Growing Up in Poverty in New York

The Facts

Nearly 1 million of New York’s Children (23%) live in poverty

- Over 40% of children live in low-income families, defined as income below twice the federal poverty level which is $23,550 for a family of four in 2013.
- In 2011 43% of low-income children were under the age of 6.
- Over 45% of children in poverty live in a home with at least one parent who works full-time year round.
- More than one in three children (34%) in New York are eligible for the Free Lunch Program.
- The teen birth rate in New York is 25 per 1,000.
- Children of foreign-born parents are more likely to be low-income.

Children of color are more likely to be living in poverty (2011)

- 27% of White children live in low-income families.
- 54% of Black children live in low-income families.
- 60% of Hispanic children live in low-income families.
- 44% of Asian children live in low-income families.
- 58% of American Indian children live in low-income families.

Education Matters (2011 figures)

- 86% of parents without a high school diploma live in low-income families.
- 63% of parents with only a high-school diploma live in low-income families.
- 26% of parents with some college education or more live in low-income.

Employment Matters

- Over 45% of low-income children live in a home with at least one parent who works full-time year round.
- 31% of low-income children live in a home with at least one parent who works part-time or part-year.
- 23% of low-income children live in a home with no parent employed.

Sources:
County Health rankings and Roadmap http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/rankings/data