

THE IMPACT OF INADEQUATE STAFFING AND SERVICE CUTS IS PROFOUND

"My son has autism and epilepsy and requires around-the-clock care. There are no long-term housing options in the state, forcing us to seek emergency care at hospital psych units when he injures himself or others. Why do those who need the most help get the least?"

- Michele Sutherland, Hamlin, N.Y.

"We've lost more than 3,000 beds in nine years. We used to be the safety net; now there are literally thousands of Developmentally Disabled New Yorkers with serious needs who aren't getting the specialized care they require and deserve."

- Leisa Abraham, Psychologist, Finger Lakes DDSO



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It's beyond time for NYS to Fund Our Future! The State will thrive when we invest in the public services that improve everyone's lives – like education, healthcare, infrastructure and social services. PEF members demonstrate the importance of public services in society every day. Please take a moment to join our campaign. Signing up will guarantee you'll hear about every mobilization, training or event we organize.

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Lack of mental health services when your loved ones need them



Unsafe streets and public transportation



Fewer public green spaces to enjoy



Crumbling roads and bridges



Sub-par services for people with disabilities



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FOR A **THRIVING** NEW YORK



NEW YORK STATE PAID MORE THAN 12,000 PRIVATE CONSULTANTS ALMOST \$610M IN FY 2018-19

- + More than **2,000** of them had a contract longer than **5 YEARS**
- + From 2016-19, if state workers were used instead of the 210 highest-value contracts, estimated savings would exceed **\$265M**

MEANWHILE, THE STATE WORKFORCE HAS SHRUNK FROM 2011-2020

Every dollar of **PRIVATE PROFIT** is one less dollar for **PUBLIC SERVICE!**

AGENCY	% STAFFING DECREASE
Department of Labor	21.3%
Department of Taxation and Finance	19.7%
Office for People with Developmental Disabilities	14.5%
Office of Mental Health	13.8%
Office of Children and Family Services	11.3%
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	10.7%

Source: Office of the State Comptroller, May 2021

CONSIDER THESE FACTS

FOR TWO DECADES, NEW YORK HAS STEADILY REPLACED STATE EMPLOYEES WITH CONTRACTORS

1998

- + **1,502** Civil Engineers
- + **3,657** Registered Nurses

2019

- + **509** Civil Engineers
- + **3,091** Registered Nurses*
- + **2,329** consultants hired by the Office of Information Technology worked **ALMOST 2.7 MILLION HOURS**

2021

There are about **5,000 VACANT** full-time equivalent positions in the state workforce

*308 contract nurses worked 461,000+ hours in 2019
From Office of the State Comptroller's Open Book New York

THIS IS WHAT A THRIVING NEW YORK LOOKS LIKE



A transparent and well-run government that spends public resources appropriately, resulting in a robust and diversified economy.



Staffed by a public sector workforce of unionized civil servants, hired and promoted based on merit and fitness, providing:

- Safety, support and protection for every citizen
- Affordable healthcare for all, including the most vulnerable: our children, the elderly and people with disabilities
- A public education system that lifts up and empowers everyone
- Modern and reliable infrastructure, including broadband and green spaces

NEW YORK MUST SET THE STANDARD AND SHOW THE WORLD HOW TO THRIVE



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