



July 12, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

Thank you for your longstanding support of and dedication to child care as Governor, and throughout your career as an elective official and leader. This 2022 NYS Legislative Session achieved historic, foundational steps forward on the path to universal child care. The undersigned New York parents, child care providers, child and family advocates, unions and provider networks – all members of the Empire State Campaign for Child Care – call on you to immediately sign into law two important bills that await your signature.

- A.7661 (Hevesi)/S.6655-A (Brisport) – Decoupling child care subsidies from parents' hours of work.
- A.10209-A (Lunsford)/S.9029 (Ramos) – 24-Month Eligibility Option which permits local social service districts to authorize families to receive child care assistance for up to 24 months between eligibility determinations.

These pieces of legislation begin to remove some of the formidable barriers preventing eligible families from accessing child care subsidies, among them families where parents work fluctuating hours or are part of the gig economy. Taken together, the budget and legislative wins move New York toward a system that provides affordable, quality child care for more New York families, and sustainable compensation to child care providers.

We call upon you to sign and implement the decoupling bill (A.7661 (Hevesi)/S.6655-A (Brisport)) and 24-month-eligibility option (A.10209-A (Lunsford)/S.9029 (Ramos)) without delay. We look forward to announcing your decisive action, and continuing to work with you to keep New York moving steadily toward the goal of high-quality, equitable child care for all the state's families.

Respectfully yours,

Empire State Campaign for Child Care

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 Child Care Solutions, Inc.
 Child Development Council
 Child Development Support Corporation
 Citizen Action of New York
 Citizens' Committee for Children
 Committee for Hispanic Children & Families (CHCF)
 Day Care Council of New York
 De-Amazing Daycare
 Early Care & Learning Council
 ECE On The Move
 Educational Alliance
 Enchanted Kingdom Daycare
 God's Design Child Care
 Goddard Riverside Community Center
 Great Achievement, Inc.
 Grandama's Hands
 Jennys Exploring Minds Daycare!
 League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County
 Liftoff WNY
 Low Income Investment Fund
 Miriam Group Daycare
 My First Step Enrichment Program
 New Millennium Daycare
 New York Association for the Education of Young Children
 New York Civil Liberties Union
 New York State Network for Youth Success
 Ossining Children's Center
 Pampered Family Child Care
 Parents Supporting Parents NY
 Partnership for the Public Good
 Prevent Child Abuse NY
 Queens Community House
 Rise Magazine
 Robin Hood Foundation
 Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI)
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 The Children's Agenda

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