



ADVOCACY ALERT

PRIORITIZE CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES in the 2023-2024 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

Join WCA in our unwavering advocacy
for policies and resolutions that aid in the betterment of children,
particularly New York's most vulnerable.

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officials to keep kids at the top of the public agenda.**

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Child Poverty: Each passing day that New York fails to prioritize ending child poverty holds significant consequences for our children in poverty. Childhood experiences of poverty and trauma can lead to long-lasting developmental impacts, including permanent changes to the structure and function of the brain due to the stress of poverty. Given the high stakes, the state must address child poverty without delay, regardless of fiscal challenges.

Early Childhood Supports and Home Visiting: During the crucial period of 0-3 years old, home visiting and early childhood support services have been found to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect, enhance school readiness, and enhance the well-being of both parents and children.

Mental Health: The impact of COVID-19, including the social, academic, and financial challenges, has resulted in a growing concern regarding the mental health of children, youth and families.

Child and Youth Homelessness: By enhancing access to secure and affordable housing, more families will be eligible for support services, thereby increasing the provision of safe and

nurturing environments for children to thrive and prosper.

Youth Justice: Breaking the cycle that often results in lifelong struggles to achieve success and become productive members of society involves providing youth with the support they require, increasing the availability of alternatives to incarceration, promoting positive outcomes, and addressing systemic obstacles to education, housing, and employment.

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