



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The state of primary prevention services in New York State

PURPOSE: To discuss the current state of primary prevention programs, as well as potential direction for future development of programs.

**Tuesday, October 18th, 2022
10:00 am
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248**

Primary Prevention is defined as preventing child abuse and maltreatment before it starts by implementing programs and services that are designed to promote the general welfare of children and families. The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), passed in the Federal Budget of 2018, provides a three-tier framework of services for providing aid and ensuring the safety of children across New York State. Distinguished from the other levels of this framework, primary prevention focuses on preventing abuse and neglect before it occurs. FFPSA encourages investment and reinvestment in culturally responsive and accessible primary prevention services in New York State, well before contact with or entry into the child welfare system occurs. Throughout state fiscal years 2019-2021, the state and local share (not including federal funds) in primary prevention programs exceeded \$195 million. Most recently, the SFY 2022-2023 Foster Care Block Grant allocated \$27 million in funding towards the implementation of Family First Prevention Services.

The Committee seeks to obtain input from various stakeholders to ascertain the effect of Primary Prevention on current and future issues that the child welfare system in New York faces, with a focus on what primary preventative services currently exist in our State, as well as receive feedback and recommendations from individuals with experience in providing or receiving primary preventative services.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee 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 no later than **Thursday, October 13th, 2022**.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk or may be submitted by email to the contact listed below no later than one day prior to the hearing. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Chair, Committee on Children and Families

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Primary Prevention Services in NYS to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Children and Families on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to five (5) minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide ten (10) copies of my prepared statement to the hearing registration desk or email my statement in advance to the email address above.
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