



WNY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
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Call the Governor! Urgent Action on Child Care Needed



Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo made **no** proposals in his State of the State address to strengthen or support child care.

We have one week to make clear to the Governor that the Executive Budget **must** contain a substantial investment in child care. New York's child care system, our children, our families, our dedicated child care educators cannot go another year without investment.

Before Tuesday, January 14, please **call Governor Cuomo** to let him know how important safe, accessible, and affordable child care is to New Yorkers! If 50 of us call each day, we can tie up the lines, be heard, and make a difference!

HOW TO TAKE ACTION:

Call 1-518-474-8390

- To leave it on a voicemail: Press 1
- To leave your message with a person: Press 2

WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU CALL:

Here are some suggested talking points for when you call Governor Cuomo.

I am deeply disappointed that in the Governor's State of the State address, there was no mention of child care at all. That is unacceptable. New York's child care system is in crisis. There has not been a significant increase in child care funding from the state in many years.

Because of that:

- *Parents have trouble finding affordable child care so they can work and support their families.*
- *When they can't find it, children are at risk of being placed in unsafe care.*
- *Child care providers – most of whom are small businesses – can't make enough to make ends meet so they are forced to close and lay off staff.*

I am also very troubled/upset that the Governor appointed a Child Care Availability Task Force in 2018 to study this crisis, and the Task Force presented interim recommendations to you several months ago, but did not mention their recommendations in the State of the State address.

It is essential that the Governor include a significant investment in child care THIS YEAR to prevent more child care provider closures, and to ensure that more low-income families have access to high quality, safe, affordable child care.

You can make a difference!

Please share this email with your families, friends, neighbors, and other networks.

*The WNY Women's Foundation is a member of the
[Empire State Campaign for Child Care](#)
who collaborated on this message.*

WNY WOMEN'S MARCH 2020



SUNDAY, JAN 19 | 1:30-3 PM
NIAGARA SQUARE, BUFFALO



WNY Women's March 2020

**Sunday, January 19
1:30 - 3 p.m.
Niagara Square, Buffalo**

Next weekend, join us at the WNY Women's March!

The **Women's March** has knitted together a powerful movement of people who share a common belief that freedom is for everyone, without exception.

In 2020, we're going all in to fight for our future. Together.

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