

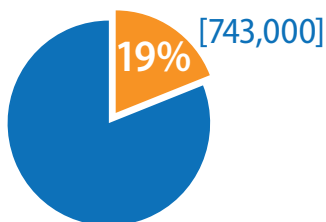
FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND PREVENTING ENDURING HARDSHIP

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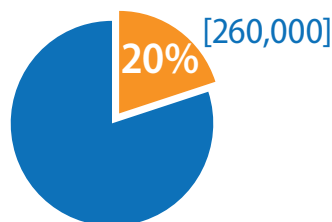


The younger the New York child, the more likely the child is to experience poverty, with babies experiencing poverty at the highest rate—at exactly the time in their development when they are most vulnerable to poverty's impacts.

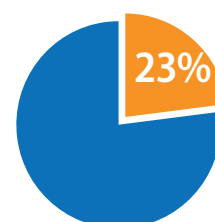
Children under 18 living
in poverty, 2018



Children 0 to 5 living in
poverty, 2018



Infant & toddlers living in
poverty, 2019



Message from the President



Kate Breslin
President & CEO

Dear Friends,

Wow. What a difficult and uncertain time it has been and continues to be. We hope you and your loved ones are well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced every one of us—individuals and organizations—to re-evaluate everything: how we rely on each other, where and how we work, and how our goals align with what is happening around and to us.

The health and safety of Schuyler Center's staff and their families has been a priority. We moved to remote work in mid-March and are constantly improving our systems to work efficiently as a team.

We are extremely grateful to those who support us financially, many of whom have reached out to remind us Schuyler's work is as important as ever. They have been flexible on grant reporting and timing, and continue to rely on us for insights and practical ways to reduce poverty and inequity in New York State.

Our funders are right—this work—shaping public policy to make it fairer and more focused on those in-need—is as important as ever! We are hopeful that much of the country is coming to acknowledge the same thing. As attention to systemic racism and police violence continues to grow, we are all called to re-examine our implicit biases. The coronavirus has made that abundantly clear over the last several months. The racial, social, and economic disparities evidenced by this deadly virus cannot be overlooked. Coronavirus does discriminate. A family's neighborhood, income level, and race and ethnicity are all significant contributing factors to whether someone gets and dies from this deadly disease, and the extent to which their community is affected.

Schuyler Center continues to focus on income inequality and its ill effects on the health and well-being of New York families. We continue to examine and make concrete recommendations about strengthening New York's public health infrastructure. New York has the resources to address these challenges, it needs the political leaders and will to do so. Governor Cuomo, in one of his daily news conferences recently said, "It always seems that the poorest people pay the highest price. Why is that?" Why indeed?

For almost 150 years, the Schuyler Center has advanced effective and inclusive public policies that put children and families first. We hope you will help us with this fight to shape policy so when COVID-19 returns or the next epidemic hits, we're not again asking what we could have done differently.



Policy Priorities for Building Back Better: Putting Children in the Center of Recovery

STRENGTHENING FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY



- ▶ Adopt targets to sharply reduce childhood poverty by 2030
- ▶ Implement fully refundable young child tax credit widely available including to very low-income and immigrant families
- ▶ Expand and strengthen state's Empire State Child Care Credit

ENSURING ACCESS TO HEALTH COVERAGE



- ▶ Maintain Medicaid spending to protect health coverage and access
- ▶ Implement continuous Medicaid eligibility for infants in their first three years of life to protect our youngest children from coverage losses
- ▶ Ramp up telehealth to continue services beyond the pandemic to difficult to reach patients
- ▶ Build and strengthen cross-system relationships, coordination, and data exchange to address social determinants of health

SAFELY SCALE-UP CHILD CARE



- ▶ Make child care subsidy eligibility levels and co-pays fairer and more equitable across the state
- ▶ Prioritize child care subsidies for eligible parents who are unemployed and looking for work and to families receiving preventive child welfare services
- ▶ Pay child care providers working on the front line during the pandemic a premium
- ▶ Give child care providers working during the pandemic an enhanced subsidy rate and tuition assistance for their own children's care

EXPAND AND IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



- ▶ Invest in the public health workforce through education and training incentives to retain existing and attract new staff
- ▶ Support public health programs connecting with other parts of the health care system by removing funding and regulatory obstacles
- ▶ Invest in maternal and child health programs including maternal mental health through mental health training for providers and maternal mental health screening for all women from pre-conception through the post-partum period

PROVIDE FOCUSED SUPPORT TO FAMILIES WITH OR AT RISK OF CHILD WELFARE INVOLVEMENT



- ▶ Impose a temporary moratorium on "aging out" of foster care until the pandemic is over and recovery fully established
- ▶ Restore funding support for local kinship caregiver programs
- ▶ Provide COVID-19 Emergency Response Pay for foster parents, frontline staff and reunified families

Why Schuyler Center Focuses on Children and Families Living in Poverty

The foundational principal of Louisa Lee Schuyler's social program was that democracy could, and must, be made to work in those areas appropriate to it. She focused her efforts on organizing and bringing voice to communities and their disenfranchised members, to inform and influence government policy, believing government must be made to function well for all.

We do the same today. We effectively share data and advocate evidence-based approaches and policies for the most disadvantaged New Yorkers. We focus on families and children living in poverty because we must – for many reasons including:

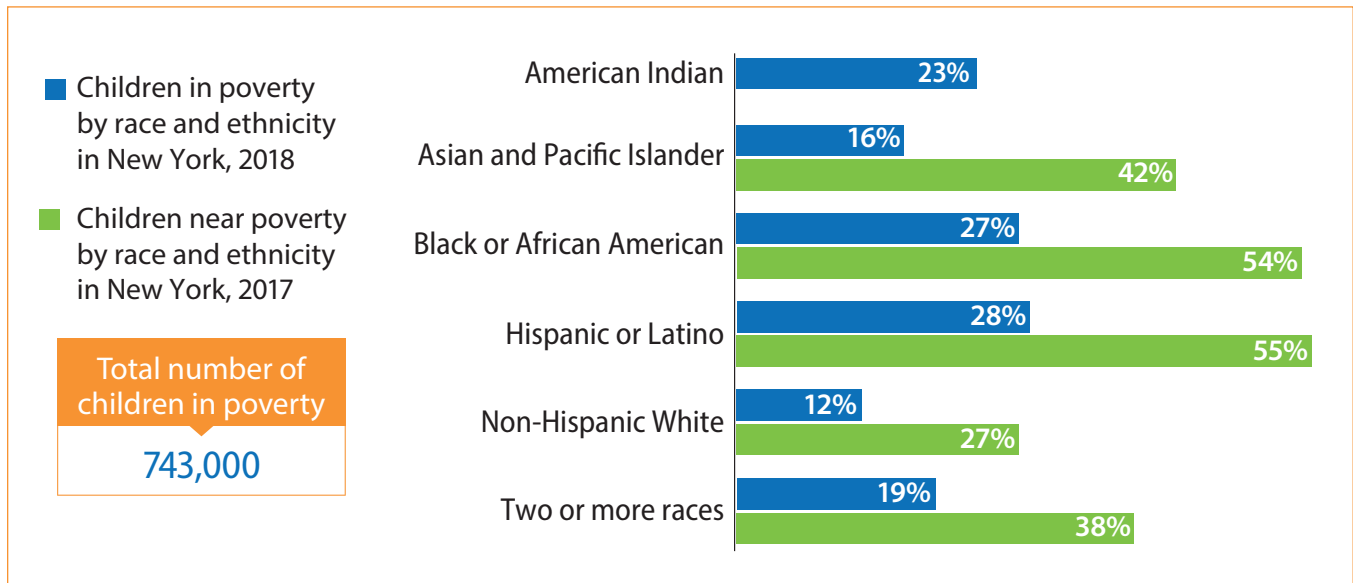
- Hundreds of thousands of New York's children live in families below 100% of the federal poverty level and when children in low-income families just above poverty are included, the number exceeds a million children;
- The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that poverty and other adverse social determinants have a detrimental effect on child health and are root causes of child health inequities;
- Poverty and racial inequities are inextricably linked, with children of color experiencing poverty and near-poverty at nearly twice the rate of white children and existing systems perpetuate this;
- Poverty and child welfare are linked, with children living in lower income families at higher risk of experiencing childhood traumas, which are correlated with health and socio-economic problems as adults;
- Poverty among young adults is climbing and now sits at nearly 20%;
- Poverty contributes to negative outcomes for children, including disparities in school-readiness and continued lags in learning.

Our state and country were founded on principles of equality. We have a long way to go. And we won't stop.

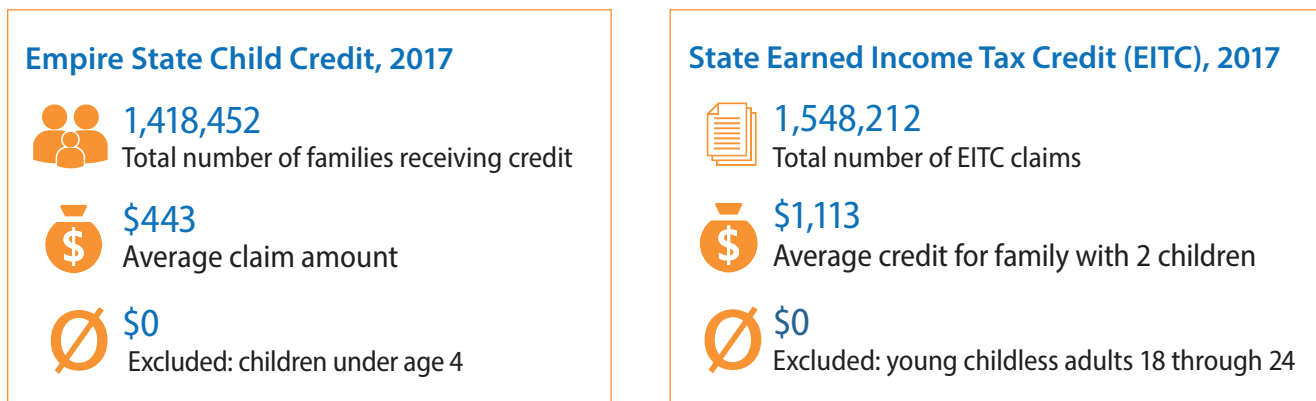


Data Drives Our Work

Historical and ongoing racial discrimination in employment, housing, and education, among other realms, cause New York children of color to experience poverty, near poverty, and insecure parental employment, at approximately twice the rate of white children.



New York's refundable tax credits—among the most effective strategies for reducing poverty—exclude some of the very New Yorkers most likely to live in poverty.



Many child care educators earn wages that leave them at or near poverty, leading dedicated professionals to leave the field to find economic stability.



Message from the Chair



Paul J. Kaye, M.D.
Chair

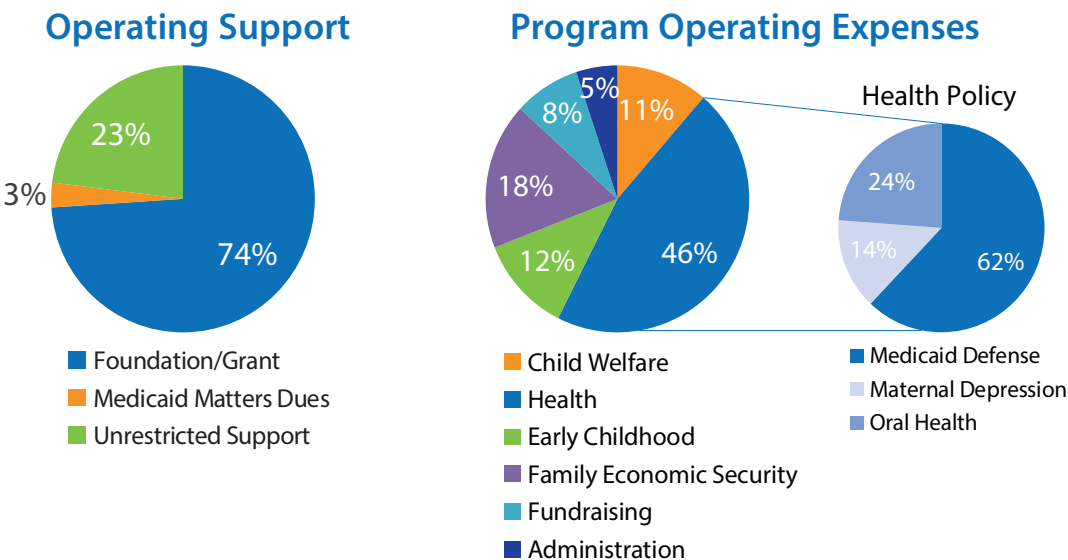
Dear Friends,

Early in SCAA’s history, our founder Louisa Lee Schuyler, Eliza and Alexander Hamilton’s great-granddaughter, observed that “Our whole poor-law system is an inheritance from England, and unless we change it, the results will be the same.” Her amazing insight was that multigenerational poverty was no accident, but was an inevitable product of systemic injustice, and would only improve if those injustices were addressed.

148 years later, we face the same fight. Please read this Annual Report and let the facts convince you. Now, more than ever, we at the Schuyler Center are committed to fighting for effective, proven interventions that can make a real difference in the lives of the next generation of New Yorkers.

That work requires your support. Louisa Lee Schuyler didn’t just have good ideas. She galvanized those with financial means to fund the fight for better public policy. As much as hospitals, schools, and child welfare organizations need charitable people to support them, the quest for justice through better laws and better governmental action deserves your help. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I ask you to join this fight at this critical time by supporting us with your dollars. Thank you.

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The Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our independence allows us to advocate appropriately and effectively for New York’s most vulnerable residents. We need your financial support to continue meeting our mission of helping families in greatest need.

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