

WHAT CAN NEW YORK DO FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Thoughts and reflections

Issues and advocacy

- Be ready
- Have big goals and ideas but realistic timelines
- Work with new leadership at the agency level, but respect the “governing line”
- Find innovative ways to get ideas accomplished

- Be ready
- Data driven if possible
- Examples in CAN power point are good but very expensive
- Have a 2-4 year plan

Have big goals but realistic timelines/expectations

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- The workforce in the state does not turn over, only the top layer
- The computer guys will kill you every time
- Look for easy wins that build steam – top 3 regs that really make no sense, etc.

Work with the leadership at the agency level

- Every agency will have at least some new leadership
- Learn about their history and interests
- Look for issues that are similar to your interests
- Respect the “governing line”..

Innovative ways Rule

- Start with the premise that there “will never be enough money”
- Look to maximize the federal rules and policy ideas
- Food stamp/SSI example – bring ideas to agency/2nd floor leadership
- You do not always need statute; but make sure the legislature is always in the loop