



Child Care

A plan designed to help hardworking families in New York State secure affordable, dependable, safe child care



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Our Goal

The Assembly Minority Conference knows that child care costs in New York State are untenable regardless of income level. Families of all demographics are struggling to find safe, reliable care on top of the climbing costs. Child care should not be equivalent to a second mortgage or more costly than college. Additionally, many families reside in child care deserts where lack of care results in loss of income.

Our Conference's approach is to increase access to care, remove the barriers to getting that care, while also helping working parents keep more of their hard-earned dollars.

State of Affairs

- Out-of-Control Costs of Care**
In New York, the annual cost of care for two children in a center is **\$35,999**, more than college tuition (\$8,579) and housing (\$29,292)
- Least Affordable in the Nation**
As of 2023, New York State had the **least affordable** center-based school-aged care among all states and the District of Columbia
- Child Care Deserts**
New York State has the **"second highest amount of childcare shortages nationwide,"** as 64% of the State lacks regulated child care options

Our Plan

Providing Increased Tax Incentives

- Our plan provides a \$1 billion investment in our child care system through tax credit proposals to provide relief for the ever-increasing child poverty rate.

Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education

- The Assembly Minority calls for a Universal Prekindergarten Aid increase and program improvements.

Increasing Accessibility and Tackling Affordability

- Our Conference proposals include:
 - Working with federal colleagues to reinstate the enhanced child tax credit
 - Changing rules and regulations
 - Creating new ways for families to access child care that cut the red tape of using traditional child care models
 - Requiring reviewing regional cost factors and state barriers impact the availability and affordability of child care.

Provides an estimated **\$2,336** in savings annually for an average family of four!

