Imagine a New York State in which every child has access to the resources they need to thrive; a state that looks out for every child, regardless of their race, zip code, or their parents’ income, with leaders that know the value in keeping families out of poverty.

As we look toward the 2023 Legislative Session, Schuyler Center urges New York’s leaders to prioritize New Yorkers who are struggling to make ends meet, with a special focus on children and families.

Centering these New Yorkers is more important than ever given that low-income, Black, brown and immigrant New Yorkers, and families with children continue to be among those hardest impacted by the COVID pandemic and its after-effects, and are struggling to meet the high costs of necessities due to rising inflation. Furthermore, Federal pandemic supports are running out while need remains for many families across the state.

Our policy recommendations are the result of data analysis, and focus on systemic change that centers children and families – especially those impacted by poverty. Ending child poverty must focus on upstream, long-term solutions that bring lasting change.

Read our full Policy Priorities for Child and Family Well-Being document, with detailed legislative steps for achieving each policy goal.

Read more on the Schuyler Insider Blog.

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**Schuyler Conversations: Medicaid and Kids**

*Monday, 11/7*

Our next Schuyler Conversation will focus on the role of Medicaid in the well-being of New York’s children.

The discussion will include insights from Kinda Serafi, Partner at Manatt Health; Kate Breslin, Schuyler Center President and CEO; and Lara Kassel, Medicaid Matters New York coordinator.

Join us (on Zoom!) on November 7th at 3pm.
Register here.

Join Schuyler Center and Medicaid Matters New York for a conversation featuring Kinda Serafi, Partner at Manatt Health, on the importance of Medicaid to the health and well-being of NY's children.

Register to receive the link to the live conversation.

Testimony on Public Assistance Benefits

On October 26, Crystal Charles testified on Schuyler Center's behalf at the NYS Assembly Standing Committee on Social Services hearing on Public Assistance Benefits in New York State.

Schuyler Center's testimony outlined recommendations for strengthening, expanding, and increasing access to public assistance programs that are proven to reduce child poverty.

Find SCAA's full written testimony here: scaany.org/resources/

A recording of the testimony is available here. Crystal's testimony begins around the 3:22:01 mark.

Early Childhood Oral Health Summit - Nov. 14

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood illness. It is five times more prevalent than asthma, and potentially
every bit as disruptive to a child’s ability to learn. Children who suffer from dental pain have, on average, lower grades than students with healthier teeth. Despite the fact that it is largely preventable, oral health challenges remain prevalent in many communities across New York State.

**Schuyler Center is proud to co-sponsor the upcoming Early Childhood Oral Health Summit.** The free, one-day event will be held in Albany on Monday, November 14.  Please register to join us.

On the [Schuyler Insider Blog](https://email.everyaction.com/EmailMessage/PreviewMessage/614721fc-b65b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f), Schuyler Center Senior Policy Analyst Bridget Walsh shares the importance of childhood oral health, and the systemic barriers to oral healthcare.

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**Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood illness.** It's time to address this serious issue in the health of New York State’s children.

**Early Childhood Oral Health Summit**

**November 14, 2022**

**Empire State Plaza**

**Albany, NY**

Registration is Now Open.  
(Participation is free.)

In the News

Advocates emphasize importance of funding for children and families primary prevention services - includes interview with Schuyler Center’s Crystal Charles (WENY News, 10/18/22)

Advocates for children and families plot 2023 priorities - Interview with Schuyler Center’s Dede Hill (Capitol Pressroom, 10/12/22)

Child poverty council scheduled to start work (Capitol Pressroom, 10/6/22)

Commentary: We can end child poverty. Why don’t we? (Times Union, 10/5/22)

Why You Can’t Find Child Care: 100,000 Workers Are Missing (New York Times, 10/13/22)

NYS Child Poverty Reduction Advisory has first meeting (WTEN, 10/13/22)

New York State Child Poverty Advisory Council meets for the first time today (WENY News, 10/13/22)

New York Aims to Tackle Child Poverty (The Imprint, 10/12/22)

Using the state tax code to fight poverty (Capitol Pressroom, 9/19/22)

The Reason Child Care Is So Hard to Afford (The Atlantic, 10/1/22)

Opinion | The Sad, Familiar Demise of the Expanded Child Tax Credit (Politico, 9/28/22)

The child care crisis just keeps getting worse (Vox, 9/27/22)

U.S. Child Care: Parents Can’t Afford It and Workers Can’t Afford to Live (Capital & Main, 9/21/22)

How many people are really facing poverty in the U.S.? (Marketplace, 9/15/22)

New evidence on how bringing back the expanded Child Tax Credit will help America’s kids (Daily News, 9/14/22)


Poverty and uninsured rates drop, thanks to pandemic-era policies (NPR, 9/13/22)

How Poverty Programs Aided Children From One Generation to the Next (New York Times, 9/12/22)


Hochul: Child tax credit checks to hit mailboxes soon - (Spectrum News, 9/8/22)

Women still exhausted, burnt out by COVID-era workforce challenges - (Times Union, 9/2/22)

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