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High quality and affordable child care allows parents and guardians in New York State to attend work.

The pictures and quotes within this booklet come from families across New York State who depend on high quality child care to attend work and stay employed.

Dependable child care is supported by the New York State **Child Care Resource & Referral** Network, which is comprised of 34 nonprofit agencies that cover all 62 New York counties.

A **Child Care Resource & Referral** agency is the cornerstone of the community, and connects families, child care providers and employers to build a stronger community by:

- providing parents and guardians with the tools to find affordable and high quality child care;
- delivering training, technical assistance and resources to child care businesses;
- supporting a ready workforce free from child care worries so employers can thrive and grow

New York's families need Governor Cuomo to include funding for child care in the state budget.



*“Due to the high cost of quality child care, I've had to quit my job to stay home with my children. We went from being able to afford our bills to needing public assistance to make ends meet **because we cannot afford to pay for child care.**”*

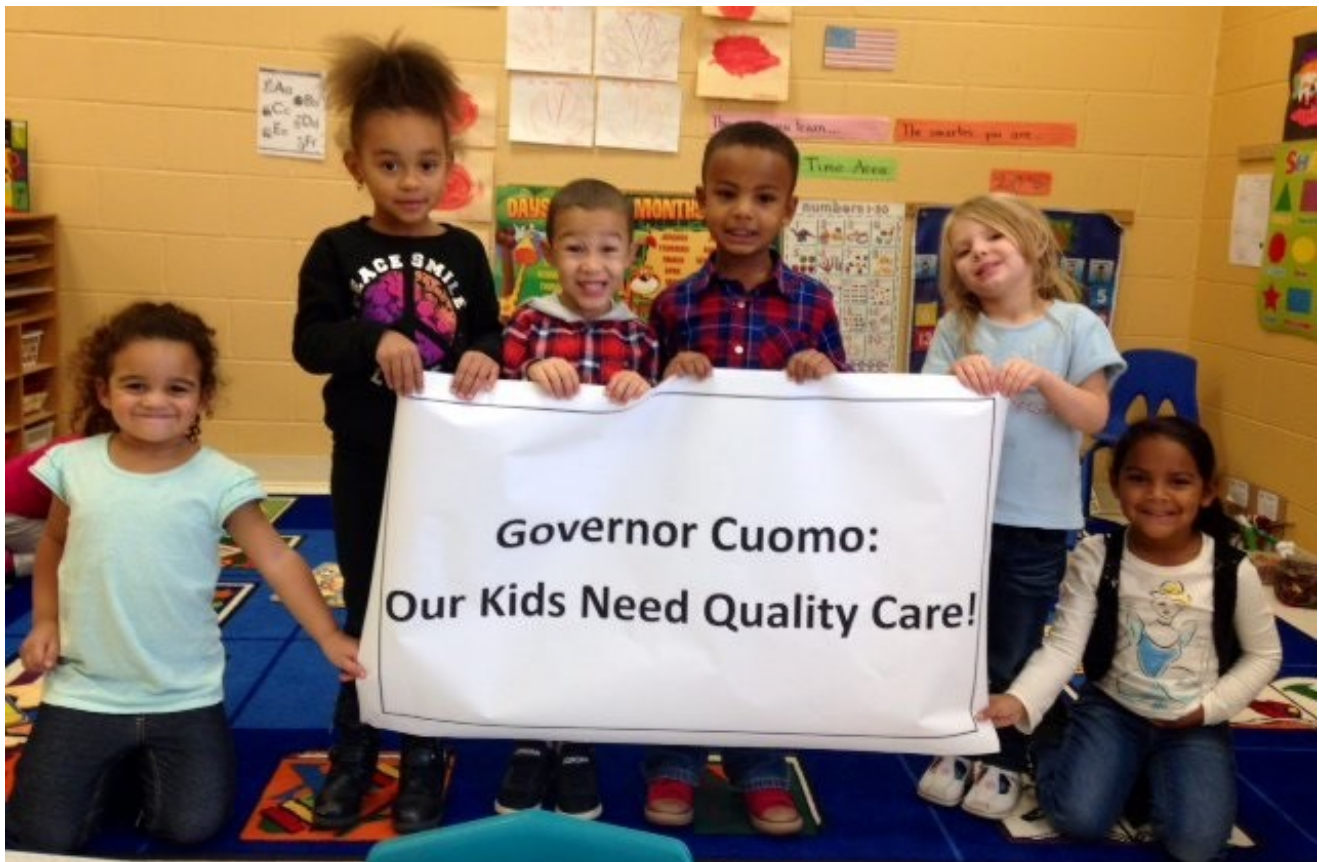
- Parent in Broome county





"I was forced to put off bills and got disconnected because of it, to cover child care."

- Parent in Niagara country



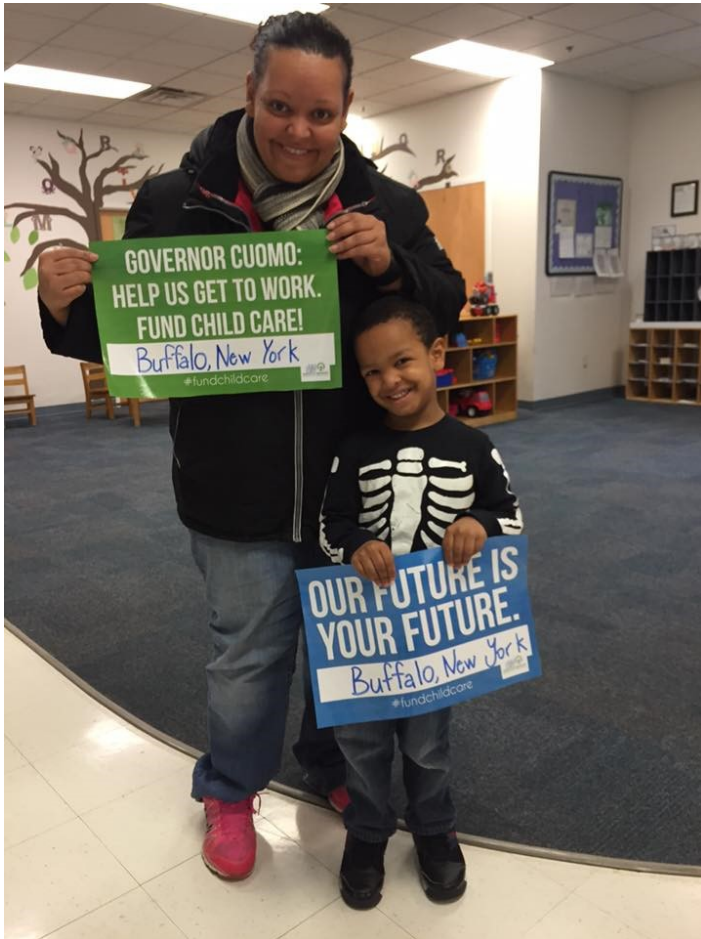


“My work is impacted because my center has a sick policy and I did not have a back-up on those days.”

- Parent in Oneida county

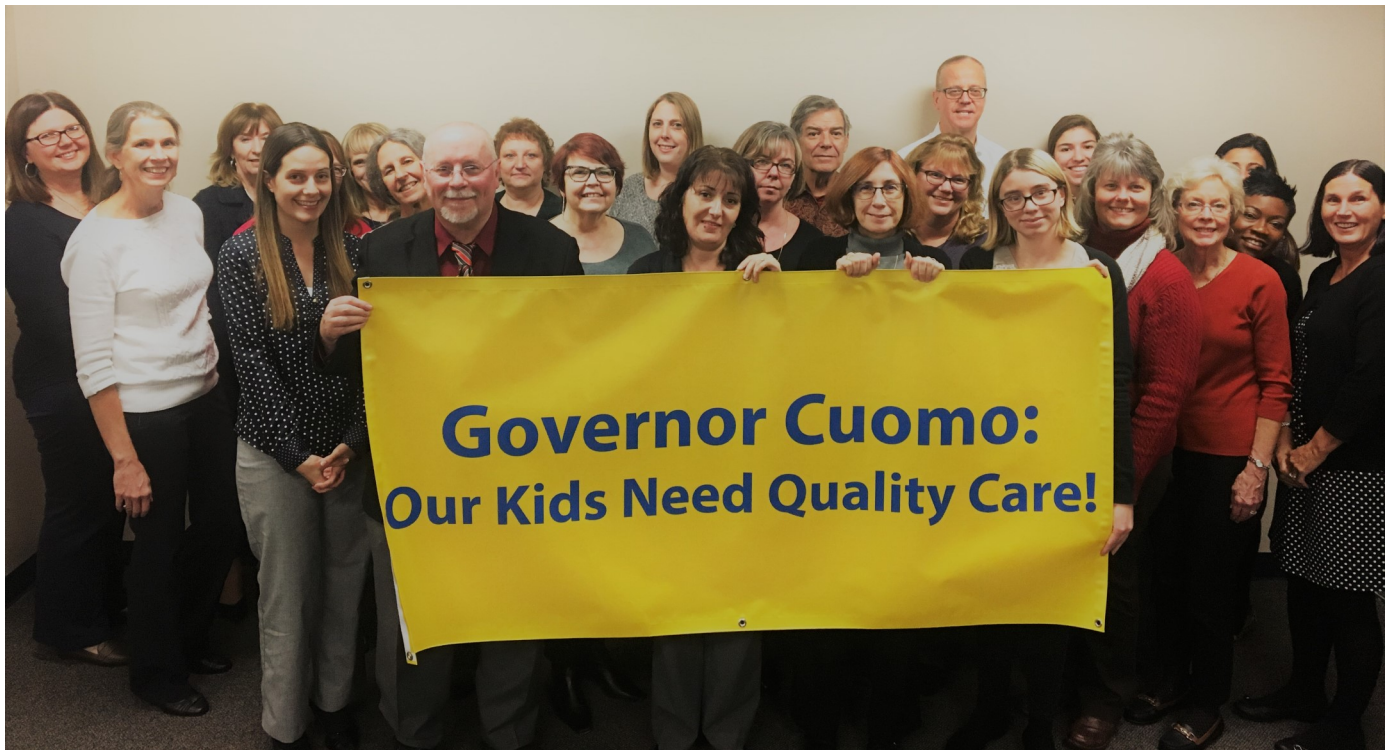






***"I had to take kids to 3
job interviews!"***

- Parent in Albany county



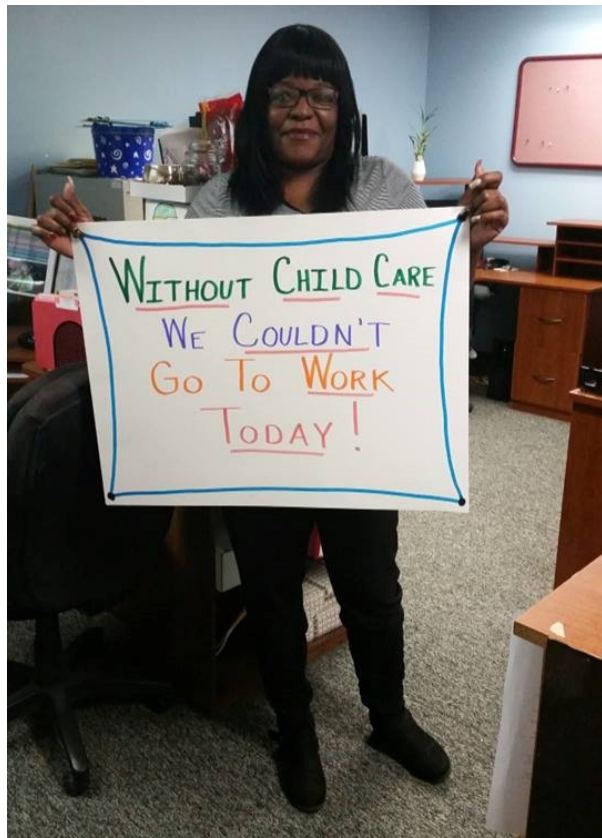




***“I had to get an extra job
to pay for child care.”***

- Parent in Bronx county



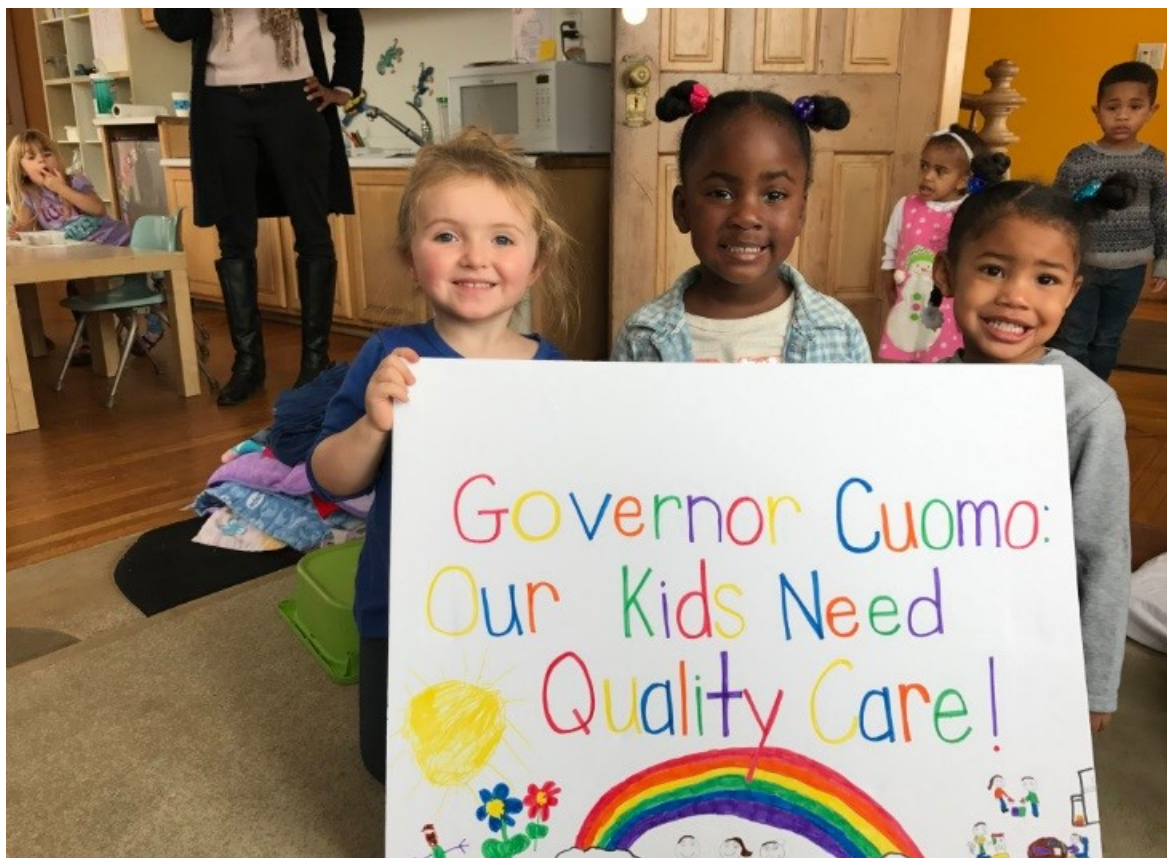




"I had to turn down a job offer due to lack of available and affordable child care."

- Parent in Monroe county

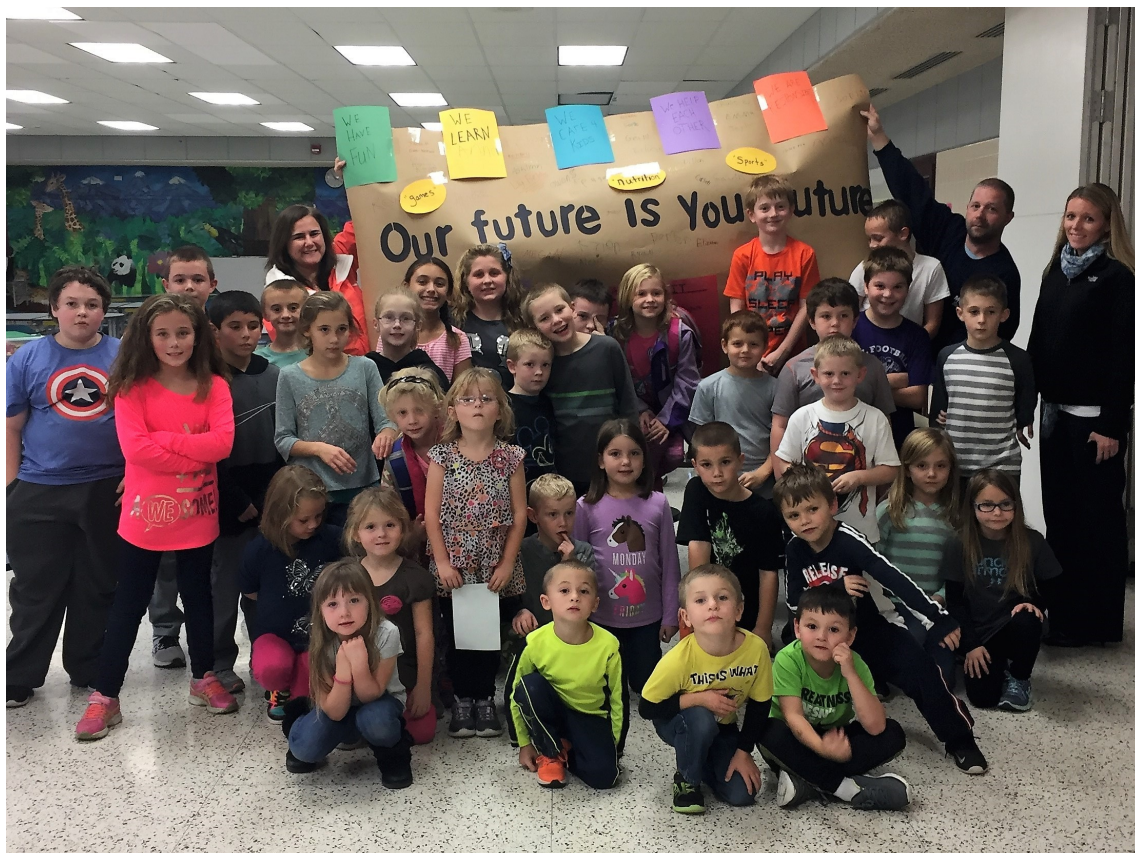






*“I was working a wonderful job that I loved but now, **my career, income, savings, and the future of our family** have been affected simply because child care costs are more than I was bringing home.”*

- Parent in Broome county

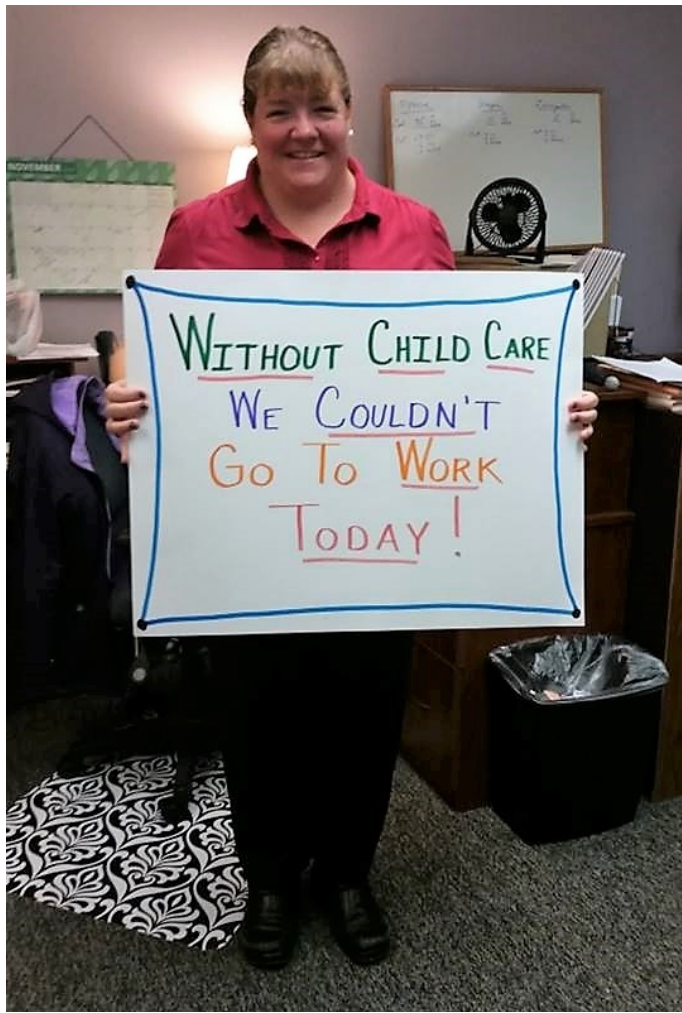




*“When school is closed, my job isn’t
and I can’t find child care.”*

- Parent in Dutchess county





"I couldn't send my child...I didn't have money to pay. It was \$250 each week.

- Parent in Nassau county





*“My husband is not working
because **childcare is more than his
paycheck**”*

- Parent in Westchester county

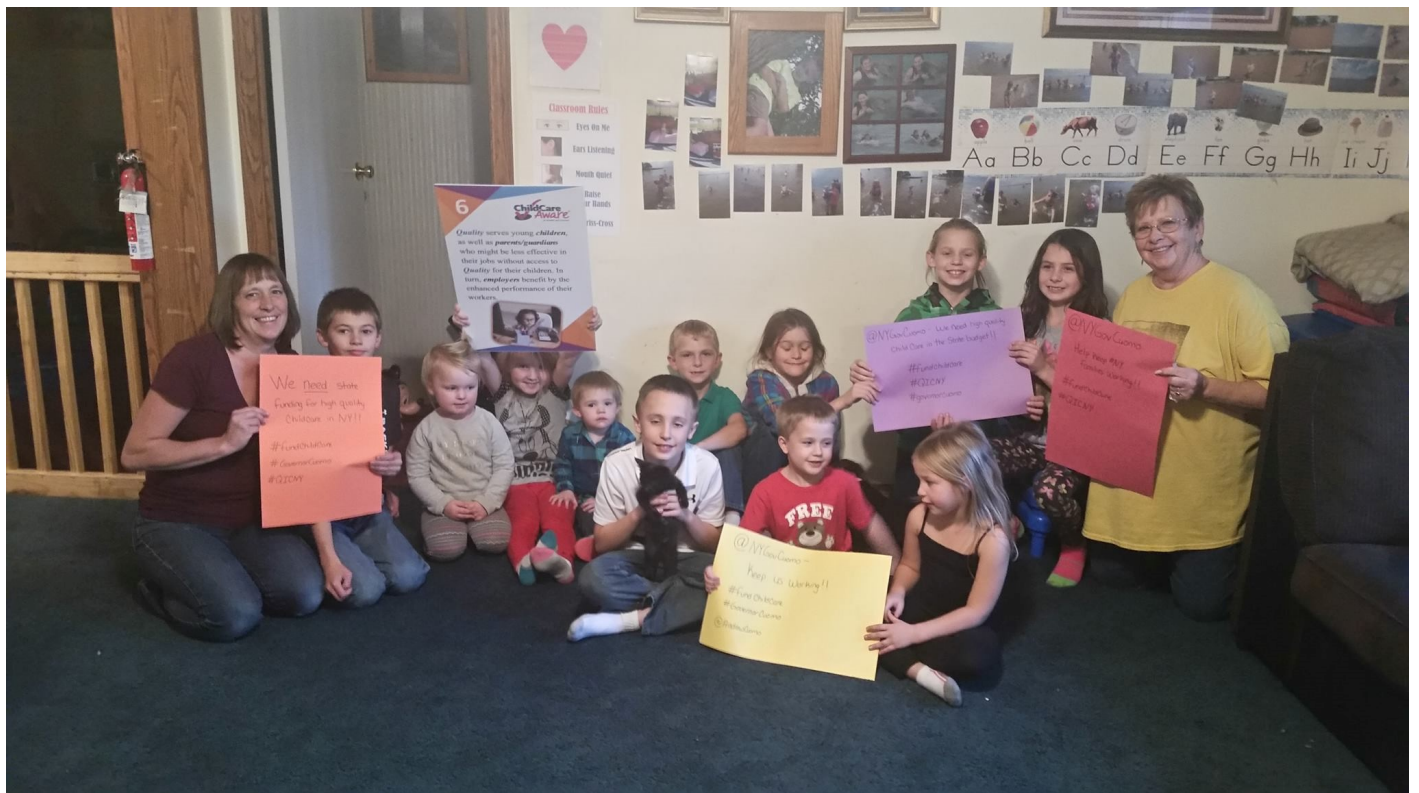




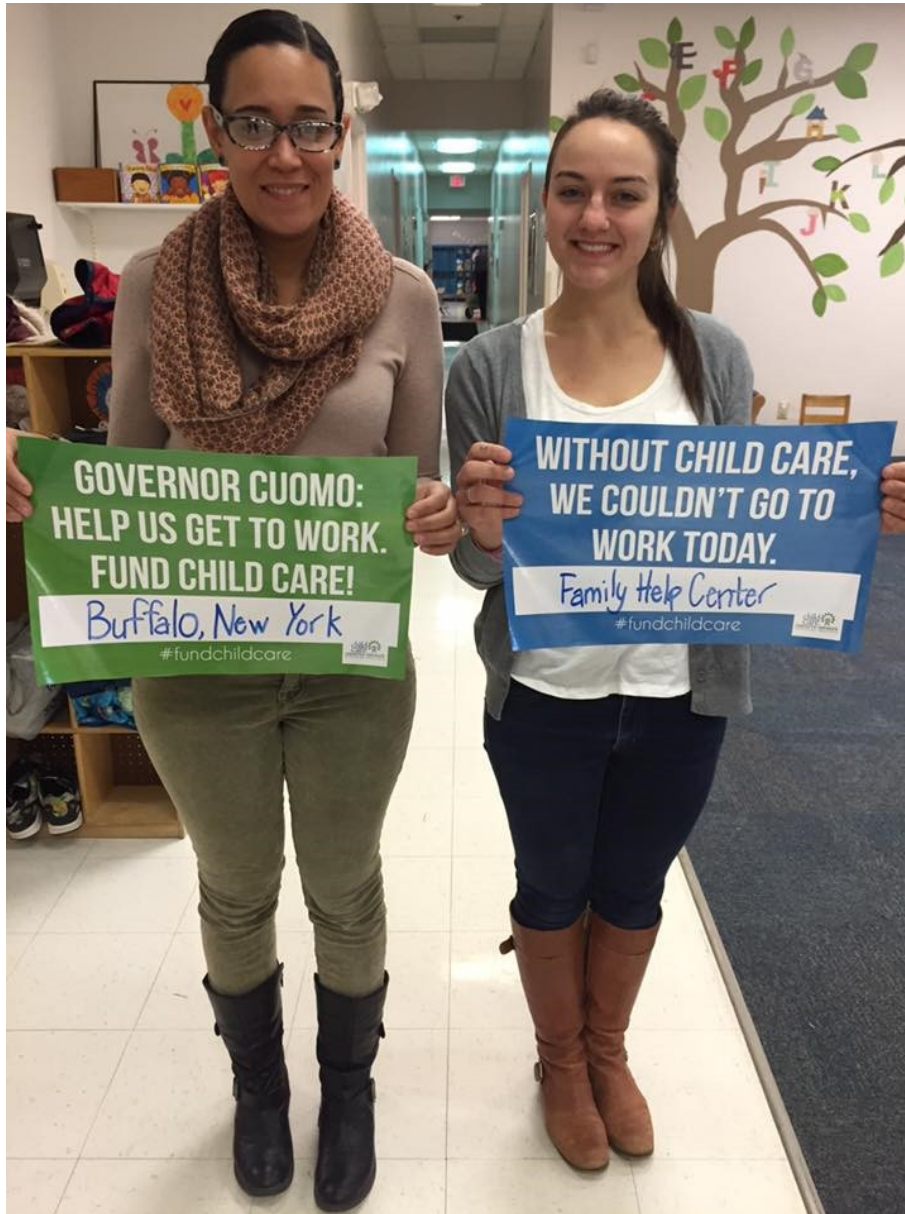


“We had to refinance our house last year to pay for child care.”

- Parent in Onondaga county



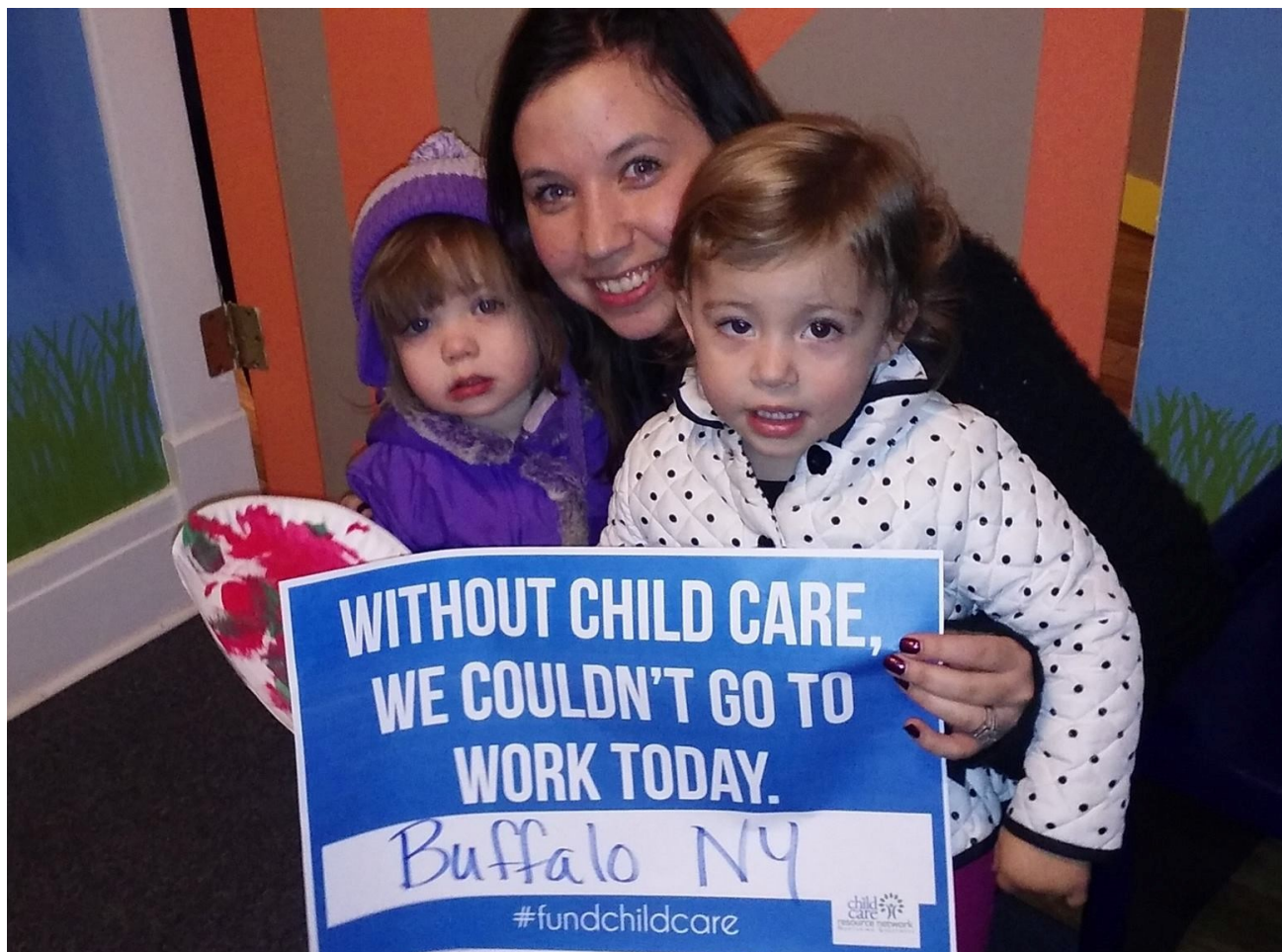




"I cannot find a job locally that will even pay for child care."

- Parent in Tompkins country





"I can't go back to work after having my 3rd child because daycare is too expensive."

- Parent in Jefferson country

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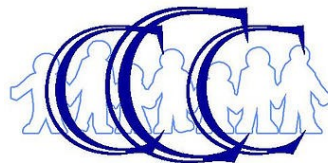
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