

New York State Coalition for More Family Court Judges

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In response to the Assembly and Senate One House Bills, the New York State Coalition for More Family Court Judges issued the following statement:

“The Family Courts are desperately short of resources, including Family Court Judges. The New York State Coalition for More Family Court Judges is grateful that both the Senate and Assembly recognized the critical need in their one house bills **by supporting the Judiciary’s budget request to add 20 more Family Court Judges** statewide. We thank Judiciary Chairs Senator Bonacic and Assembly member Weinstein for their unwavering leadership. This Coalition, of over 85 organizations from throughout the state, looks forward to the SFY 2014–2015 Adopted Budget that provides for full funding of all court operations and at least 20 more Family Court Judges.”

ABOUT THE NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR MORE FAMILY COURT JUDGES

The New York State Coalition for More Family Court Judges is a coalition of over 85 organizations from all across New York State that has come together to ensure that New York State provides for more resources for Family Courts, **including at least 20 more Family Court Judges statewide to provide justice for families.**

Family Court is desperately short of judicial resources. While the Family Court has made extraordinary efforts to address the overwhelming needs of the children and families before it, the shortage leads to unconscionable delays; the instability, trauma and uncertainty of delays cause irreparable damage to New York’s children and grave risk to victims of domestic violence. These delays cost taxpayers money.

New York’s most vulnerable children and families depend on the Family Court system to address some of the most important decisions of their lives. Current limited resources create a backlog that has led to long delays for families, victims of violence and children, effectively [closing the doors to justice for those who need it the most.](#)

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