Successes to build upon

1. 97% of NY children insured
2. $15 minimum wage
3. Paid Family Leave
4. Universal Pre-K in NYC
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

NY: 41st
Child Economic Well-Being

NY: 12th
Strongest Economy
Most poor families headed by a parent who works

65% (606,435) of children in poor families have at least one parent who is employed.
Unmet goal: Strong educational foundations for all

- 3rd-8th grade students proficient in English Language Arts:
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Solutions

- Strengthen NYS child tax credit
- 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

Diagram:
- Prenatal Care
- Low Birth Weight
- Maternal Depression
- Developmental Delays
Social Determinants of Health

SDOH

- Economic Stability
- Education
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Health and Health Care
- Social and Community Context
Unmet Goal: Preventive healthcare 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
Healthy bodies, healthy minds, healthy families

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, more than 69,000 children in indicated reports of abuse/neglect.

- That is enough to fill Madison Square Garden three times.
Unmet goal: All children grow up in safe, stable & supportive homes

- Outside of NYC, children are too often placed in group homes.
  - 24.6% of children in foster care 12/31/16 were in congregate care, compared to 14% nationally.
Solutions

Support programs that build strong families

Prevent abuse & neglect, support children

Strengthen supports for quality family-based care

Increase support for kinship placements
Support youth leaving foster care so that their children may grow up in strong, healthy families.
Let’s make sure no NY children are left out in the cold