

## STATEMENT

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### **With Governor Hochul's Child Care Legislation Veto, Families Will Continue to Face Unnecessary, Harmful Barriers to Full-Time Child Care**

Shoshana Hershkowitz, Campaign Manager for the Empire State Campaign for Child Care, states:

"We are deeply disappointed that Governor Hochul has vetoed legislation that would have allowed more New York families to access full-time child care. In doing so, she rejected an opportunity to bring the state closer to a truly supportive, responsive child care system by continuing the harmful policy of strictly tying the hours a child can be in care to the exact hours families receiving assistance are working, in class, or training.

"Every year that New York fails to end this unnecessary practice at the state level is another year that children don't receive the consistent early education they deserve, single mothers miss prenatal doctors appointments and struggle to complete their degrees, gig and shift workers are turned away from child care programs, and child care educators struggle to make ends meet while serving their communities.

"This is a hardship that has been inflicted on low-income, primarily Black, brown, and immigrant families in New York for too long. With more families becoming newly enrolled in child care assistance who once paid tuition for care, they too will begin to experience the many unnecessary restrictions placed on families who turn to the state for help to cover the dramatically rising costs for the child care they need.

"Governor Hochul can demonstrate that she truly believes in the transformative change necessary to break down barriers to child care assistance by including this legislation in her upcoming Executive Budget alongside permanent, meaningful investment in the child care workforce and significant progress towards care infrastructure that truly meets the needs of New York's children and families."

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*Empire State Campaign for Child Care is a statewide campaign dedicated to achieving equitable, universal child care in New York State.*