SUPPORT NEW YORK STATE’S ECONOMIC GROWTH

WHEN QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE IS NOT AVAILABLE...

NYS BUSINESSES PAY THE PRICE

5 TO 9 MISSED WORKING DAYS every year due to child care problems

75% – 150% of employees annual salary = cost of turnover for individual businesses

$3 BILLION yearly lost productivity for U.S. businesses

FAMILIES PAY THE PRICE

$27,092 average annual cost for child care for two children in NYS

$8.3 BILLION yearly lost wages for U.S. families

THE GOOD NEWS WHEN QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE...

ONE DOLLAR INVESTED IN CHILD CARE GENERATES $1.86 IN ADDITIONAL SPENDING equal or better than most business incentives

ABSENTEEISM AND TURNOVER INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

SAVES $16 IN COST OF SOCIAL SERVICES lower dropout rates, poverty levels and criminal activity

$6.7 BILLION IN NEW SPENDING

80,000 NEW JOBS would be generated from a $3.6 billion investment in quality early care and education for all NYS children

INVEST IN CHILD CARE FOR NEW YORK... IT JUST MAKES SENSE!
NEW YORK’S FUTURE WORKFORCE

is being shaped today in our schools and child care programs. Quality early learning is the first step towards developing critical 21st century workforce skills that will drive New York State’s growth now and in the future.

HAVING MY CHILD BEING IN A WELL-OPERATED DAYCARE PROVIDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RARELY MISS TIME FROM WORK. AS A RESULT, AND UNLIKE OTHERS IN MY DEPARTMENT, I WAS SELECTED FOR A PROMOTION DUE TO MY RELIABILITY AND HARD WORK.”

“I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE MY WORK HOURS FROM PART-TIME TO 40 A WEEK, BUT COULD NOT AFFORD THE CHILD CARE COSTS ON MY OWN. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE WDI SUBSIDY, I WOULD HAVE HAD TO DECREASE MY WORK HOURS BACK TO PART-TIME.”

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“ACHIEVING A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM AND CREATING A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE BEGINS WITH HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.”

— U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INSTITUTE FOR A COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE

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