



2020 PRIORITY PEDIATRIC POLICY, BUDGET & PRACTICE ISSUES

New York State American Academy of Pediatrics (NYS AAP)
A Coalition of AAP NY Chapters 1, 2 & 3

RAISE REVENUE. DO NOT CUT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ADDRESS MASSIVE BUDGET DEFICIT

We Propose the State Raise Revenue to Close the Anticipated \$6 Billion Budget Deficit

- Wealth Tax on New York Billionaires
- Stock Transfer Tax
- Pied a Terre Tax

The implementation of these specific taxes will more than close the budget gap. The taxes will not impact the lives of 99% of New Yorkers. Those who can afford to help in these difficult times can and should be asked to give more, so those who have so little will not be asked to have even less.

In Addition, We Ask that New York State

Address the looming program collapse of the State's Early Intervention Program. The program requires a 5 % budget increase just to survive. Babies and toddlers with both physical and developmental challenges are being held on waiting lists for months. Delaying vital early intervention services has the potential to severely impact the life time chances of most of these babies. There are no waiting lists for child development. Children can't wait.

Increase investments in quality accessible Infant and Child Care. We are asking for an additional \$30 million in child care funds for the families and children of New York.

Increase investment to make our required Reduction of the Action Lead Blood Levels from 10ug/dL to 5ug/dL a reality. Passing legislation is only step one. To actually reduce the blood lead levels for infants, toddlers and young children requires more resources. We recommend an additional \$36 million in this year's budget to address poisonous lead reduction across the state.

Other Policy & Budget Issues of Priority Include:

- **Provide State Services Backstop for all undocumented families and children's services that are at risk due to changes in Federal Public Charge Rule**
 - Health Care, Nutritional Supports, Housing
 - Census Targeted Help to Ensure Kids Count in communities with high numbers of undocumented New Yorkers
 - Legal Protections from Deportation
- **Provide resources to assure that current projects moving toward practice transformation remain on schedule and can truly positively impact the availability of integrated primary care in pediatrics**
- **Support all efforts to strengthen New York's immunization laws and regulations**

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of Priority Include:
(continued)***

- **Ban All Flavored Tobacco Products**
- **Ban all E-Cigs, Vapes & Related Products**
- **Create and Implement a Fair School Funding Formula, Providing Adequate Resources to Schools in Low Income Communities**
- **Implement Pediatrics 3.0 as proposed by the First 1,000 Days work group**
- **Ensure Clean Drinking Water for all Child Care Centers**
- **Provide 5 Days of Paid Vacation to all Workers**
- **Protect the Health and Well-being of infants, children and adolescents as the state moves to legalize recreational use of marijuana**

