

1 **NYSAC 2024 Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services**  
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Urging Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to**  
6 **Provide More Direct State Resources to Address Child Care Deserts by**  
7 **Increasing Incentives to Attract and Train More Child Care Workers, Boost**  
8 **Retention Efforts, and Attract Facilities in the Most Underserved Areas**

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10 **WHEREAS**, the New York State Association of Counties applauds the Governor and  
11 Legislature for committing substantial funding and incentives to families to reduce the  
12 cost of child care services for low and middle income taxpayers; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul recently launched a digital portal to help make free or  
15 low-cost child care more accessible to eligible families statewide through New York  
16 State’s Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the new electronic application initiative follows an historic \$1.8 billion  
19 state and federal investment in CCAP secured by Governor Hochul in the adopted  
20 SFY25 Budget; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, CCAP can cover more than 90 percent of market rate child care costs for  
23 most eligible families, with most families of four paying no more than \$15 per week for  
24 child care; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, prior state investments in child care include a total four-year commitment  
27 of \$7 billion to improve the child care assistance program by:

- expanding income eligibility for child care assistance to more than half of young children in New York;
- increasing state reimbursement rates to providers to expand the number of programs from which families can choose;
- investing \$50 million to establish a child care capital program;
- investing \$343 million to stabilize programs at risk of closure and support the child care workforce; and
- investing \$15.6 million to expand child care to all SUNY and CUNY campuses;  
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29 **WHEREAS**, even with these historic investments many New York families cannot take  
30 advantage of these generous state incentives as many areas of the state lack necessary  
31 child care providers and facilities.

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
33 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and State Legislature to focus more investment

1 on increasing the number of child care professionals and facilities in New York state, to  
2 ensure eligible families can access expanded child care incentives provided by the state;  
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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, these additional investments should first target  
6 known child care deserts and areas with a lack of child care providers and facilities; and

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8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the state must look at other modalities of child care  
9 beyond those currently in use that are failing to create enough child care slots, providers  
10 and facilities; other areas that should be considered include incentivizing and  
11 encouraging different facilities, such as schools, nursing homes and employers to open  
12 up child care centers; and

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14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the state must maintain these child care investments  
15 and incentives in the future to ensure counties and local taxpayers are not burdened  
16 with dramatic increases in costs in the absence of state support; and

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of  
19 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
22 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed  
23 necessary and proper.