150 Years of Impact

Throughout its 150-year history, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy has successfully advocated for statewide policies that lift New York State's children out of poverty and promote their health and well-being.

Schuyler Center’s advocacy and leadership have accomplished crucial milestones for New York State, including:

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**Child Poverty Reduction** – Schuyler Center spearheaded the Child Poverty Reduction Act legislation and secured overwhelming bi-partisan legislative support. The Act sets a bold statewide goal of cutting child poverty in half in ten years and reducing racial inequity. It was signed into law on December 1, 2021.

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**Child Care Affordability** – Schuyler Center founded – and leads – the Empire State Campaign for Child Care, the voice for universal child care in the state. Among its accomplishments:

- Established and guided a statewide Child Care Availability Task Force, which issued a comprehensive plan to expand access to high quality child care and provide child care educators with compensation and support reflective of the extraordinary value of the work;
- Expanded subsidized child care to thousands of additional families;
- Established a sharp reduction in the cost low-income working families must pay for subsidized child care, cutting many families’ annual child care bills by more than half.

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**Child Welfare Accountability** – A leader of the NYS Child Welfare Coalition, Schuyler Center secured legislation requiring the State’s Office of Children and Family Services to compile and publicly report data on utilization of crucial family strengthening programs.

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**Pre-Kindergarten Expansion** – Schuyler Center fought for, and won, funding that expands pre-K availability to hundreds of thousands of young New Yorkers.

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**Juvenile Justice Reform** – Together with fellow child advocates, Schuyler Center successfully fought to raise the age of juvenile justice responsibility in New York State.

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Medicaid Policy that is More Accessible and Better Meets Consumers’ Needs – Schuyler Center is the home of Medicaid Matters New York, the statewide voice for Medicaid consumers, focused on improving health care access for low-income New Yorkers and people with disabilities.

Parental Mental Health Concerns – Advocacy work by Schuyler Center elevated the urgency of addressing parental mental health by meaningfully engaging women with lived experiences in shaping policy around these issues.

The First 1,000 Days on Medicaid Initiative – The result of advocacy work by Schuyler Center and Medicaid Matters, this initiative uses emerging science to drive investments in early childhood development to ensure the best outcomes for our youngest residents. This NYS Medicaid initiative resulted in millions of dollars of additional funding for services for families with very young children.

Dental Disease Prevention – Schuyler Center secured NYS funds and policy to ensure local communities have the tools, resources and accurate information they need to implement community water fluoridation, the single most effective prevention strategy for dental disease.

Preventive Services Funding – Analysis and advocacy by Schuyler Center secured enactment and implementation of the innovative and family-focused Family Assessment Response (FAR) approach to child welfare and protection of child welfare preventive services funding. FAR allows child welfare agencies to respond in a more flexible and family-centric manner to reports of child abuse or neglect, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

College Funding for Foster Youth – In partnership with fellow child advocates, the Schuyler Center successfully advocated for the Fostering Youth Success Act. This Act established a funding stream to support foster youth in attending college.

When you support Schuyler Center, you power advocacy with transformative and lasting impact. Together, we are working for upstream solutions that improve the lives of all New York State residents - not just today, but for generations to come. To make a gift in support of this work, please visit www.scaany.org/donate

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