

# Young Children *in* Deep Poverty

## PROFILE

Families in deep poverty **HAVE AN INCOME BELOW 50 PERCENT** of the federal poverty level

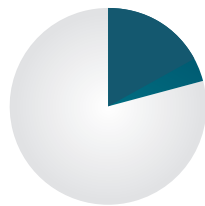
**11%** **UNDER AGE 9**  
{that's **226,359** kids}  
live in deep poverty in New York State

**4 of 5** New York State counties with the highest % of kids under 6 years in deep poverty are **located in Western and Central New York\***

For a single parent of two children, annual income for families in each low-income group in 2016 was:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Poverty thresholds for 2016 by size of family and number of related children under 18 years.



<b>21%</b> <b>Bronx</b> COUNTY	<b>17%</b> <b>Oneida</b> COUNTY
<b>19%</b> <b>Oswego</b> COUNTY	<b>17%</b> <b>Franklin</b> COUNTY
<b>18%</b> <b>Montgomery</b> COUNTY	

\*2011-2015

## IMPACT

Young children in poverty:



Are more likely to experience adversities that may **greatly limit their opportunities** for success as adults



Have **higher rates of chronic health conditions** such as asthma and diabetes<sup>1</sup>



Have a greater incidence of **learning difficulties, developmental delays, and behavior problems**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Duncan, Greg J., Katherine Magnuson, and Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal. "Boosting family income to promote child development." *The Future of Children* 24, no. 1 (2014): 99-120.

Make families with children in deep poverty **eligible** for the **EMPIRE STATE CHILD CREDIT**

and

**DOUBLE THE CREDIT** per child for children under age 4

**EXPAND THE SUPPLY** of high-quality **EARLY CARE** and **EDUCATION** programs in **HIGH-POVERTY** communities

Invest in training and support for **maternal depression screening**

## SOLUTIONS

Increase the state's investment in evidence-based **HOME VISITING PROGRAMS** that target the youngest children in the poorest families

**MORE THAN 150,000** under age 6 that are in deep poverty could benefit from evidence-based home visiting programs, **BUT ONLY ABOUT 13,085 SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE**

National Center for Children in Poverty, Young Child Risk Calculator. <http://www.nccp.org/tools/risk/> Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy. Numbers Tell a Story: New York State Home Visiting County Data Snapshots. <http://www.scaany.org/policy-areas/maternal-infant-and-early-childhood/numbers-tell-a-story-new-york-state-home-visiting-data-snapshots/>

Develop policies that integrate **SAFETY NET SUPPORTS**, high-quality early care **AND** education **OR** home visiting programs + workforce preparation

**ESTABLISH FAMILY BENEFIT CENTERS**

Implement an evidence-based **TWO-GENERATION PROGRAM STATEWIDE**

Learn more in the full report, *New York State Profile of Young Children in Deep Poverty*.