

February 2022

Dear Governor Hochul, State Senators and Assembly Members:

In order to be truly “New York Strong” we must first take care of those most vulnerable in our state. One way to do this is to create a budget that uses equity and justice as its guiding principles. Two issues we are advocating for in the 2022 NYS Budget are:

- Closing the **NYS Child Tax Credit** loophole so that it will cover children **ages 0-4**, in order to help low-income families be better able to provide for the needs of these little ones
- Including a **5.4% COLA and a \$500 million investment** in workforce, service, and support in the NYS Budget for **behavioral health** service providers who care for people with addictions and mental illness

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