



2021 Legislative Session Report Card

With the conclusion of the 2021 Legislative Session, we pause to take stock of progress for New York's children and families, celebrate our victories and assess where further advocacy is needed to level the playing field for the youngest New Yorkers.

TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021	Passed Assembly	Passed Senate	Signed by Governor
Raise the Lower Age for Arrest and Prosecution from 7 to 12 This bill will divert children under 12 out of the juvenile justice system and prohibit arrest and family court processing for all crimes except homicide.	✓	✓	?
Pass the Youthful Offender Second Chance legislation This bill would permit people of any age who were convicted of crimes in the adult court as teenagers to petition for an opportunity to have their records sealed.	✓	✓	?
Adopt the Child Poverty Reduction Act This bill will require New York to prioritize poor children in the budget process and set a goal of cutting child poverty in half by 2030.	✓	✓	?
Require health insurance companies to pay their fair share for early intervention services This bill will assess a \$40 million fee on the money insurance companies will save by no longer processing or paying early intervention claims.	✓	✓	?
Make school drinking water safer for children This bill will lower the level of lead in school drinking water by improving testing standards and funding water line and fixture replacement.	✓	✓	?

<p>Expand post-pregnancy coverage for all women, regardless of immigration status Work still needs to be done to ensure all women covered by Medicaid in New York receive automatic, continuous coverage post-pregnancy.</p>			*
<p>Tell families if their new homes have lead paint This bill will fund lead paint tests for homes sold in New York, and require the disclosure of the test results. The bill will also allow New York to begin tracking lead paint hazards.</p>			*
<p>Require landlord insurance policies to cover childhood lead exposure This bill will incentivize landlords to make common sense replacement of lead painted windows and doors (common lead exposure pathways).</p>			*
<p>Pass the Youth Justice and Opportunities Act This bill would expand youthful offender protections under existing law to young people through the age 25, providing more adolescents and emerging adults with opportunities to avoid the life-long barriers that result from criminal convictions.</p>			*
<p>Pass Solutions Not Suspensions This bill would set state-wide limits on exclusionary discipline and require investments in students' social and emotional well-being and restorative justice.</p>			*
<p>Pass legislation to establish a foster care ombudsman office This legislation would establish an independent office created to support youth in care, kinship and foster families, and families of origin.</p>			*
<p>Pass the Families Over Facilities act This bill would limit the use of non-therapeutic institutions for children under 13 and provide expanded financial support for families in order to reduce reliance on institutional settings for youth in foster care of any age.</p>			*

* Bills must pass both the Senate and Assembly before they can be sent to the Governor.

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