

To meet the Human Services table target set by the General Budget Conference Committee would require cutting or underinvesting in myriad critical services for New York children, families, seniors, and other disenfranchised populations, or the defunding of some social services programs to fund other critical services. This should not be.

We urge meaningful investments in the following programs proven to strengthen families, and set children on a path to succeed and to thrive. **These investments should not come at the expense of other, equally critical programs.**

- ▶ Adopt the Assembly's proposal to RESTORE the **\$62 million** the Executive proposed to CUT from the Foster Care Block Grant.
- ▶ Adopt the Assembly's proposal to RESTORE **\$1.9 million** to kinship caregiver services and **\$100,000** to the Kinship Navigator for a total investment of \$2.62 million.
- ▶ Adopt the Assembly's proposal to RESTORE the **\$27 million** in Title XX discretionary funds to counties, and add, at a minimum, **\$13 million** in new funds for child care subsidies and **\$8.91 million** for child care subsidies under the Facilitated Enrollment program.

Now, more than ever, it is essential that New York State shore up its state social services programs for all of our low-income and disenfranchised residents.