



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

## 2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

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

## HUMAN SERVICES

1. New York State Office of Children and Family Services Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden  
Commissioner

2. New York State Office of Temporary  
& Disability Assistance Barbara Guinn  
Acting Commissioner

4. New York State Department of Veterans' Services Rev. Viviana DeCohen Commissioner

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**PANEL A:**

6. New York Statewide Senior Action Council Gail Myers  
Deputy Director

7. Essential Care Visitor Marcella Goheen  
Founder

## 8. Lifespan of Greater Rochester

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

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**PANEL B:**

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

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**PANEL C:**

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

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**PANEL D:**

20. The Children's Agenda	Pete Nabozny Policy Director
21. NY Early Childhood Professional Development	Dona Anderson 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:**

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

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**PANEL H:**

38. NYS Coalition Against Domestic Vioelnce	Joan Gerhardt Director of Public Policy and Advocacy
39. Homeless Services United	Kristin Miller Executive Director
40. The Woodstock	Loretta Glover Tenant
41. JCCA	Ann Marie Scalia Chief Executive Officer

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**PANEL I:**

42. Samuel Waxman Institute for Aging And Caner	Samuel Waxman MD
43. The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research	Ryan Schofield Chief Executive Officer
44. Friends of NYC Nurse-Family Partnership	Karin Romans Executive Director

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**PANEL J:**

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

48. Chinese-American Planning Council

Oybek Ochildev  
Youth Advocate