



Summary of the New York City Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Budget

On January 21, 2016, Mayor de Blasio released his \$82.1 billion Preliminary Budget for City Fiscal Year 2017, which begins July 1, 2016.

The Preliminary Budget funds a number of previously announced important initiatives for children and families, related to education, behavioral health and addressing homelessness. For example, the Preliminary Budget includes \$16.4 million for literacy consultants, \$20.8 million for “Algebra for All,” \$6.2 million for mental health services for 100 high need high schools, and \$4.9 million for 100 new beds for runaway and homeless youth.

Unfortunately, the Preliminary Budget fails to include funding for a number of critical programs and initiatives that are important to addressing income inequality and ensuring the well-being of New York City’s children and youth, all of which we hope to see in the Executive Budget. Some examples of critical items not funded in the Preliminary Budget include: funding to expand universal free lunch to elementary and high school students; funding to expand child welfare preventive services; funding to better meet the needs of youth in foster care; funding to increase the rates for Beacon and Cornerstone community centers; funding to expand the capacity of the child care system to serve more infants and toddlers; and funding to expand after-school programs for elementary and high school students.

In addition, Mayor de Blasio is once again planning to eliminate summer programs for 34,000 middle school students. In the budget address, the Mayor said, “There are some things that we chose not to continue. We talked last year about the summer after-school program, that’s something we thought was a good thing but was not necessarily a priority we could devote to. So that’s not in here.” Summer programs, which ensure youth have a safe and enriching program, where they are fed and learn while their parents are at work, will remain a critical priority for CCC in the coming weeks and months ahead.

A detailed summary of the Preliminary Budget proposals, as well as CCC’s priorities for what we hope to see in the Executive Budget, are addressed in the following pages:

CCC Supports the Following Preliminary Budget Proposals for City Fiscal Year 2017

Child Welfare

- N/A

Early Education

- \$2.98 million for ThriveNYC: Trauma Informed Care in EarlyLearn programs (training and ongoing support to EarlyLearn providers to address the social service needs of the families they serve)

Education

- \$16.41 million for “Universal Literacy,” literacy coaches for 2nd graders
- \$8.79 million for “College Visits and Access,” college visits for middle and high school students and services to create a college ready environment in all high schools
- \$2.97 million for District-Charter Collaboration
- \$20.75 million for “Algebra for All”
- \$12.55 million for “AP for all”
- \$15.19 million for the “Single Shepherd” program, a dedicated counselor will be assigned to every child in Districts 7 (Bronx) and 23 (Brooklyn) for grades 6-12
- \$8.11 million for Social Emotional Learning for UPK, professional development for social workers in prekindergarten programs
- \$6.2 million for Mental Health Services for 100 High Need High Schools
- \$80,000 for Mental Health Trainings (FY 17 only)
- \$5.38 million for the “Safe and Supportive Opportunity Program” (restorative justice programs)
- \$862,000 for Restorative Practices training for District 18 and Warning Card Schools
- \$5.58 million for Transition Coordination Centers to support special education students with career/college planning services
- \$1.08 million for doctors in Renewal Schools
- \$1.57million for Professional Development in Renewal Schools
- \$378,000 for data tracking and sharing for Renewal Schools
- \$2.26 million for Translation and Interpretation
- \$84,000 for transportation coordination for students in temporary housing

Food and Economic Security

- \$3.22 million for facilities work and equipment for cafeteria kitchens
- \$7.63 million for the IDNYC program
- A plan to raise the wages for city workers and city-contracted non-profit workers to a minimum wage of \$15 per hour

Health and Mental Health

- \$2.55 million for Roadmap Social-emotional learning in early care and education settings
- \$1.28 million for Roadmap Mental Health First Aid (training 500 instructors to train 250,000 New Yorkers in MH first aid)
- \$2.02 million for a Roadmap media campaign to combat stigma
- \$18.02 million for a Roadmap Mental Health Corps, a corp of 390 mental health workers in high need primary care and substance use settings
- \$5.3 million for a Roadmap NYC Support Call Center, a 24/7 hotline to connect to behavioral health services
- \$8.27 million for Roadmap School Mental Health, 125 mental health consultants to assess the behavioral health priorities of every public school and implement effective interventions to increase teacher capacity

Housing and Homelessness

- \$9.22 million for anti-eviction legal services expansion (HRA)
- \$4.56 million for Domestic Violence shelter expansion (HRA)
- \$9.0 million for LINC for NYCHA tenants (HRA)
- \$13.15 million (increases significantly in the outyears) for supportive housing (HRA)
- \$7.65 million for shelter repairs and maintenance (DHS)

Juvenile Justice

- \$1.62 million for Close to Home monitoring

Youth Services

- \$806,000 for the Teen Relationship Abuse and Prevention Program (RAPP), to maintain enhanced programming at 30 schools (HRA)
- \$4.94 million for Runaway and Homeless Youth shelter beds

CCC Urges the Administration to Address the Following Additional Priorities in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

We urge the Administration to make the following investments in the Executive Budget:

Child Welfare

- Community preventive services that are targeted to at-risk families based on location and need, and are provided before there is an allegation of abuse or neglect (primary preventive services or family empowerment centers).
- Restore the discharge grant for families reunifying from foster care and youth aging out of foster care.
- Add \$5 million for post-adoption services.
- Add funding to increase the foster boarding rate for youth over 14 living in foster homes.

Early Childhood Education

- Negotiate a contract that ensures salary parity and adequate benefits for the early childhood workforce.
- Increase the EarlyLearn rate to support high quality programs, as well as fixed costs including facility and insurance costs. Ensure the rate is sufficient to enable agencies to invest in necessary classroom materials and technology. Index the rate to inflation.
- Expand the capacity of the contracted system for children 0-3.

Food and Income Security

- Provide universal free school lunch to all public school students.
- Develop a plan to expand the Breakfast After the Bell/Breakfast in the Classroom program to middle and high schools.
- Increase funding for emergency food programs.

Youth Services

- Restore \$20.35 million for summer programs for 34,000 middle school students.
- Ensure all elementary COMPASS after-school programs are compensated at the same rate and increase the rate.
- Increase the rate Beacon Community Centers and NYCHA Cornerstone Community Centers.
- Increase the capacity to serve both elementary school students and high-school students.
- Add at least \$4.1 million (and restore \$21 million City Council funding) for SYEP to at a minimum accommodate the January 2016 minimum wage increase and serve the same number of youth as last year.

CCC Urges the Administration to Restore the Following City Council Initiatives in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

In the Fiscal Year 2016 Adopted Budget, the City Council both restored funding and added funding for initiatives that have been critical for children and families. City Council funding is only for one year and thus we urge the Administration to restore and baseline the following in the Executive Budget:

Community Safety and Child Welfare

- \$8.84 million for the Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives
- \$748,000 for child advocacy centers
- \$600,000 for CONNECT Domestic Violence program
- \$4.9 million for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project
- \$1.5 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative

Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice

- \$250,000 for the Adolescent Portable Therapy Program
- \$4.43 million for Alternatives to Incarceration Programs
- \$1.4 million for a Bail Fund
- \$500,000 for the Center for Court Innovation
- \$750,000 for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking
- \$1.0 million for the Juvenile Robbery Intervention Program

Early Childhood Education/Child Care:

- \$12.08 million total for 16 child care programs (that did not receive an EarlyLearn contract or sufficient child care slots from the administration)
- \$1.79 million total for the City's First Readers Initiative (formerly known as the Early Childhood Literacy Initiative)
- \$4.4 million for Priority 5 child care vouchers for low-income families with school-aged children
- \$500,000 for Technical Assistance for Child Care Providers
- \$210,000 for WHEDCO to train low-income informal child care providers

Education:

- \$125,000 for C.H.A.M.P.S. fitness program in 200 middle schools
- \$400,000 for Chess in the Schools, Inc.
- \$500,000 for Child Mind Institute
- \$475,000 for community schools
- \$1.6 million total for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention initiative
- \$245,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children
- \$200,000 for an LGBT Students' Liaison and professional development for public school teachers
- \$275,000 for Making Opportunities for Upgrading Schools and Education (MOUSE) to provide technology, digital media and computer science training for middle and high school students
- Restores \$1.55 million for MS Extra (Middle School Expanded Learning Time in 20 middle schools)
- \$130,000 for NASA GLOBE Program (NASA's Global Learning Observations to Benefit the Environment Program) in 22 schools
- \$2.4 million for the Restorative Justice Program in 15 schools with high suspension rates
- \$1 million for Small Schools Athletic League

- \$250,000 for STEM Teacher's College (a pilot program in 10 schools to better incorporate technology in the classroom for low-income students)
- \$9.69 million for Teacher's Choice (school supplies)
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage

Food and Economic Security

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative
- \$500,000 for the Communities for Healthy Food Initiative.
- \$250,000 for the EITC Assistance Program
- \$335,000 for EBTs at Farmers' Markets
- \$95,000 to expand low income farmers' markets
- \$475,000 for Food Pantries and Technical Assistance
- \$1.93 million for food pantries
- \$148,000 for SCO Family of Services/Center for Family Life Worker Cooperatives
- \$2.1 million for Worker Cooperative Business Development Initiative

Health

- \$1.0 million for Access Health NYC
- \$500,000 for Asthma Control Initiative
- Adds \$350,000 for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators for non-profits serving youth and the elderly)
- \$500,000 for Callen Lorde Health Center
- \$350,000 for Family Planning
- \$2.5 million for the Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative
- \$268,000 for the NYU Mobile Dental Van and Pediatric Dental Clinic
- \$1.3 million for the Obesity Prevention initiative

Mental Health

- \$2.0 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative
- \$1.45 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 initiative
- \$1.9 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative
- \$1.0 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative
- \$621,000 for Mental Health Contracts
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition
- \$1.16 million for Mental Hygiene Services- Mental Health Providers
- \$525,000 for Mental Hygiene Services- Chemical Dependency
- \$806,000 for Mental Hygiene Services- Developmental Disabilities
- \$50,000 for Samaritans of New York Suicide Prevention Services

Housing and Homeless Services

- \$1.0 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System (to prevent child maltreatment in high risk cases)
- \$820,000 for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund
- \$650,000 for the Citywide Task Force on Housing Court/Housing Court Answers
- \$1.1 million for Community Consultant Contracts
- \$2.45 million for the Housing Preservation Initiative

- \$1.0 million for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Initiative
- \$750,000 for the HPD Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP) to identify 200 most distressed multiple dwelling and make repairs
- \$375,00 for Participatory Budgeting at NYCHA
- \$1.25 million total for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing

Legal Services

- \$5.0 million for Anti-eviction Legal Services
- \$3.75 million for Citywide Civil Legal Services
- \$485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)
- \$1.73 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor
- \$750,000 for the Prisoner's Rights Project for Rikers' Island
- \$1.0 million for the Unemployment Insurance/SSI Advocacy Project

Youth Services:

- \$21 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
- \$12.0 million for a Year-Round Youth Employment Program
- \$9.89 million for more than 3,400 COMPASS after-school program slots (at 50 programs)
- \$8.16 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA)
- \$850,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters
- \$800,00 for New York Junior Tennis League
- \$1.02 million for NYC Digital Inclusion and Literacy Initiative to address disparities in internet access
- \$349,654 for Coro's NYC Youth Council to represent the 51 Council Districts
- \$1 million for Sports and Arts in School Foundation
- \$1.0 million for Sports Training and Role models for Success Initiative (STARS)
- \$343,840 for the Student Voter Registration Day Initiative
- \$3.0 million for TASC After-Three Initiative
- \$350,00 for the YMCA After School Academy
- \$2.1 million for the NYC Youth Build Project Initiative