



Schuyler Center Statement in Response to Governor Hochul’s Historic Universal Child Care Proposal:

[Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy](#) celebrates this landmark moment as New York State and Governor Hochul continue to lead the way with policies and investments that support families across the state. Crucially, the child care promise put forward today prioritizes low-income families and communities by making sure there is enough funding for the Child Care Assistance Program.

This historic proposal is a testament to decades of unflagging efforts from parents, child care educators, grassroots organizers, and advocates from communities across New York State.

We applaud the leadership of Governor Hochul, who has championed child care for decades - long before it was a widely popular policy.

Mayor Mamdani’s bold vision for child care in New York City has brought new momentum and commitment to child care as a path to economic security, affordability, and stability for families, businesses, and the city.

Schuyler Center has been a leader in advocating for universal pre-k and child care for nearly 30 years – in 1997 SCAA co-convoked the Child Care That *Works* Campaign that, three years later, helped secure almost \$120 million in available child care subsidies to working families and \$40 million for a worker recruitment and retention program.

That campaign laid the foundation for universal child care. We have been advocating for a universal child care system that works for all families and child care educators ever since. Since 2017, Schuyler Center has been a founder and leader of the [Empire State Campaign for Child Care](#), which has advanced significant investments in statewide child care assistance, the child care workforce, and a roadmap to [New York State Child Care for All](#).

Governor Hochul has fortified that foundation through investments in child care assistance and the workforce. Today’s announcement puts New York State on the path to construct a

statewide a child care system that works for all New York’s families, child care educators, and communities.”

New Data Released on How NY’s Children are Faring and State Policy Priorities

Just released - View the [2026 State of New York’s Children Data Book here](#).

Join Schuyler Center for [a virtual media briefing on new data reflecting the State of New York’s Children](#) tomorrow 1/9 at 11am.

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