



## **Summary of the New York City Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget**

On April 25, 2019, Mayor de Blasio released his \$92.5 billion Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1, 2019.

Citizens' Committee for Children (CCC) appreciates the de Blasio Administration's efforts to make New York City a fairer and more equitable City to all who live in the five boroughs. While the Executive Budget takes some steps toward these ends, we believe that the administration and the City budget must go further to achieve these goals, and should include: creating salary parity for early education teachers, additional investments in reducing and preventing family homelessness, promoting the well-being of children and families who are homeless, supporting the nutritional needs of students, creating universal after-school for elementary school students, and ensuring all children participating in after-school programs can participate in summer camp programming.

We are pleased to see the investment of \$22 million for Census outreach, as well as \$33 million for special education services, including the hiring of more school psychologists and speech teachers. We also appreciate the City stepping in to help fill the budget gap created by the State slashing New York City's public health and TANF funds. However, we remain concerned that these restorations will not fully mitigate the impact of state cuts and look forward to seeing more details on implementation.

In addition, we are appreciative of the Mayor's plan to restore and baseline \$11.9 million for the Bridging the Gap program, which includes 53 social workers in schools with high numbers of homeless students. However, the homelessness crisis demands that the City go much further. We urge the City to restore \$2 million in City Council funds for an additional 16 Bridging the Gap social workers, bringing the total to 69. We also, once again, urge the City to increase the number of Bridging the Gap social workers to 100, as there are still 100 schools with 50 or more students who are homeless without any social worker onsite. Lastly, we urge the City to baseline this funding so that it is not subject to the annual budget dance.

This year, the City Council's response to the Preliminary Budget also called for additional investments to better serve children who are homeless, including investing in social workers to meet the needs of children and their families residing in hotels and \$500,000 to implement an Education Support Center at PATH to help families applying for shelter meet the educational needs of their children. We urge the administration to make these investments to move the needle and support the thousands of children and youth experiencing housing instability.

We are extremely disappointed that this proposed budget not only fails to invest, but also cuts programming for New Yorkers most in need, particularly children. This includes cutting \$6 million from Breakfast in the Classroom, failing to invest \$5 million to ensure foster children can be bused to their home schools, failing to invest in behavioral health supports in communities and schools, , cutting \$8 million of elementary after-school programming, and once again cutting \$20.35 million of summer camp for 34,000 middle school children. While the administration may perceive the annual summer

camp funding as part of a budget dance with the City Council, leaving this funding uncertain until the end of June when the program starts in July will once again leave low-income working parents uncertain about how their children will be safe this summer. We strongly urge the administration to once again restore this cut by the May Youth Services Budget Hearing.

Finally, we are also profoundly disappointed that the Executive Budget fails to deliver salary parity between early childhood teachers in community-based organizations and DOE schools, a critical component for high quality early childhood programs. Teachers in CBOs continue to earn significantly less than their DOE peers and the salary disparity grows over time. We thank the City Council for making salary parity a priority in their Preliminary Budget response and urge the Administration to work with the Council to address this inequity in the Adopted Budget.

**A more detailed list of budget proposals that impact children, youth and families is provided in the following pages.**

### **Executive Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2020 (City funds)**

#### **Child Welfare**

- N/A

#### **Early Education**

- N/A

#### **Education**

- Adds \$11.921 million for initiatives to support schools with the highest concentrations of students living in shelters, including Bridging the Gap social workers in schools
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- Adds \$88.29 million for Charter schools tuition
- Adds \$33.386 million in special education investments
- Adds \$73.709 million in State Aid Backfill

#### **Department of Social Services**

- Adds \$62.491 million for State Budget TANF reduction
- Adds \$75.0 million for cash assistance and rental subsidy re-estimates
- Adds \$370,000 for Democracy NYC
- Adds \$2.4 million for IDNYC, a free identification card for all New York City residents age 10 and up

#### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Adds \$62.611 for State budget TANF reduction

#### **Health and Mental Health**

- Adds \$59.493 million to backfill state cuts to Article 6 public health funding

#### **Juvenile Justice**

- N/A

### **Youth Services**

- Adds \$25.890 million for Census 2020 outreach (falls to \$951,000 in 2021 and \$0 in outyears)
- Adds \$490,000 for Census Staffing
- Adds \$2 million for NYCHA Community Center Maintenance

## **Preliminary Budget Proposals for City Fiscal Year 2020 (City Funds)**

### **Early Childhood Education**

- \$25.261 million for 3K expansion starting (increases to \$35.096 million in FY 2021 and \$41.047 million in FY 2022)

### **Education**

- \$9.278 million for Science Curriculum (FY 20 and FY 21 only)

### **Food and Economic Security**

- \$106 million for Fair Fares (reduced price MetroCards for low income New Yorkers) in FY 2020

### **Health and Mental Health**

- \$2.3 million for DSS, HRA, and DHS agency-wide staff implicit bias training and body-worn cameras for all HRA Peace Officers (\$1.054 million in outyears)
- \$1.231 million for LeadFreeNYC: Coordinated Care for Elevated Blood Lead Levels (same in outyears)
- \$227,000 for LeadFreeNYC: Improvements to citywide immunization registry for lead-related notifications (same in outyears)
- \$500,000 for NYC Well Quality Assurance (same in outyears)
- \$25.0 million for NYC Care in FY2020 (increases to \$75.0 million in FY 2021 and \$100.0 million in FY 2022)

### **Housing Quality**

- \$4.263 for LeadFreeNYC in FY 2020 (\$1.551 million in outyears)

### **Juvenile Justice**

- \$2.938 for Adolescent Population Reduction Strategy (initiatives to divert 16- and 17- year olds from detention or shorten their length of stay in jail) (\$4.357 in outyears)

### **Youth Services**

- \$30.775 million for Summer Youth Employment Program (increases to \$32.775 in FY 2021 and \$34.775 in FY 2022). Funding reflects changes to the SYEP RFP to fund minimum wage increase and higher intensity services for priority populations.

## **Initiatives Funded in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 by the Administration for One Year Only that Were Not Funded in the Preliminary or Executive Budgets**

The Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget included a number of critical initiatives that were funded only in FY19 and were not funded in the FY20 Preliminary Budget. We urge the Administration to

negotiate a budget with the City Council that restores and baselines the following in the CFY Adopted Budget:

- \$20.35 million for at least 34,00 middle school after-school summer program slots (FY19 budget included a one-year partial restoration of \$15 million for 22,800 children)
- \$19.0 million for Work, Learn and Grow, a year-round youth employment program
- \$2.567 for community schools sustainability
- \$200,000 for LGBTQ Family Outreach
- \$1.3 million for Restorative Justice
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage
- \$500,000 for Youth Health Initiative at ACS
- \$4.5 million for child care (ACS)

### **City Council Initiatives in the City Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget that were Not Included in the Preliminary or Executive Budgets**

In the Fiscal Year 2019 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 where appropriate baseline the following in the Adopted Budget:

#### **Child Welfare and Domestic Violence**

- \$9.305 million for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative
- \$2.45 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which includes \$600,000 for Project CONNECT at ACS

#### **Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice**

- \$8.107 million for Alternatives to Incarceration programs
- \$1.71 million for the Center for Court Innovation
- \$2.81 million for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers
- \$1.2 million for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking

#### **Early Childhood Education/Child Care:**

- \$5.36 million for Discretionary child care programs (funding was \$9.855 million FY 2018)
- \$4.44 million for the City's First Readers Initiative (DYCD)

#### **Education:**

- \$500,000 for Child Mind Institute
- \$3.0 million for community schools
- \$2.485 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiative
- \$4.39 million for Educational Programs for Students, which includes programs such as Chess in the Schools, Expanded Schools and the Middle School Quality Initiative
- \$2.0 million for Guidance Counselors for All Schools
- \$250,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children
- \$600,000 for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum

- \$1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness
- \$20.805 million for Support for Educators, which includes Teacher’s Choice school supplies and the Executive Leadership Institute
- \$2.0 million for Support for Homeless Students, Bridging the Gap school-based social workers

### **Economic Security**

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative
- \$3.499 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative

### **Food Initiatives**

- \$1.055 million for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which includes restorations for EBTs in Farmers’ Markets (DYCD)
- \$725,000 for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative (HRA)
- \$4.6 million for food pantries (DYCD)
- \$1.0 million for a Halal and Kosher School Lunch Pilot (DCAS)

### **Health Services**

- \$2.5 million for Access Health NYC
- \$350,000 for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators for non-profits serving youth and the elderly)
- \$646,000 for Child Health and Wellness, which includes various programs such as obesity prevention, asthma programs and oral health services
- \$1.693 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative
- \$344,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services
- \$1.775 million for Trans Equity Programs

### **Homeless and Housing Services**

- \$1.35 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System
- \$820,000 total for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund
- \$3.65 million for Community Housing Preservation Strategies
- \$450,000 for Financial Empowerment for NYC’s Renters
- \$650,000 for Housing Court Answers
- \$1.0 million for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program
- \$2.5 million for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing

### **Immigration Services**

- \$10 million for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project
- \$2.0 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative

### **Legal Services**

- \$5.3 million for Legal Services for Low-income New Yorkers, which includes citywide legal services and the SSI advocacy project
- \$485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)
- \$3.205 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor

### **Mental Health Services**

- \$3.237 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative

- \$1.002 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 Initiative
- \$2.85 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative
- \$2.179 million for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services
- \$1.2 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition
- \$1.794 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which includes the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline

**Youth Services:**

- \$6.303 million for Afterschool Enrichment Initiatives
- \$1.813 million for COMPASS elementary after-school
- \$1.2 million for Big Brothers and Big Sister of New York City
- \$550,000 for Civic Education in New York City Schools
- \$1.2 million for Sports Training and Role Models for Success Initiative (STARS)
- \$2.1 million for Youth Build Project Initiative
- \$15.3 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA)

**Young Women’s Initiative**

- The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget fails to restore \$4.242 million (funding was \$5 million in FY 2018) to fund key YWI recommendations:
  - \$417,500 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund
  - \$350,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
  - \$250,000 for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement
  - \$275,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults
  - \$154,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention
  - \$600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships
  - \$1.1 million for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth
  - 1.096 million for Young Women’s Leadership Development