The State of New York’s Children

Voting for Children Because Our Future Depends on It

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More than one-third of NY children reside in immigrant families

37% children in immigrant families

Children in immigrant families: 1,536,000
Total NYS children: 4,180,559
NY successes to build upon

- 97% of children insured
- $15 minimum wage
- Paid Family Leave
- Universal Pre-K in NYC
- First 1,000 Days on Medicaid
What our children need

- Strong and economically stable families
- Healthy bodies and minds
- Safe homes and communities
- A sound education
Unmet goal: Family economic security

65% (606,435) of children in poor families have at least one parent who is employed.
NY has the resources to improve child well-being

NY: 39th Child Economic Well-Being

NY: 14th Strongest Economy
Unmet goal: Access to quality child care for all NY families that need it

- Average monthly child care payment (infant in center): $1,252
- Median monthly rent: $1,159
- Monthly SUNY college tuition & fees: $706

Fewer than 20% of families earning 200% of poverty or less receive subsidy
Solutions

- Strengthen NYS working family tax credits
- Equitably expand access to quality child care
- Increase full-day pre-K seats outside NYC
- Fairly compensate and support early childhood workforce
“He who has health has hope; he who has hope, has everything.”

–Arabian Proverb
Child and family health is intertwined

- Two generational
- Includes behavioral health and dental health
Social determinants of health

- Economic Stability
- Education
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Health and Health Care
- Social and Community Context
Unmet goal: Preventive health care for all children and families

- Coverage
- Benefits
- Access
- Systems
- Measurements
Solutions

- Protect and expand access to coverage
- Improve screening, referral and treatment
- Think outside health care system
- Build data and information systems
“Let us reach out to the children. Let us do whatever we can to support their fight to rise above their pain and suffering.” – Nelson Mandela
Stable, supportive families are key to children’s health & well-being

Toxic stress is prevalent among NY’s children.

45.3% of NYS children have one or more Adverse Childhood Experience.

38.3% children ages 0 to 5

- Each year, there are about 70,000 children in indicated reports of abuse/neglect.
- More than 16,000 NY children are in foster care
Goal: All children grow up in safe, stable & supportive homes

- Congregate care: 12.7% (New York City), 23.8% (Upstate/ROS)
- Foster boarding homes: 55.1% (New York City), 60.2% (Upstate/ROS)
- Approved relative homes: 30.5% (New York City), 12.7% (Upstate/ROS)
- Other: 1.7% (New York City), 3.3% (Upstate/ROS)
Solutions

Programs that strengthen families

Services to prevent abuse & neglect, support children

Investments supporting high-quality foster parenting

Increased support for kinship placements
Let’s make sure no NY children are left out in the cold.