



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 5th, 2026 – 9:30 AM

HUMAN SERVICES

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| 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 |
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| 3. New York State Office for the Aging | Greg Olsen
Acting Director |
| 4. New York State Department of
Veterans' Services | Rev. Viviana DeCohen
Commissioner |
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PANEL A:

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

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

PANEL B:

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| 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 |

PANEL C:

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| 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 |

PANEL D:

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

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 |

PANEL G:

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| 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:

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| 38. NYS Coalition Against Domestic
Violence | 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:

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| 42. Samuel Waxman Institute for Aging
And Cancer | 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:

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| 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 Ochildiev
Youth Advocate