report on Executive Budget FY 25-26

CHILDHOOD - Healthcare	New or existing effort	Direct or indirect impact	Timing of impact
Directing \$1.6 billion this year in federal funding generated through an assessment on Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)	New	Indirect	Long-term
Provide \$8 million to partner with Baby2Baby to deliver maternal health and newborn supplies boxes that will include screening tools for postpartum depression and anxiety, mental health information, self-care products, diapers, blankets, and swaddles to 100,000 babies, and provide \$1.5 million to deliver 10 million diapers to low-income families	New	Indirect	Immediate
Continuing \$7 billion Medicaid initiative secured through a 1115 waiver, which will significantly expand coverage for health-related social needs services, such as housing and transportation support, for Medicaid beneficiaries meeting certain qualifying criteria, in addition to providing social care screenings and referrals to services for all Medicaid members	Existing	Direct	Short-term

Discussion

Childhood Policy Ideas

Discussion – Childhood Policy Ideas

- Develop and discuss new ideas for proposals related to childhood that could further reduce child poverty in New York, with a focus on ideas that:
 - Put additional money in families' pockets
 - Are modellable by the Urban Institute using microsimulation
 - Are estimated to have direct and immediate impacts
- Will relay ideas from this discussion to Urban Institute for their assessment of modeling potential

Looking Ahead

Next Steps

Next Steps – 2025

- If Urban is able to model proposal(s), will obtain data:
 - Child poverty reduction effect (ages 0-17, ages 0-4)
 - Effects by race/ethnicity
 - # of households with more resources as a result
 - Estimated cost of proposal
- Develop priorities among proposals based on data
 - Rank proposals in priority order
 - Report priorities/rankings to CPRAC statutory members

Next Steps – 2025

- Statutory members will consider committee priorities
 - Determine how to advance proposals
 - Incorporate into iterative process
 - Addendum/supplement to previous comprehensive report?
- Build on previous recs and actions in enacted budget

Closing

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Thank you!



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