



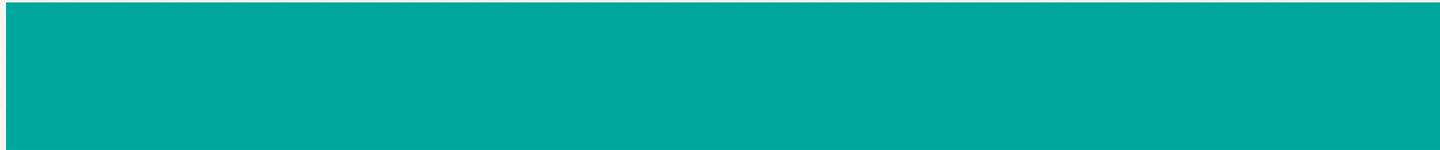
The State of New York's Children

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Public Policy Can – and Should – Make the Ground Fertile for Opportunity



New York CAN improve child well-being – IF our leaders take smart action and place our children first.





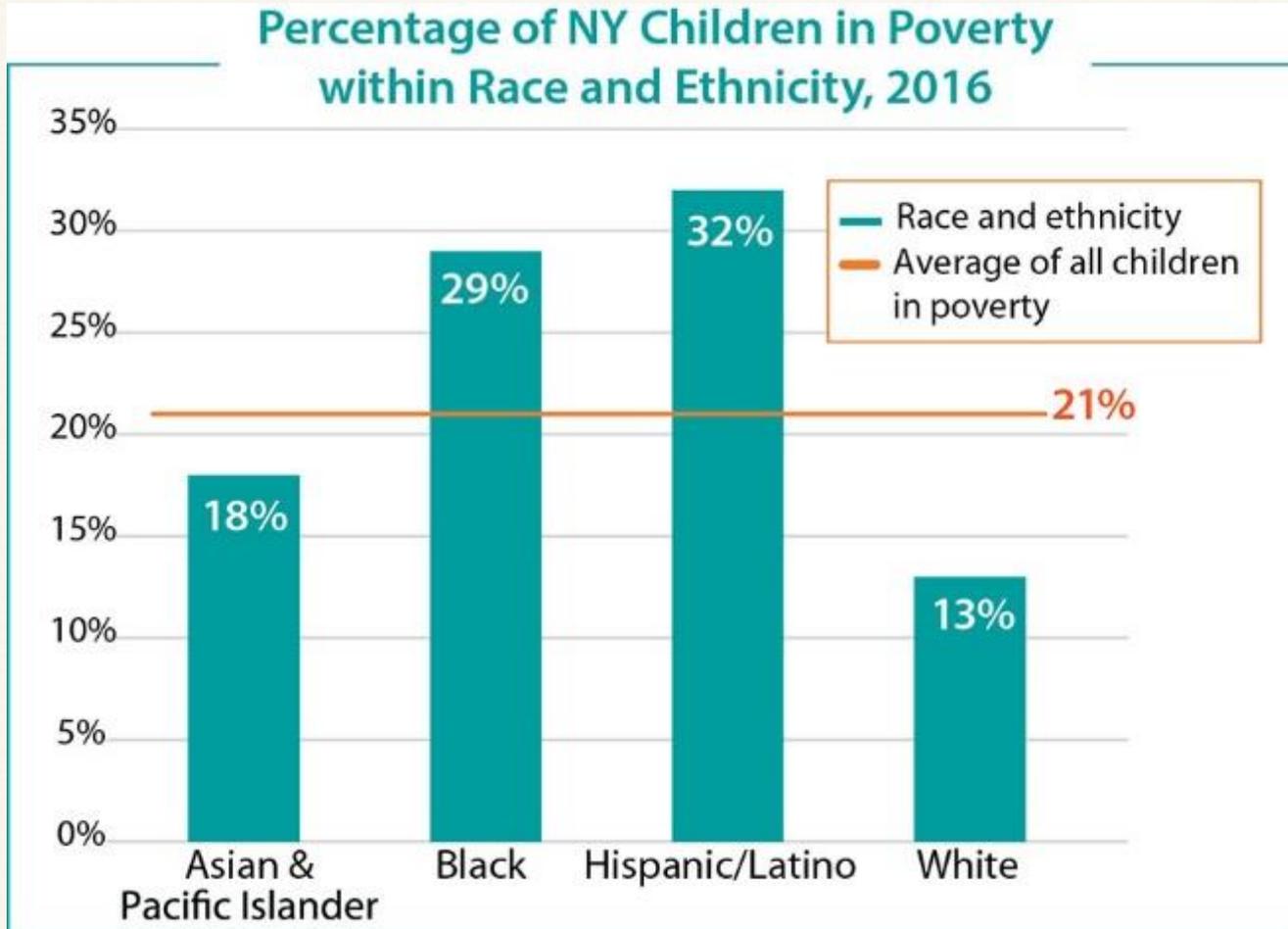
With the right foundations: our children can do anything!

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- Strong and economically stable families
- Healthy bodies and minds
- Safe homes and communities
- A sound education



Poverty threatens the well-being of 1 in 5 NY children





Forty percent of NY children experience the stress of economic insecurity

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4 in 10
[1,612,000]

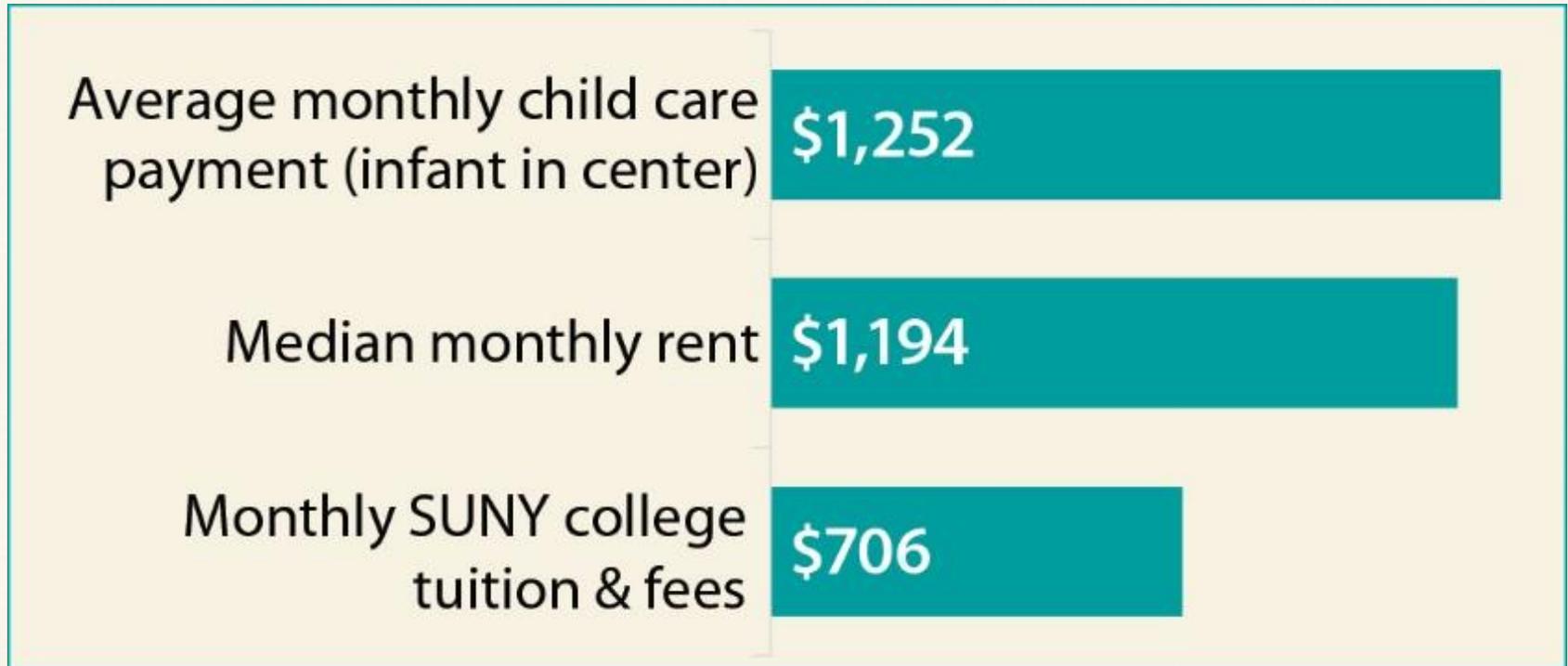
Children live below 200%
of the Federal Poverty
Level (FPL)

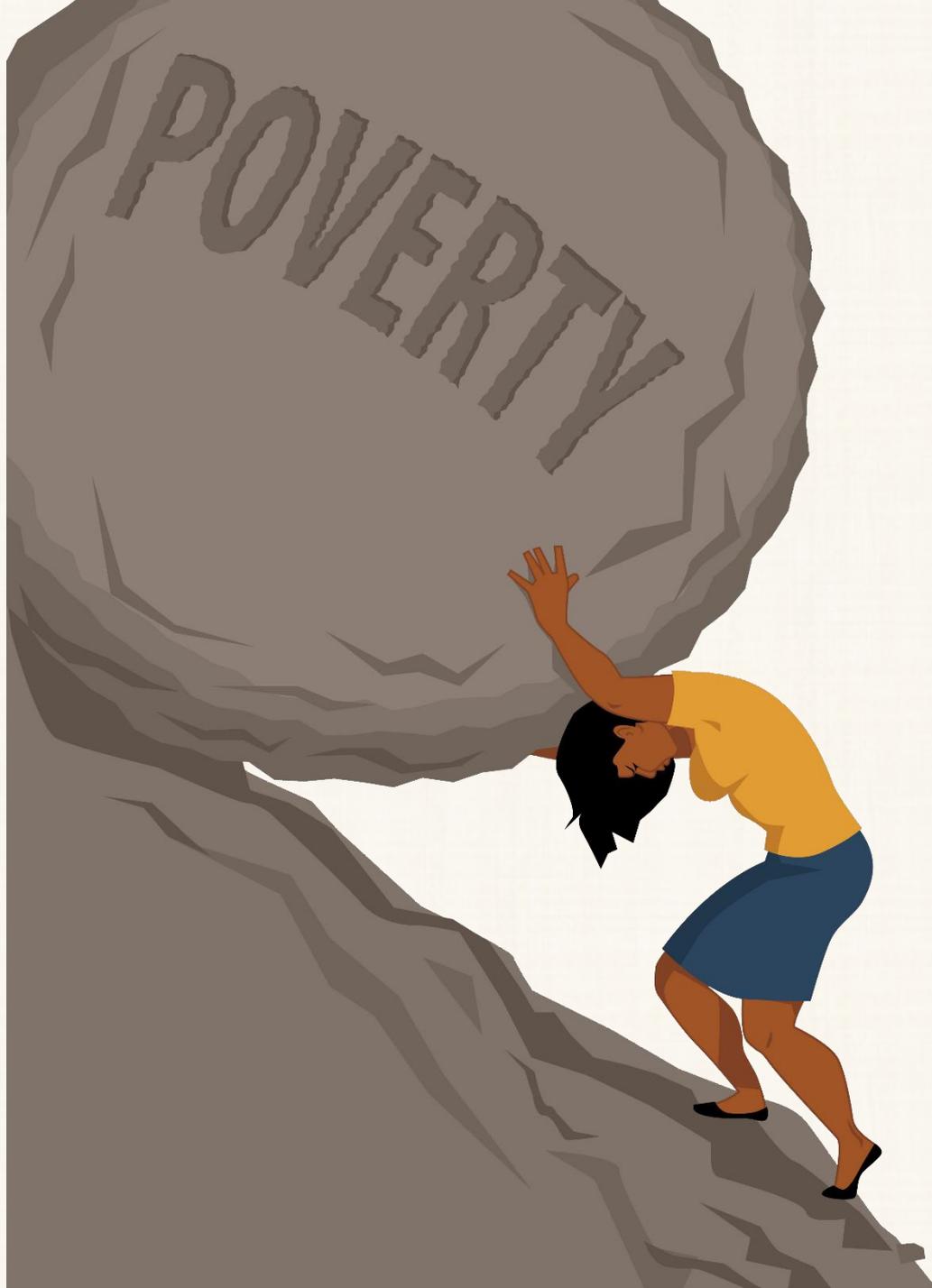




Quality child care enables parents to work, and provides children early learning opportunities – but high costs are a barrier

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Hard work no
longer
guarantees
economic
security for
NY families



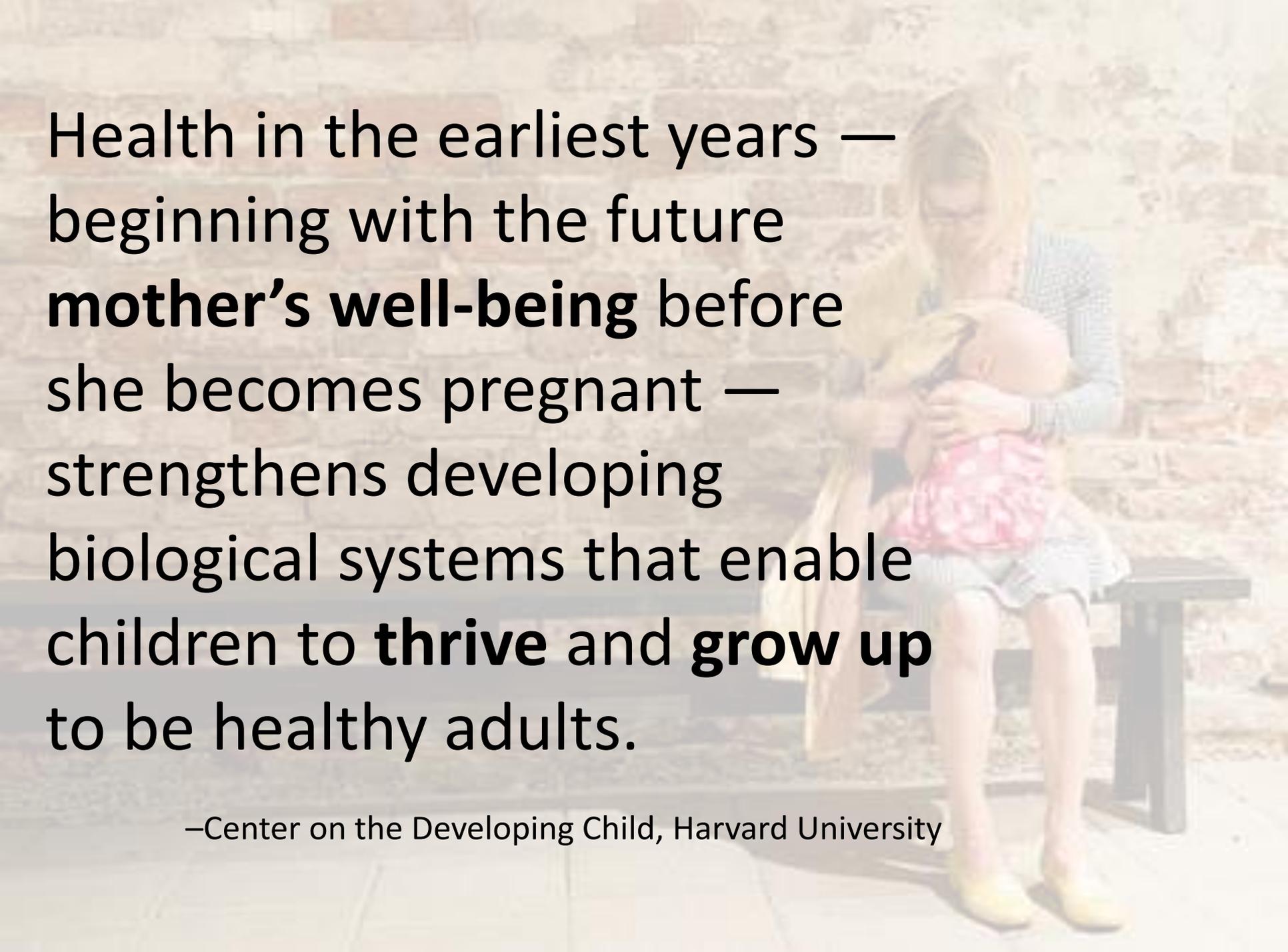
Solutions

Strengthen
NYS
refundable
tax credits

Expand
access to
quality child
care

Increase full-day
pre-K seats
outside NYC

Fairly
compensate
and support
early
childhood
workforce

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue and white patterned long-sleeved shirt and a grey skirt, is sitting on a dark wooden bench. She is holding a baby wrapped in a pink and white patterned blanket. The background is a light-colored brick wall. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Health in the earliest years —
beginning with the future
mother's well-being before
she becomes pregnant —
strengthens developing
biological systems that enable
children to **thrive** and **grow up**
to be healthy adults.

—Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University



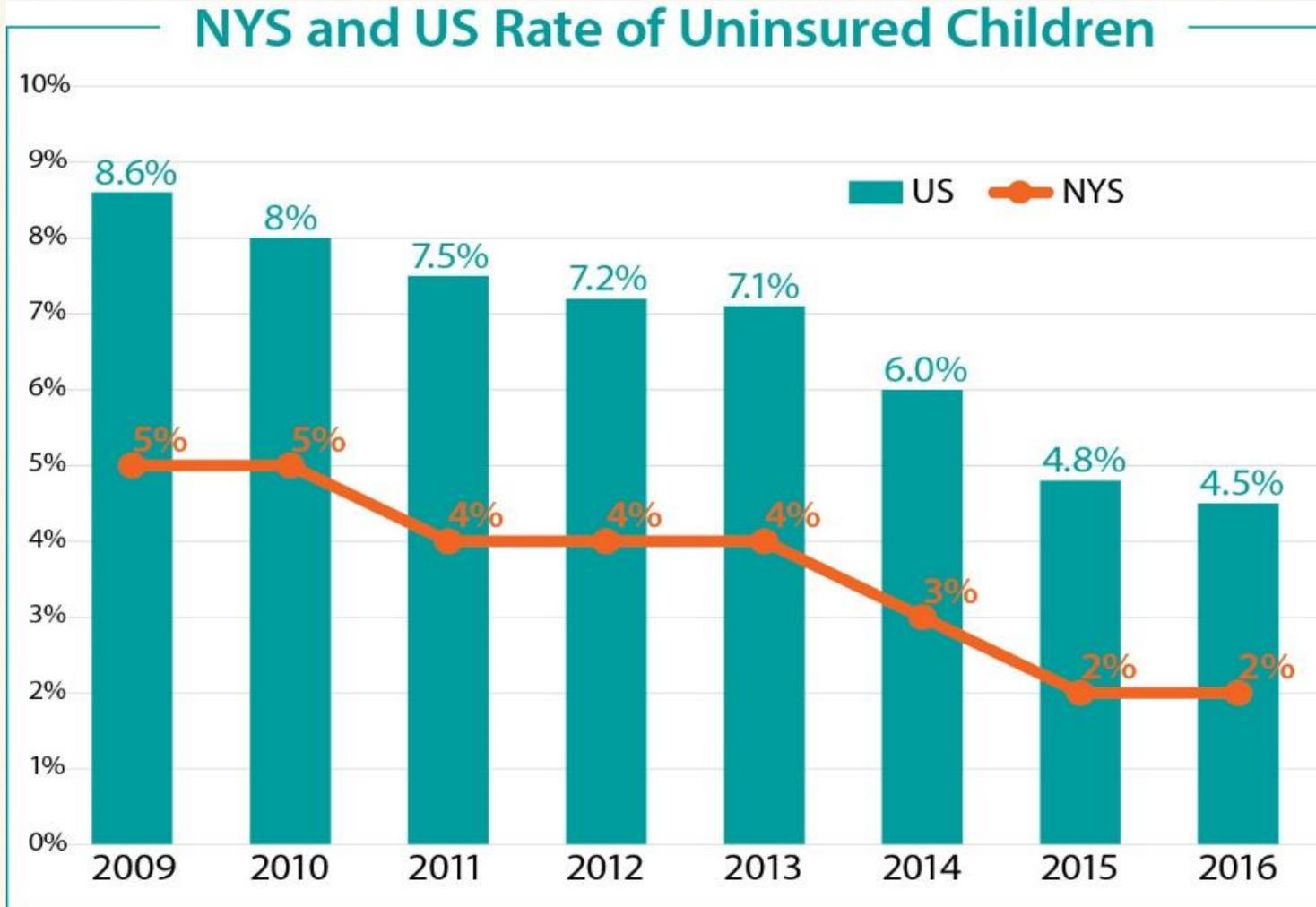
Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health - 1981

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- Prevention effective but not available.
- Unequal progress toward improved health.
- Systems not adapting to current challenges.
- Needs of families not recognized.
- Programs do not work together effectively.



Low uninsured rate = Opportunity





Collaboration = Opportunity



First
1000 Days
on Medicaid



Next steps





Solutions

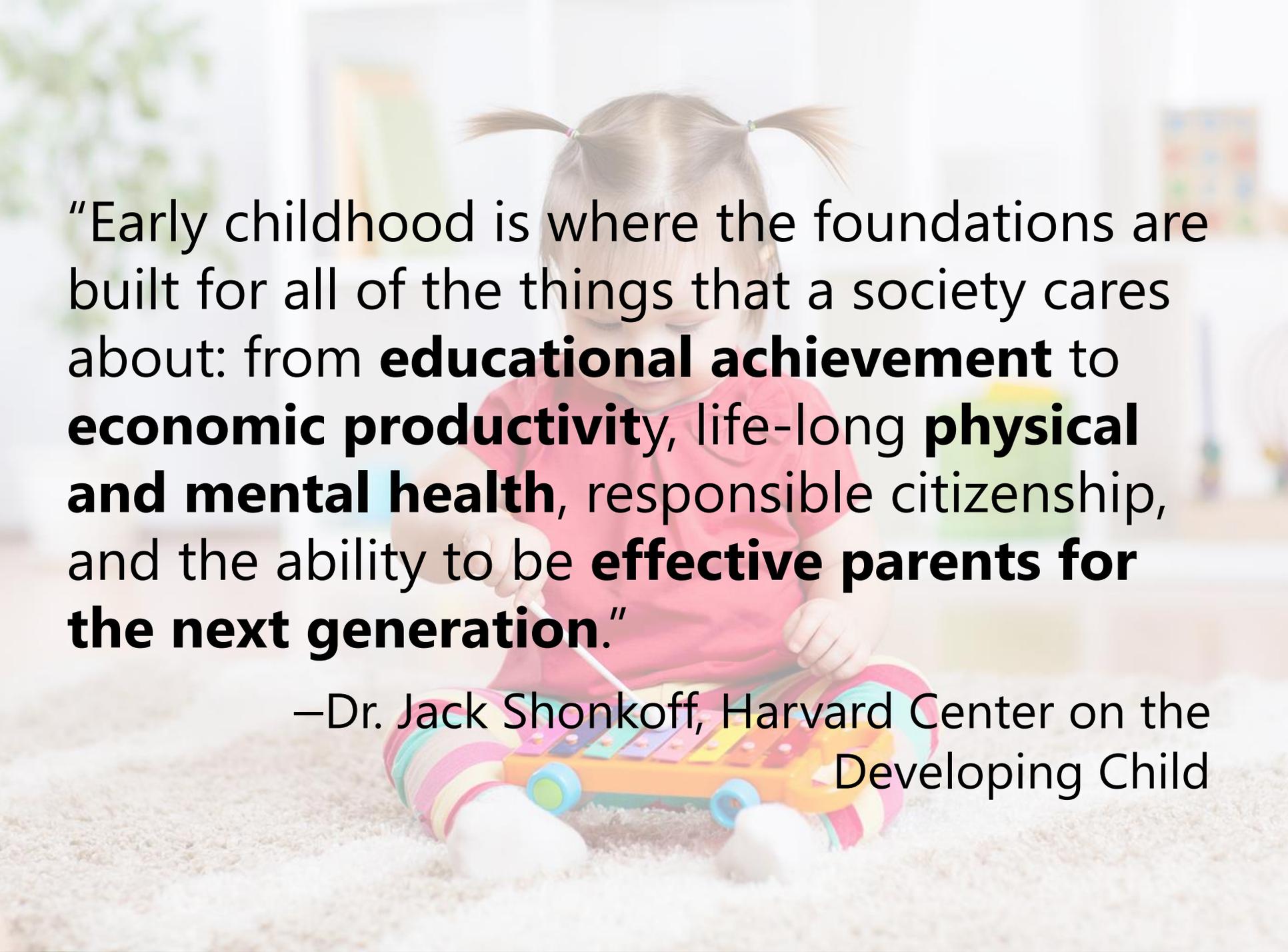
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Protect and
expand
access to
coverage

Improve
screening,
referral and
treatment

Think outside
health care
system

Ensure a
robust
public health
system

A young girl with two pigtails is sitting on a light-colored carpet, playing a colorful xylophone. She is wearing a pink shirt and colorful pants. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting.

“Early childhood is where the foundations are built for all of the things that a society cares about: from **educational achievement** to **economic productivity**, life-long **physical and mental health**, responsible citizenship, and the ability to be **effective parents for the next generation.**”

—Dr. Jack Shonkoff, Harvard Center on the Developing Child



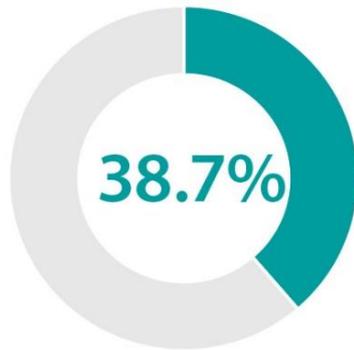


Childhood adversity threatens the health of NY's children

New Yorkers with 1 or More Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE)



Children ages 0-17 experienced at least 1 ACE



Children ages 0-5 experienced at least 1 ACE



Adults experienced at least 1 ACE



Adults experienced at least 4 or more ACEs

30.3% of those growing up in a family making under \$15,000/yr experience 3 or more ACEs.



Reports of neglect far outweigh those of abuse

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In 2016, more than **71,000 children** were involved in indicated reports of abuse/neglect

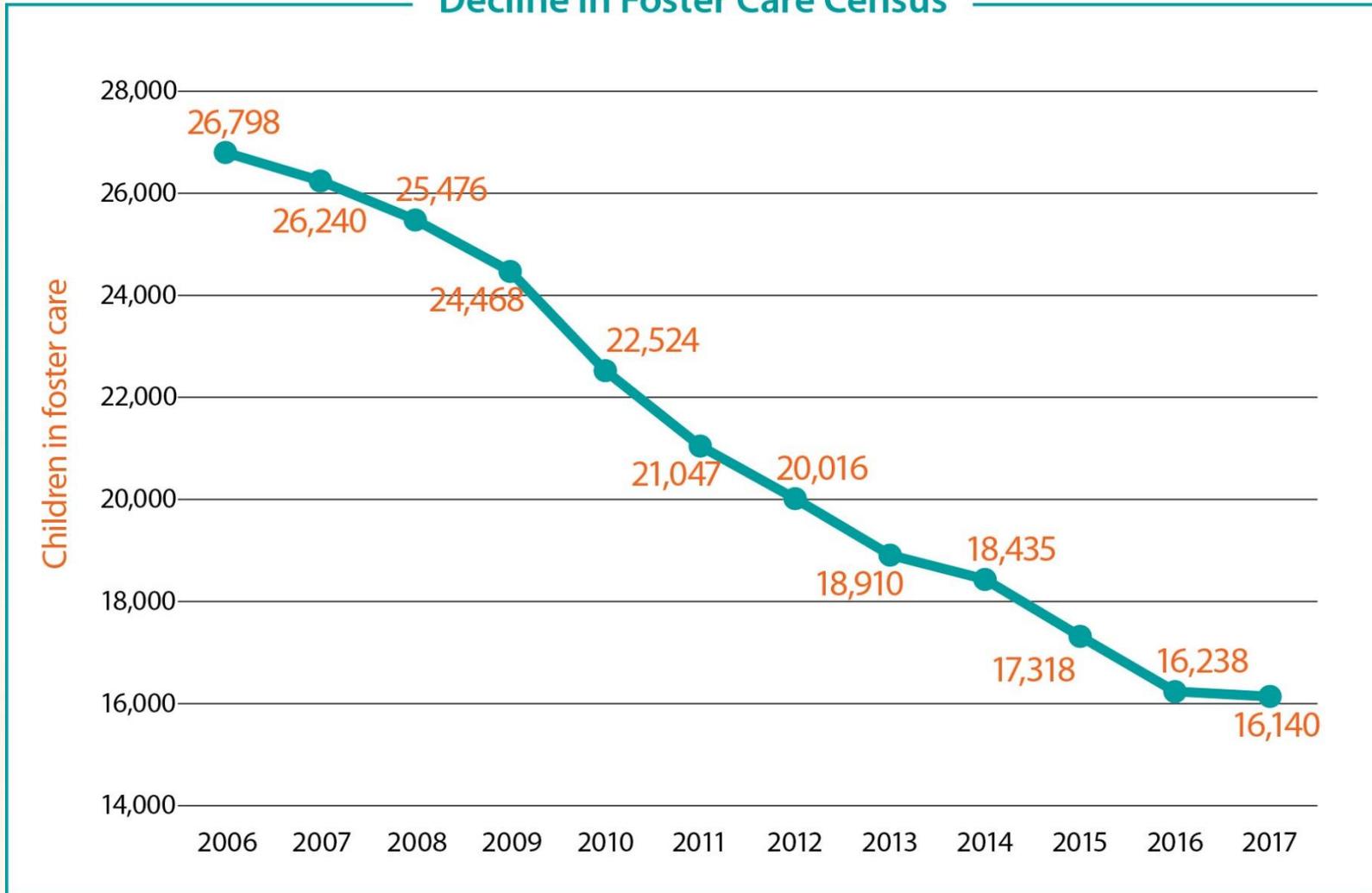
The vast majority of reports of maltreatment are of neglect. In 2017, NYC reported that **73%** of its 55,340 reports were reports of neglect.





NY has dramatically reduced the number of children in foster care

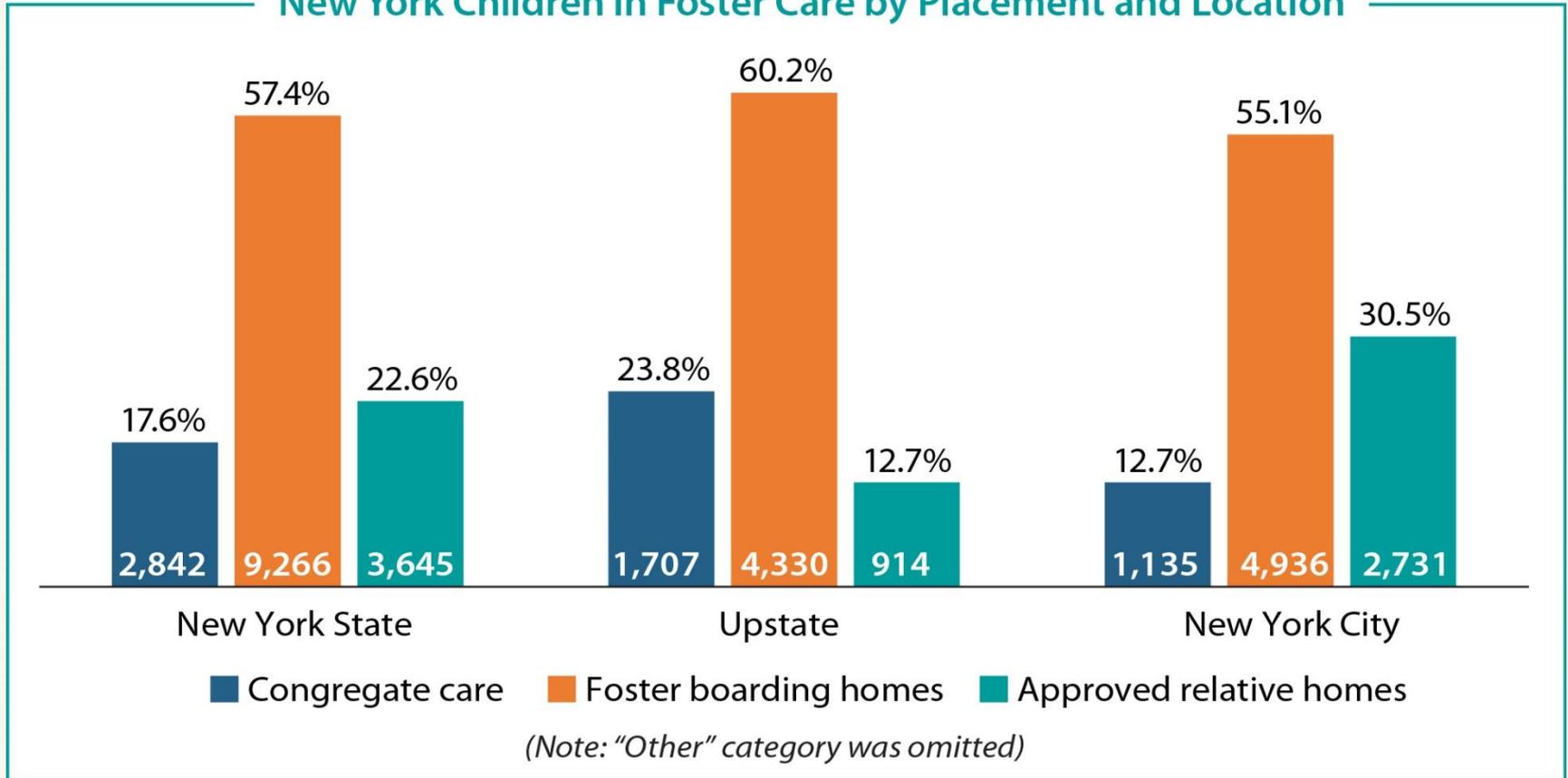
Decline in Foster Care Census





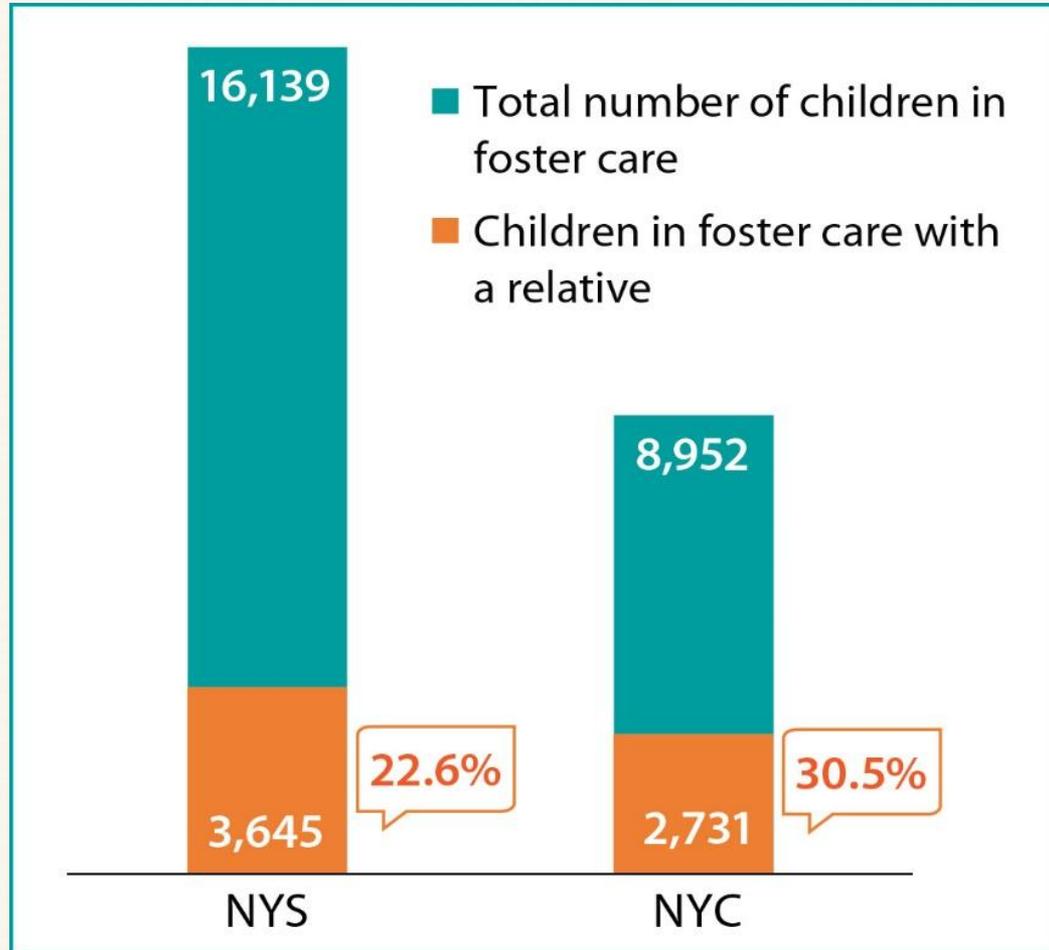
However, when children do enter care, placements vary...

New York Children in Foster Care by Placement and Location





Including placement with a relative





Solutions

Invest in **primary prevention** to strengthen families before any risk of abuse or neglect

Expand evidence- based **prevention** through Family First Act

Strengthen & prioritize **family-based foster care**

Increase support for **kinship families**

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