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**FAMILY CHILD CARE ADVANCES ARE APPLAUDED – AND WILL BE COMPLETE
WHEN CITY CLEARS WAITLIST OF CHILDREN**

In response to the adoption of New York City's Fiscal Year 27 budget, which includes millions of dollars for child care and early childhood expansion, Lara Kyriakou, Policy Director for All Our Kin, issued the following statement:

"We applaud Mayor Mamdani's ongoing efforts to engage with and support the child care workforce, as well as [his pledge](#) to ensure that family child care educators are part of the solution. This includes his recent visit with Bronx family child care educator Mercedes Mulholland, part of a listening tour as the first Mayor to visit family child care programs while in office.

"But to address family child care educators' concerns comprehensively, we need an ecosystem of child care options that supports family choice and stabilizes all types of child care. Noticeably absent from the final budget was funding for the more than 25,000 children who are currently on the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) waitlist for child care vouchers. Family child care programs are the most likely to care for children who use vouchers, and are therefore disproportionately impacted by the growing waitlist. Family child care already operates on incredibly thin margins, and the loss of enrollment due to waitlists puts the very programs we need at risk.

"We remain committed to working closely with city and state administrators, and leadership at all levels, to ensure they bring stability quickly to families – and family child care educators."

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[All Our Kin](#) is a national nonprofit organization that trains, supports and sustains family child care educators. Through All Our Kin's programming, educators build sustainable child care businesses, parents have access to stable, high-quality child care, and children gain the educational foundation that lays the groundwork for success in school and life.