Schuyler Insider for December 9, 2022
It's Time to Act: Poverty Fighting Priorities

Rally to Put Children Before Corporations!

TOMORROW, Dec 10 at 11am, Schuyler Center, advocacy partners, parents, direct service agencies, and elected officials will rally in New York City at the Wall Street Bull to demand that Congress oppose any new tax breaks for wealthy corporations until the expanded, monthly Child Tax Credit is renewed.

The American Rescue Plan’s refundable Child Tax Credit slashed childhood poverty by unprecedented margins – all while dramatically reducing food insecurity, revitalizing rural communities, and empowering individuals to pursue meaningful work. According to the Census Bureau, child poverty across the nation dropped by roughly one half while the Child Tax Credit was in effect, keeping an estimated 9.6 million people out of hardship.

Congress has a chance to renew the expanded tax credit NOW, before the end of the year. Join the rally to call on Congress to take action for our children.

ACTION ALERT!

Join us in urging Congress to take action using this quick form.
State of New York's Children Data Briefing: January 11, 2023

The State of New York's Children event kicks off Schuyler Center's state budget and legislative advocacy for the year, highlighting the policies we are advancing that improve child health and well-being, enable families to achieve economic security, and augment quality early childhood opportunities so that all New York children have a fair opportunity to grow up healthy, educated, and resilient.

This year's data briefing will be held on January 11, 2023, at 9am in Albany. Registration coming soon.
Good oral health helps children perform well in school and lead healthy lives. Although dental disease is largely preventable, access to oral health care is often overlooked in policy discussions about child health. Schuyler Center has been leading efforts to bring focus to prevention initiatives and expand access to services.

On December 19 at 12:30pm, join us for a conversation with Anthony J. Mendicino Jr, DDS, Dental Director, Finger Lakes Community Health and Dionne Richardson, DDS MPH, State Dental Director at New York State Department of Health. The discussion will focus on the NYS Department of Health's approach to improving children's oral health and innovative approaches to providing services to families.

Register today for this live Zoom conversation.
NYS Comptroller Releases Report on Poverty in NY

Almost 2.7 million New Yorkers, or 13.9% of the state’s population, lived in poverty in 2021, compared to 12.8% of all Americans, according to the first in a series of reports released this week by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli examining “New Yorkers in Need.” While poverty rates in the state declined prior to the pandemic, they were higher in 2021 than in 2019. New York ranked 13th among all states and had a higher rate of people in poverty than neighboring states and most large states.

Schuyler Center's policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session are focused on policy solutions that will reduce poverty in NYS, especially among children and families. Learn more about our 2023-24 priorities.

Support Schuyler Center's Poverty-Fighting Mission

Schuyler Staff Travels

As travel continues to pick up, many members of the Schuyler team have been traveling to learn and to present our work.

This week, Lara Kassel, the Medicaid Matters Coordinator, traveled to Buffalo to participate in a policy convening hosted by the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York. Titled "Health Equity Priorities in NYS' Medicaid Program," the convening focused on ways health care providers and social services providers will contribute to health equity. Lara brought her perspective as Coordinator to the Medicaid Matters coalition and its work related to health equity in Medicaid to a panel titled "Understanding Health Equity," which aimed to bring a deeper understanding of what it will take for the New Yorkers to experience greater health equity.

Also this week, Senior Policy Analyst Crystal Charles attended the SPARC 2022 Annual Convening and 10th Anniversary celebration. The State Policy Advocacy + Reform Center, a national network of child welfare advocates, provides state partners with crucial peer learning, support, and information we use to strengthen our advocacy efforts. Crystal also co-facilitated a session focused on the Future of SPARC – Looking Forward to the Next 10 Years, where partners discussed the direction of SPARC.

And last month, Director of Policy Dede Hill traveled to Chicago for the Alliance for Early Success CONNECT22 conference. The conference brought together early childhood policy advocates from every state to share resources and best practices for ensuring that every child, birth through eight, has an equal opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Upcoming Events

Dec 10 - Rally for the Child Tax Credit in NYC, 11am at the Wall Street Bull

Dec 19 - Schuyler Conversation on Childhood Oral Health Policy

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Jan. 11 - State of New York's Children - registration coming in December

The Latest News & Reports on Schuyler Priorities

New York behind rest of U.S. in reducing poverty, state comptroller says  (Times Union, 12/9/22)

Lawmakers propose permanent $1,500 state child tax credit to reduce rising poverty.  (State of Politics, 12/8/22)

March of Dimes 2022 Report Card for New York

Health and Learning Are Deeply Interconnected in the Body - Report by Harvard University Center on the Developing Child, 11/2022

Reducing Child Poverty in New York State Through the Empire State Child Credit - Raising New York report, Fall 2022

Defining the Care Workforce: A New Way to Think about Employment in Healthcare, Education, and Social Services - Rockefeller Institute report, 11/2022

Racism is a Public Health Issue (America Dissected podcast, 10/11/22)

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 (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)

Pandemic Aid Cut U.S. Poverty to New Low in 2021, Census Bureau Reports  (New York Times, 9/13/22)
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)


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