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In Response to Governor Cuomo's Child Care Tax Credit Proposal

BUFFALO, NY, JANUARY 11, 2017 — Child Care Resource Network echoes sentiments made by Winning Beginning NY today.

Governor Cuomo's announcement of an Enhanced Middle Class Child Care Tax Credit is a step in the right direction of raising awareness of the child care crisis, but he needs to go much further in his Executive Budget toward addressing the unmet child care needs in New York State.

Unfortunately, this credit will only assist families whose annual income is above \$50,000. **This neglects a huge percentage of the population—and our neediest children.**

Currently, 83% of eligible low-income children do not receive a child care subsidy. New York State, while investing in the middle class, must invest in the working class as well.

We ask Governor Cuomo and the Legislature to increase access to subsidies for the thousands of children who need high-quality care the most. As stated, the cost of child care is an 'increasingly unaffordable expense.' As costs continue to rise due to increased federal regulations, it is our hope that an investment in tax credits will not undermine the need for additional funding within a struggling system.

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