



2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

During a time where New York is facing a significant labor shortage, we must eliminate the barriers that hinder New Yorkers from getting a job or advancing into higher wage employment.

Investing in skills training and supportive services are critical to our economic recovery. Improved policy can support low income New Yorkers gain access to family sustaining employment and provide businesses a trained pipeline of skilled workers.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Income Disregard Legislation

To increase work participation and decrease poverty of low-income workers, the Governor and Legislature should amend the Social Services Law, Article 5, Title 1, Section 131-A to allow for six month, 100% income disregard for individuals receiving public assistance, SNAP, public assistance recipients who are participating in publicly funded workforce, postsecondary education and employment opportunities. We are asking to Pass Senator Persaud's S2144 language included in the Senate One House Budget Proposal **OR** amend the Governor's proposal which would allow the recipient's total income to be 300% or higher of the federal poverty level.



Fund the Office of Strategic Workforce Development

We urge the Governor and the Legislature to restore the \$150 million in grants that provide much needed flexible funding into the workforce system. Workforce development is economic development and without the workforce to fill the current open jobs and future jobs, our massive investments in economic growth will be for naught. The Office should continue to award grants to proven providers that ensure New Yorkers are ready to meet employer needs, while expanding access for marginalized communities through wraparound services and other tested models that reduce systemwide inequities.

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