

## Advocacy Alert!

Advocate for children & families in the 2025-26 NYS Budget!

Contact your representatives!

## **Child Care Call Script:**

## Introduction:

"Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent from [Your Town/City]. I'm joining Westchester Children's Association and fellow statewide child advocates to urge [Senator/Assemblymember Name] to support key policies addressing child care in New York State."

## **Key Points:**

"The first years of a child's life are crucial to their development. However, the cost of child care makes it challenging for families to access education during these important years in a child's life."

- "Support child care workforce retention by investing in in a permanent child care workforce compensation fund. Please also increase state funding by \$300 million to the Child Care Assistance Program, and allocate \$180 million to enhance the Learning and Enrichment Afterschool Program Supports (LEAPS) grant.
- **Closing**: "Thank you for your time and leadership. I urge you to support these important policies for the future of our children and communities."