

1 **NYSAC 2023 Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services**  
3 **Resolution #1**

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5 **Resolution Urging the Governor and New York State Legislature to Restore**  
6 **Critical State Funding Support for Child Welfare Services, Safety Net**  
7 **Programs and to Fully Fund the Recent Foster Care Rate Settlement with**  
8 **State Resources and Assist Counties in Locating Additional Child Care**  
9 **Providers**

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11 **WHEREAS**, over the last 15 years the state has devolved away from their historic and  
12 constitutional responsibilities of providing social services and support for low-income  
13 families and individuals, as demonstrated through significant reductions in state  
14 financial support for these programs, thereby shifting state costs and responsibilities to  
15 counties and New York City; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the state budget is making a major infusion of child care dollars available  
18 to counties and counties do not have the child care providers available to meet the  
19 existing demand; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the reduction of state fiscal match from 65 percent to 62 percent for child  
22 welfare services, and lowering state fiscal matching funds for Safety Net Programs from  
23 50 percent to 29 percent along with maximizing federal funding to offset some of this  
24 loss, but the federal funds no longer offset losses for most counties today; and  
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26 **WHEREAS**, state funding support for the Foster Care Block Grant was cut by \$62  
27 million in state fiscal year 2018, a 14 percent reduction; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, many counties have child care deserts that prevent expending the child  
30 care funds allocated to local district; and  
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32 **WHEREAS**, the SFY 2023 adopted budget also included provisions to settle  
33 longstanding state litigation related to inadequate foster care rates paid to foster  
34 parents, with no consultation with counties, a new extraordinary rate is being  
35 developed.  
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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
38 Counties (NYSAC) urges the Governor and the Legislature to restore the state open  
39 ended child welfare matching rate to 65 percent; and  
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC urges the Governor and Legislature to restore  
42 state matching support for Safety Net programs to 50 percent; and  
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC urges the state to fully fund with state  
45 resources 100 percent of increased costs related to the foster care rate settlement

1 reached with The Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York, and the new  
2 extraordinary rate that is currently in development that the state negotiated; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC urges the state to provide assistance to  
5 developing an adequate pool of childcare providers to meet anticipated demand; and

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7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of  
8 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
11 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed  
12 necessary and proper.