



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE TASKFORCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Access to quality child care

**PURPOSE:** To examine the barriers to accessing quality child day care and how such lack of access relates to a variety of issues including child development, family stability and the economy.

Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY  
Tuesday, May 23rd  
10:30 a.m.

Research suggests that safe and reliable child care is critical to a family's ability to maintain employment and self-sufficiency, while promoting positive child development. Despite this evidence, many working families across the State are unable to access quality child care. In order to better guide policy decisions to assist parents and their children, it is necessary to identify obstacles to obtaining child care and the implications that lack of access has for families and the community.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the need for increased access to quality child care in New York State as well as the impact on children, families, the labor force and the economy. The Committees and Taskforce are also interested in hearing from stakeholders regarding the adequacy of current State and local funding levels to promote the quality and availability of child care programs.

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Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. In the absence of a request, witnesses will be scheduled in the order in which reply forms are postmarked.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk.

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- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
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