



**Child Poverty Reduction
Advisory Council**

Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council Housing Committee

Meeting 02 – May 16, 2024

Reminders – Administrative Items

- Meetings are being recorded and live streamed

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Overview

Overview

- **Committee Co-Chairs**

Richard Buery, Robin Hood Foundation

Allison Lake, Westchester Children's Association

Pamela Walcott, Community Member and Advocate

Goals – Housing Committee Meeting

- Recap work to date, including policies identified for modeling
- Review poverty-reduction estimates from Urban Institute
- Determine policy priorities based on poverty-reduction data

Recap

Housing Committee

Recap – Housing Committee

- **The goals of CPRAC's Housing Committee are to help develop consensus around specific ideas for potential housing policy reform that would help achieve significant reduction in New York's child poverty rate. This includes:**
 - Discussing and developing specific policy ideas and proposed interventions
 - Obtaining data on the relative child poverty-reduction effects of those ideas, where possible
 - Using that data to help prioritize ideas and policies for recommendation
 - Reporting the committee's recommendations to the statutory members of CPRAC
- **In the first Housing Committee meeting, the Committee:**
 - Discussed ideas for potential housing policy reform, focusing on proposals related to State-level housing assistance (vouchers) and a credit designed to alleviate rent burden
 - Developed list of specific proposals to be modeled by Urban Institute

Recap – Housing Committee

- Discussion to date has focused on different aspects of housing policy, particularly the provision of housing assistance, as well as opportunities for improvement, which data shows could have significant poverty-reduction effects
 - Committee discussed potential reform of housing policy in four key areas:
 - value of housing assistance (how much programs provide),
 - eligibility for housing assistance (who can participate in programs),
 - accessibility of housing assistance (how programs are accessed on the client side)
 - administration of housing assistance (how they are implemented on the government side)
 - Identified specific policy proposals related to these areas for Urban Institute to model

Discussion

Urban Institute data

Data Modeling – Overview and Status

- **Urban Institute is preparing comprehensive analysis of poverty in NYS and modeling the effects of various policies:**
 - Baseline (“before,” based on 2019 data) – posted online
 - Effects of recently enacted policies – posted online
 - Projected impacts of policy proposals (individually and in combination) – received and posted Housing proposal data

Proposals Modeled – Housing Assistance

- **Specific voucher proposals identified by the Committee:**
 - Create a State-level housing voucher program based on the Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, with the value of assistance set to same level as HCVP (108% FMR)
 - Model option following HUD rules for who can apply as well as more inclusive option allowing application regardless of immigration status
 - Program would be implemented as an “entitlement,” but would assume 64% utilization (based on research)

Proposals Modeled – Rent Burden Relief Credit

- **Specific credit proposals identified by the Committee:**
 - Fully refundable tax credit to unsubsidized rent-burdened renter households equal to 50% and 100% of rent burden (difference between rent and 30% of household income)
 - Max allowable rent of 108% FMR to be eligible
 - Compute credit using rent paid and 108% FMR, modeling with caps on credit amount as well as no caps
 - Model option following Federal rules for who can apply, as well as allowing application regardless of immigration status

For Awareness – Related Public Benefits Proposals

- **CPRAC's Public Benefits Committee identified a range of proposals to reform Public Benefits, including the following proposals to reform Public Assistance (addressing the PA Shelter Allowance referenced by this committee):**
 - Increase the Public Assistance Shelter Allowance by 100%
 - Increase PA Shelter Allowance by 200%
 - Increase PA Shelter Allowance to 75% of FMR
 - Increase PA Shelter Allowance to 108% of FMR

Modeling Overview – Data Workbooks

- 0. Policies Overview:** comparative view of all proposed policies and key metrics
- 1. SPM Summary:** highlights of proposed policies poverty reduction effects
- 2. Poverty_Individuals...:** poverty reduction effects by individuals by income level, age, and location
- 3. Individuals_Race:** poverty reduction effects by individuals by income level, age, and race
- 4. Poverty_Families...:** poverty reduction effects by families by income level, family composition, and location
- 5. Household Resources:** number of households that experience resource changes, including average net resource change
- 7. Program Summary:** includes estimated effect of proposed policies on costs of existing programs
- 8. Costs:** summary of estimated cost

Modeling Overview – Context

- Microsimulation model is based on multiple sources of data, including administrative data provided by the State and publicly-available statistical and survey data
- Cost estimates reflect how much would be spent on the benefit if implemented – administrative costs not included
- Different take-up assumptions for each proposal type
- Data does not yet include “employment effects”
- All numbers are estimates and must remain rounded

Modeling Overview – Housing Assistance Simulations

- Two voucher simulations – see workbooks for more

Sim #	Proposed Policy	Baseline Child Poverty ("Before")	Estimated Child Poverty ("After")	Child Poverty Reduction (%)	Baseline Cost (\$millions)	Additional Annual Cost (\$millions)
1	HCVP-Type Voucher for Unsubsidized Income-Eligible Households (<50% AMI) Using HUD's Current Noncitizen Policies	13.1%	11.3%	-13.8%	\$ 0	\$ 2,951
2	HCVP-Type Voucher for Unsubsidized Income-Eligible Households (<50% AMI) With No Noncitizen Restrictions	13.1%	11.0%	-15.7%	\$ 0	\$ 3,272

Modeling Overview – Renters Credit Simulations

- **Six Renters Credit simulations** – see workbooks for more

Sim #	Proposed Policy	Baseline Child Poverty ("Before")	Estimated Child Poverty ("After")	Child Poverty Reduction (%)	Baseline Cost (\$millions)	Additional Annual Cost (\$millions)
1	Renters Credit Covering 50% of Rent Burden (Using 108% FMR), With No Cap	13.1%	8.8%	-32.7%	\$0	\$8,854
2	Renters Credit Covering 100% of Rent Burden (Using 108% FMR), With No Cap	13.1%	6.4%	-51.1%	\$0	\$17,706
3	Renters Credit Covering 50% of Rent Burden (Using 108% FMR), Capped at 15% FMR	13.1%	11.3%	-13.7%	\$0	\$3,895
4	Renters Credit Covering 100% of Rent Burden (Using 108% FMR), Capped at 30% FMR	13.1%	9.8%	-25.2%	\$0	\$7,789
5	Renters Credit Covering 50% of Rent Burden (Using Rent Paid), With No Cap	13.1%	10.7%	-18.3%	\$0	\$6,199
6	Renters Credit Covering 50% of Rent Burden (Using Rent Paid), With No Cap or SSN Req	13.1%	10.6%	-19.0%	\$0	\$6,596

For Awareness – Public Assistance Simulations

- Four housing-related PA simulations – data posted [here](#)

Sim #	Proposed Policy	Baseline Child Poverty ("Before")	Estimated Child Poverty ("After")	Child Poverty Reduction (%)	Baseline Cost (\$millions)	Additional Annual Cost (\$millions)
PA6	Increase the Public Assistance Shelter Allowances for FA-SNA Recipients by 100%	13.1%	11.5%	-11.6%	\$1,581	\$2,330
PA7	Increase the PA Shelter Allowances for FA-SNA Recipients by 200%	13.1%	9.5%	-27.3%	\$1,581	\$5,008
PA8	Increase the PA Shelter Allowances for FA-SNA Recipients to 75% of the FMR	13.1%	8.5%	-35.3%	\$1,581	\$8,583
PA9	Increase the PA Shelter Allowances for FA-SNA Recipients to 108% of the FMR	13.1%	7.4%	-43%	\$1,581	\$14,408

As part of its deliberations, CPRAC's Public Benefits Committee is prioritizing proposals that raise the PA Shelter Allowance for consideration by CPRAC's statutory members to be included in policy "packages" (or combinations of policies) that Urban Institute will further analyze

Goal – Develop Data-Based Priorities/Rankings

- Rank Housing proposals in priority order
- Data points to consider:
 - Child poverty reduction effect (ages 0-17, ages 0-4)
 - Effects by race/ethnicity
 - Effects by geography (NYC vs ROS)
 - # of households that gain/lose resources as a result
 - Estimated cost and efficiency of proposal
 - Accessibility and usability

Looking Ahead

Next Steps

Next Steps – CPRAC Housing Committee

- **CPRAC Housing Committee will report priorities/rankings to CPRAC statutory members**
 - Next meeting of statutory members – June 6
 - Committee co-chairs will report out to the full CPRAC statutory members
 - All committee members invited to attend

Next Steps – CPRAC Overall

- Statutory members will next meet on June 6 to hear from Tax Policy, Public Benefits, and Housing Committees on priority proposals identified based on the data
- Goal: to develop policy packages for additional analysis by Urban Institute in July on cumulative poverty reduction effects, accounting for policy interactions
 - This data will help CPRAC develop initial recommendations to achieve the 50% poverty reduction goal through a combination of different proposals

Next Steps – 2024

Target Month	Goal*
March, April, May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Tax Policy Committee reconvenes to review data, develop priorities/rankings based on data — Public Benefits Committee reconvenes to review data, develop priorities/rankings based on data • Housing Committee reconvenes to review data, develop priorities/rankings based on data — Formal public hearing in NYC, on accessibility and availability of public benefits
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees report data-based priorities/rankings back to statutory members • Statutory members develop initial policy packages for modeling • Request State Agencies prepare rough cost estimates of policies within packages by August
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UI assesses cumulative effects of combinations of policies
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory members review data on cumulative effects of combinations of policies
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second formal public hearing for additional input • Statutory members finalize initial recommendations based on data, public input
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalize initial recommendations via a report and vote to issue
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft progress report
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to issue progress report

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Questions? Comments? Feedback?

Thank you!