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ALL OUR KIN ON 2-K EXPANSION: ‘MUCH NEEDED – AND LIKE THE CHILDREN IT SERVES, HAS TO BE HANDLED WITH CARE’

Informal Survey of Family Child Care Educators Demonstrates Clear Interest in Becoming 2-K Providers

(New York, NY) – *Following today’s announcement that free 2-K will be made available in some of the most underserved communities in New York City, All Our Kin Policy Director Lara Kyriakou issued the following statement:*

“When we joined Mayor Mamdani, Gov. Hochul, and advocates from across the city, the excitement about expanded early education was palpable. This move toward universal child care is much needed—and like the children it serves, has to be handled with care.

“This program will rely in part on licensed, home-based providers. We have appreciated the opportunity to represent family child care educators in 2-K discussions, as it is clear they want to be part of the solution. An informal survey of 60 educators affiliated with All Our Kin shows many are interested in participating in 2-K, but are unclear about what exactly this would entail. There are concerns that qualified educators who are not in a network will be left behind, and may ultimately need to close their programs.

“The good news is that there are equitable solutions. All Our Kin is committed to working closely with the City administration to ensure that family child care educators can participate in the 2-K program, and we will continue to advocate for the overdue need for livable wages and benefits for the entire child care sector. We must leverage the high-quality home-based educators who are already serving families across the city, while making child care more affordable for the families of New York.”

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