



Fiscal Year 2019 Priorities

To Make NYC A Better Place to Be a Child

Citizens' Committee for Children (CCC) is a multi-issue independent child advocacy organization that does not accept government funding. Our mission is to ensure every New York child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

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Restore City Council Initiatives Including:

Early Childhood Education/Child Care:

- \$4.242 million for the City's First Readers Initiative (DYCD)
- \$9.855 million discretionary child care programs

Education:

- \$3.89 million for Educational Programs for Students
- \$2.25 million total for community schools
- \$1.585 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention initiative
- \$245,000 total for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline
- \$200,000 for LGBTQ-Inclusive Curriculum
- \$1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness
- \$ 1.3 million for the Restorative Justice Program
- \$20.805 million for Support for Educators
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage

Food and Economic Security

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative
- \$930,000 for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, including EBTs in Farmers' Markets
- \$725,000 for Food Access and Benefits
- \$4.0 million for food pantries
- \$3.048 million for Worker Cooperatives
- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative

Health

- \$1.187 million for Access Health NYC
- \$646,000 for Child Health and Wellness, including NYU Dental Van, asthma initiative and obesity prevention initiative
- \$2.0 million for Nurse-Family Partnership
- \$344,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services
- \$350,000 for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators)

Housing and Homeless Services

- \$1.0 million for children and families in the homeless system
- \$820,000 for Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund and \$2.5 million for Stabilizing NYC.

Legal Services and Justice Services

- \$5.0 million for Legal Services for Low-income New Yorkers, \$485,000 for LIFT, \$3.055 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor, and \$10 million for NY Immigrant Family Unity Project
- \$600,000 for video visitation for incarcerated persons' families in public libraries
- \$1.35 million for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers
- \$6.41 for Alternative to Incarceration Programs
- \$1.0 million for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking

Youth Services

- \$19.0 million for year-round youth employment
- \$5.725 million for After-School Enrichment initiative

Young Women's Initiative

- Restore and baseline \$5 million for all YWI Initiatives.



Citizens' Committee for Children City Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Priorities

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- **Create salary and benefit parity** between DOE staff and early childhood education staff in community based organizations.
- **Increase** capacity to serve more **infants and toddlers**.

AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Restore** at least \$20.35 million for **summer camp programs** for at least 34,000 middle school students. Ensure all after-school programs include a summer component.
- **Restore** \$16 million to **preserve elementary after-school** capacity. Increase capacity to serve additional elementary school age children.

HOMELESS CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- **Invest** in better food, laundry facilities, play spaces, and services for homeless families living in **hotels**.
- **Invest** in homelessness prevention efforts to enable **domestic violence survivors to remain safely housed outside the shelter system**.
- **Create more affordable housing for homeless families** by increasing the homeless set aside by 30,000 additional units, creating a project-based long-term subsidy program and developing service-enriched housing.
- **Provide** parents in shelter with **monthly MetroCards** to bring children to school and prek (rather than 4 weekly).
- **Add** \$10.2 million for **Runaway and Homeless Youth Services**, including **100 new beds for youth ages 21-24** and increase 24-hour drop in.

CHILD WELFARE

- **Add** \$5.0 million to increase school **busing for foster children**.
- **Ensure** ACS has funds to make **KinGap enhancement** of subsidy through age 21 retroactive.
- **Restore** \$2 million **and add** \$2 million (total of \$4 million) to **Immigrant Children Advocates' Relief Efforts (ICARE)**.

FAIR FARES

- **Add** \$200 million for reduced price MetroCards for low-income NYers.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

- **Restore** \$1.193 million **and add** \$1.5 million (total of \$2.7 million) for **maternal and child health services**.
- **Restore** \$1 million **and add** \$1 million (total of \$2 million) for **mental health services for children under 5**.
- **Restore** \$2.05 million **and add** \$450,000 (total of \$2.5 million) for **court-involved youth mental health initiative**.
- **Restore** \$3.237 million **and add** \$763,000 (total of \$4.0 million) for **autism awareness initiative**.
- **Restore** \$2.179 million **and add** \$321,000 (total of \$2.5 million) for **developmental, psychological and behavioral health initiative**.
- **Restore** \$1.218 million **and add** \$782,000 total of \$2 million) for **mental health services for vulnerable populations**.

HEALTHY AFFORDABLE FOOD

- **Restore** \$7.23 million **and add** \$6.57 million (total of \$22 million in the baselined) for the **Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)**.
- **Increase healthy food retail options** by adding \$15 million for SNAP incentives such as Health Bucks; investing \$10 million to launch the Healthy Food Financing Initiative for food establishments; and adding \$3 million to support healthy corner store initiatives.

REJECT OR MODIFY THESE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

- **Reject** adding 2 years of funding to **Department of Corrections** to supervise youth in **juvenile detention centers**.
- **Support** adding \$20 million to the **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** in FY19 for the minimum wage increase, but **baseline funds**.
- **Support** improving educational stability and outcomes for **students in temporary housing** by baselining \$11.9 million for Bridging the Gap (includes 53 social workers in schools) **and add** \$18.4 million to add more MSWs and create Deputy Chancellor for Highly Mobile students.