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## Senator Serrano And Senate Democrats Unveil Initiatives To Help Families During Critical Early Childhood Period

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The Senate Democratic Conference recently unveiled a set of policy initiatives spearheaded by the Senate Democratic Policy Group to help New York families during the critical early childhood period. The Senate Democratic Policy Group is headed by Senator Daniel Squadron and is made up of Senator Serrano, Senator Latimer, and Senator Montgomery. The group's newest initiatives include a strong paid family leave program, increased access to childcare, assistance for New York's working parents and caregivers, and support for the growth and development of all New York children.

**"As a member of the New York State Senate Democratic Conference Policy Group, I'm very proud of our Early Childhood Initiatives. When New Yorkers grow up healthy, productive and successful, New York thrives. That is why the Senate Democratic Policy Group has put forth initiatives that would improve health and child care and reduce the financial burden a family faces during the first few critical years of their child's life. Analysis of these initiatives shows a significant return on investment and yearly savings and financial benefits for New York State. Bottom line, implementing these initiatives is the right thing to do for the state and for New York's families."**