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CHILD CARE EXPANSION PLAN ‘A BEACON OF HOPE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW YORKERS’

All Our Kin Urges Lawmakers to Leverage Budget Negotiations, Make Plans a Reality

(New York, NY) - Following Gov. Hochul's announcement of plans to make child care free for all NYC two-year-olds and Pre-K available across the state, Lara Kyriakou, Policy Director for All Our Kin, released the following statement:

“Today’s announcement demonstrates that The Empire State is ready to become a leader in child care reform. After years of struggling to make ends meet – particularly in the City, which has become impossibly expensive for many families – we now have a plan that is a beacon of hope for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers.

“The impact of free child care for all two-year-olds in New York City cannot be overstated. While it will be a tremendous relief for families, it will also be a boon to the five boroughs. Instead of being forced to relocate, parents could work *and* live locally. As lawmakers determine how to fund the plan on a long-term basis, it carries weight that this plan could actually lessen the [child care gap](#) and bolster local economies.

“We applaud the efforts of Gov. Hochul and Mayor Mamdani, and look forward to collaborating with our lawmakers as they make this commitment a reality. This includes ensuring that family child care educators, a critical component of any expansion plan, are engaged in the planning process and finally have prospects of a living wage. As the majority of children under age three are in home-based care, the importance and opportunity for home-based educators and advocates to remain engaged in the planning process is paramount.

“While it is remarkably gratifying to see a groundswell of support for an affordable New York, we need affordability for *all* families, including those who provide child care.”

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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.