



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

### 2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 9:30 AM

#### HUMAN SERVICES

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| 1. New York State Office of<br>Children and Family Services      | Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden<br>Commissioner |
| 2. New York State Office of Temporary<br>& Disability Assistance | Barbara Guinn<br>Acting Commissioner    |
| 3. New York State Office for the Aging                           | Greg Olsen<br>Acting Director           |
| 4. New York State Department of<br>Veterans' Services            | Rev. Viviana DeCohen<br>Commissioner    |
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#### **PANEL A:**

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| 5. AARP New York                            | Beth Finkel<br>State Director    |
| 6. New York Statewide Senior Action Council | Gail Myers<br>Deputy Director    |
| 7. Essential Care Visitor                   | Marcella Goheen<br>Founder       |
| 8. Lifespan of Greater Rochester            | Ann Marie Cook<br>President/ CEO |

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| 9. Association on Aging in NY               | Rebecca Preve<br>Executive Director |
| 10. New York Foundation for Senior Citizens | Barbara Baer<br>Director            |

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**PANEL B:**

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| 11. ECE on the Move                       | Shanita Bowen<br>Chief Operating Officer                  |
| 12. Citizens Committee for Children of NY | Alice Bufkin<br>Associate Executive Director<br>of Policy |
| 13. Early Care & Learning Council         | Meredith Chimento<br>Executive Director                   |
| 14. Wonder School                         | Chris Bennet<br>CEO                                       |
| 15. Project Guardianship                  | Kimberly George<br>President and CEO                      |

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**PANEL C:**

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| 16. Northern Rivers Family of Services                               | William Gettman<br>CEO                                      |
| 17. The New York Foundling   | Chanya Holness<br>Campaign Manager                          |
| 18. New York Association of Training and<br>Employment Professionals | Sylvie Nelson<br>Executive Director                         |
| 19. Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies                      | Michelle Newman<br>Associate Executive Director,<br>Upstate |

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**PANEL D:**

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| 20. The Children's Agenda                          | Pete Nabozny<br>Policy Director     |
| 21. NY Early Childhood Professional<br>Development | Dona Anderson<br>Executive Director |

22. New York State Network for Youth Success	Jenn O'Connor Policy Consultant
23. Day Care Council of NY	Gregory Brender Chief Policy Officer
24. Ali Forney Center	G Galloway Advocacy Manager
25. Reach out and read of Greater NY	Kari Kurjiaka Director of Literacy & Public Policy

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**PANEL E:**

26. Albany Damien Center	Perry Junjulas Executive Director
27. Legal Services Access Alliance	Stuart Kaufman Managing Attorney
28. SAGE	Lisa Sutz Senior Director SAGEserves Supportive Services
29. Center for Justice Innovation	Kate Wurmfeld Senior Director of Family Court Programs

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**PANEL F:**

30. Supportive Housing Network of New York	Pascale Leone Executive Director
31. New Destiny Housing	Gabriela Sandoval Requena Director of Policy Communications
32. Equity Advocates	Leah Kabran Eden Executive Director
33. New York Immigration Coalition	Dave Basnet Senior Manger of Immigrant Rights Policy
34. Liveon NY	Dora Fisher State Policy Director

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**PANEL G:**

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| 35. Schuyler Center for Analysis<br>And Advocacy | Dede Hill<br>Vice President of Policy          |
| 36. Human Services Council of NY                 | Michelle Jackson<br>Executive Director         |
| 37. Hunger Solutions New York                    | Krista Hesdorfer<br>Director of Public Affairs |
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**PANEL H:**

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| 38. NYS Coalition Against Domestic<br>Violence | Joan Gerhardt<br>Director of Public Policy and<br>Advocacy |
| 39. Homeless Services United                   | Kristin Miller<br>Executive Director                       |
| 40. The Woodstock                              | Loretta Glover<br>Tenant                                   |
| 41. JCCA                                       | Ann Marie Scalia<br>Chief Executive Officer                |
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**PANEL I:**

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| 42. Samuel Waxman Institute for Aging<br>And Cancer | Samuel Waxman<br>MD                       |
| 43. The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research         | Ryan Schofield<br>Chief Executive Officer |
| 44. Friends of NYC Nurse-Family<br>Partnership      | Karin Romans<br>Executive Director        |
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**PANEL J:**

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| 45. Small Business Majority             | Lindsey Vigoda<br>NY Director               |
| 46. Alliance of NYS YMCA's              | Maggie Collins<br>Director of Public Policy |
| 47. NYS Alliance of Boys and Girls Club | Lori Rivenburgh<br>President                |

48. Chinese-American Planning Council

Oybek Ochildiev  
Youth Advocate