



## ***Invest an additional \$190 million dollars in child care:***

- **\$90 million** so that no current children lose child care subsidies as NYS implements new health, safety, and quality initiatives mandated by the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) , and
- **\$100 million** to maintain slots
  - in the face of market rate increases due in June of 2016;
  - as New York implements the expanded eligibility rules required by the CCDBG which are effective October 1, 2016, which will provide 12 months of eligibility regardless of income, guaranteed child care for homeless families and payment for absences.

The recently reauthorized federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) contains health, safety, and quality requirements. These mandated regulations protect children and increase the safety and quality of New York's child care for working families and their children, but there is a cost.

**CCDBG: The costs of implementing only the health and safety components that are federally required will exceed \$90 million in the early years of implementation.**<sup>1</sup> The implications of meeting the new requirements while maintaining the number of children served AND the quality of the services provided, are daunting.

**Without increased funding, this could translate into a loss of care for tens of thousands of children statewide who are currently being served.** New York will need to take significant fiscal, legislative and administrative actions to meet several CCDBG provisions.

The vast majority of children in working families in New York who are eligible for childcare subsidies are unserved due to insufficient funding. Without an increase in the state's investment, parents' ability to provide financial stability for their family and a supportive learning environment for their children is being seriously undermined.

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<sup>1</sup>According to estimates by the Office of Children and Family Services and Division of the Budget. Without taking into account the changes to the subsidy system, simply meeting the increased health and safety requirements of background checks, additional inspections and CPR and first aid training, costs are estimated at approximately \$90 million.

**Strengthened investment in child care will allow Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) to provide consumer education and critical family supports to currently underserved parents across New York State and to assist the child care professionals as they work to improve the quality of their programs.**

As the new and strengthened components of the law are implemented and parents continue to seek access to child care of high quality that is affordable and supports their child's healthy growth and development, NY State's Child Care Resource and Referral Network plays a critical role as providers of:

- Consumer Education
- Family Engagement
- Technical Assistance
- Infant and Toddler Services
- Professional Development/Training

To thousands of parents, child care providers and employers throughout New York State, CCR&Rs are a key component to the complex child care delivery system.

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*The Early Care & Learning Council is a statewide, not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to **promote excellence in early care and education** with equal access for all families. We do this primarily through the support of, and in partnership with, the **nation's strongest network** of 35 community-based organizations that provide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services.*

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