

# New York Public Welfare Association

## Child Welfare Policy Platform 2007

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### Promote Child Safety, Permanency and Well-Being

- Renew New York State's commitment to children, by extending the child welfare financing legislation that is set to expire in June 2007, in order to preserve 65% state reimbursement for services that prevent child abuse and protect children from harm.
- Cultivate a quality workforce and ensure that any emerging mandates affecting child welfare caseload size, staff qualifications, or casework practice are provided with the necessary state funding to achieve the state's objectives.
- Develop technology that materially contributes to child safety, permanency and well-being, by providing a computer system that supports effective casework practice including more time spent with families.
- Support research and local demonstration projects that enhance our understanding and implementation of child welfare interventions that are effective and outcome-based.
- Align policies across state agencies to more effectively serve children in foster care and others with complex needs that touch multiple systems.

The New York Public Welfare Association (NYPWA) represents New York's 58 local departments of social services. Our members are dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of social welfare policy so that it is accountable to taxpayers and protective of vulnerable people.

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