

Advocacy Alert!

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

Contact your representatives!

Child Poverty 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 poverty in New York State.”

Key Points:

“ 700,000 children statewide live below the federal poverty level. To address this, we must permanently lift families out of poverty.”

- “Please support the passage of the **New York Working Families Tax Credit** and increase the **Empire State Child Credit** to \$1,500 per child. This will help families exit poverty.”
- “We also need to expand the **Housing Access Voucher Program** to ensure affordable housing for New York’s low-income families. Additionally, please create and fund the **Healthy School Meals for All Program**.”

Closing: “Thank you for your time and leadership. I urge you to support these important policies for the future of our children and communities.”