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## **A Better Balance Applauds Mayor de Blasio for Move on Paid Family Leave**

### ***New York City Will Help Spur Efforts on Paid Family Leave Around the Country***

NEW YORK—Today, A Better Balance Co-presidents and Co-founders Sherry Leiwant and Dina Bakst released the following statement on Mayor Bill de Blasio’s new paid parental leave policy for New York City employees. The leave policy provides six weeks of paid time off at full pay for maternity, paternity, adoption, and foster care leave, or up to 12 weeks total when combined with other existing leave.

“Mayor de Blasio recognizes how important paid family leave is for New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet while also being able to spend time bonding with a new child. His leadership means New York City is helping to drive much-needed change in support of common-sense paid family leave policies at the local, state, and national level. And while more remains to be done, this critical step forward means that some 20,000 New York City workers won’t have to choose between a paycheck and caring for a new baby.”

Read our blog on the move [here](#).

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