

# Comparison: Proposals in the Governor’s Child Care Task Force and the Executive Budget

On January 6, 2025, the Governor’s Child Care Availability Task Force (a Task Force the Governor co-chaired as Lieutenant Governor) released its Roadmap to Universal Child Care. That Roadmap is the culmination of more than 7 years of work by a dedicated group of child care providers, parents, advocates, educators, agency leads, community leaders. It lays out a framework and timeline to phase-in universal child care, and calls attention to the urgent need to prioritize addressing the child care “workforce crisis.” It also calls for New York to prioritize “advanc[ing] equity, [and] ... those New York households struggling the most to attain economic security and opportunity for their children” when making phase-in decisions.

The Governor’s 2025-26 Executive Budget for the most part does not follow the key recommendations made by the Task Force in the Roadmap.

## Key Recommendations of the Governor’s Child Care Availability Task Force



## Governor’s Executive Budget Child Care Proposed Investments

“New York State [must] act with urgency to . . . [i]mplement a permanent line of funding for the child care workforce. . . . Only with permanent funding will child care programs be able to recruit and retain educators.”



**No funding in the Executive Budget for the child care workforce** – not even one-time bonuses or grants, as has been the case the last two years. (2023, educators received bonuses of \$3,000 full time, \$2,300 afterschool; 2024: \$2,250 full time; \$1,725 afterschool.)

“Limit the restrictions to child care assistance based on parents’ employment status, hours worked, and minimum compensation.”



**No funding or language in the Executive Budget to end these rules.** In December, Governor Hochul vetoed two bills to end New York’s rule barring parents from eligibility for child care assistance for earning too little and tying CCAP to the exact hours a parent works.

“[I]ncrease child care subsidy uptake by developing a public awareness campaign and family outreach and engagement plan”



**No new funding for CCAP in the Executive Budget to meet growing demand.** Without more funds, some counties will be forced to turn away eligible families.

“[R]aise [CCAP]rates until they reach the true cost of care, including higher rates for serving children receiving early intervention services and receiving care during nontraditional hours.”



**No funding in the Executive Budget to raise rates for child care programs serving children with developmental delays and disabilities.**

“Identify[] funding to allow immigrant children and children of asylum seekers, who might be ineligible for assistance under federal rules, access to child care assistance.”



**No funding in the Executive Budget to expand access to child care to immigrant New Yorkers.**

“Identify and eliminate regulatory and policy barriers to the establishment of shared substitute pools”



**Funding included in the Executive Budget to create substitute pools (\$3 million)**