# INVESTING IN NEW YORK'S CHILDREN:

WHY THE CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION ADVISORY COUNCIL'S (CPRAC) RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED



#### Governor Hochul's Executive Budget (FY2026) Includes:

- \$800M for Child Tax Credit Expansion
- \$340M for Universal Free School Meals

# Governor Hochul's proposals would reduce child poverty by 17.7%\*

#### CPRAC's Comprehensive Recommendations:

- Fully refundable \$1,500 Child Tax Credit
- Statewide Housing Voucher Program
- Enhanced Public Assistance indexed to inflation
- Expanded SNAP for food security

# CPRAC's recommendations would reduce child poverty by 50%

#### The Data Speaks for Itself:



- Nearly 19% of New York's children are food insecure.
- In the past year, public school students experiencing homelessness have increased by **22%**, with **nearly 1 in 3** of New York's homeless being children.
- Child poverty costs New York \$60 billion annually.

### Why CPRAC's Full Suite of Recommendations is Critical:

**Holistic Impact:** Tax credits and school meals address immediate needs but do not solve systemic issues like housing instability or inflation.

**Evidence-Based Solutions:** CPRAC's proposals are designed to tackle root causes of poverty for sustainable results.

Equity Focus: Ensures racial and economic equity in addressing child poverty statewide.

Governor Hochul's budget takes meaningful steps, but to achieve lasting change, the Governor and Legislatures must fully adopt CPRAC's proven strategies.

# Let's create a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive.