



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2024 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

January 31, 2024 – 9:30 AM

HUMAN SERVICES

PANEL A:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. New York State Office of
Children and Family Services | Suzanne Miles-Gustave Esq.
Acting Commissioner |
| 2. New York State Office of Temporary
& Disability Assistance | Barbara Guinn
Acting Commissioner |

PANEL B:

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

PANEL C:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 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 |

PANEL D:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 9. ECE on the Move | Shanita Bowen
Chief Operating Officer |
| 10. Chinese – American Planning Council | Jessica Hsieh
Respite Coordinator |
| 11. Early Care & Learning Council | Meredith Chimento
Executive Director |
| 12. All Our Kin | Steve Morales
NY Policy Director |

PANEL E:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 13. Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy | Dorothy Hill
Policy Director |
| 14. Cornell ILR Buffalo Co-Lab | Steve Peraza
Senior Research and Policy
Associate |
| 15. New York Association of Training and
Employment Professionals | Therese Daly
Interim Executive Director |
| 16. Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies | Michelle Newman
Associate Executive Director,
Upstate |

PANEL F:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 17. Raising NY | Jenn O'Connor
Coalition Lead |
| 18. New York State
Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs | Lori Rivenburg
CEO |
| 19. New York State Network for Youth Success | Kelly McMahon
CEO |
| 20. The Bridge Project | Stephanie Silkowski
Director of Policy and
Strategic Initiatives |
| 21. Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance | Katelyn Ryan
Director |

PANEL G:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 22. Albany Damien Center | Perry Junjulas
Executive Director |
| 23. SAGE - Advocacy & Services
for LGBTQ+ Elders | MJ Okma
Senior Manager for
Advocacy and Government
Relations |
| 24. Equality New York | Erin Brigid
Community Organizer |

PANEL H:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 25. Supportive Housing Network of New York | Stephen Piasecki
State Policy Manager |
| 26. New Destiny Housing | Gabriela Sandoval Requena
Director of Policy
Communications |
| 27. Immigration Law & Justice New York | Rev. Paul Fleck
Executive Director |
| 28. Center for NYC Affairs, The New School | Lauren Melodia
Deputy Director, Economic
and Fiscal Policies |

PANEL I:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 29. New York State Coalition Against
Domestic Violence | Joan Gerhardt
Director of Public Policy
And Advocacy |
| 30. Bivona Child Advocacy Center | Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres
President & CEO |
| 31. Hunger Solutions New York | Krista Hesdorfer
Director of Public Affairs |
| 32. Hudson Valley National Center for
Veteran Reintegration | Gavin Walters
NYSY Dwyer Coalition
Facilitaor |
-