

NYC FISCAL YEAR 2005 ADOPTED BUDGET: CITY COUNCIL RESTORATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

ADOPTED BUDGET SUMMARY

On June 24th, the Mayor and the New York City Council adopted a \$47 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2005. The adopted budget includes the restoration of over \$100 million in cuts to children's programs, a tax rebate proposal to homeowners and the Council's New York City Earned Income Tax Credit initiative. The NYC EITC will support over 700,000 low-wage earning families with a tax credit. Below is a listing of restorations and enhancements the City Council made in the FY'05 budget.

CHILD WELFARE

RESTORED: \$7.8 MILLION TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES to avert an 18.5% cut to prevention contracts and the elimination of BEACON prevention programs that serve more than 30,000 children.

RESTORED: \$11.8 MILLION FOR FOSTER CARE BOARD AND CARE RATES AND FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT STIPENDS to avert a 5% cut to foster boarding home rates and 3% cut to congregate care rates for 25,000 children placed in foster care.

RESTORED: \$7.6 MILLION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE to maintain services for 5,000 youth in foster care.

RESTORED: \$500,000 TO LIFE SKILLS TRAINING for 1,500 youth aging-out of foster care each year.

CHILD CARE

RESTORED: \$9 MILLION FOR 2,500 CHILD CARE SLOTS.

RESTORED: \$1.9 MILLION TO REDUCE FEES FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING PARENTS.

ADDED: \$10 MILLION TO CREATE 1,400 NEW QUALITY CHILD CARE SLOTS.

HOUSING AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

RESTORED: \$5.25 MILLION TO ANTI-EVICTION AND SRO LEGAL SERVICES to extend contracts for legal services programs that prevent eviction and homelessness.

RESTORED: \$350,000 TO THE CITY-WIDE TASK FORCE ON HOUSING COURT to continue to provide legal information on tenants' rights.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

RESTORED: \$10 MILLION TO THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM (YDDP) to restore services to more than 250 youth development programs that offer 292,000 opportunities for youth.

RESTORED: \$8.1 MILLION TO BEACONS to maintain funding for each of the city's 80 BEACON schools serving over 159,000 children.

RESTORED: \$2.5 MILLION TO THE AFTER-3 PROGRAM to avert the elimination of 20-30 school-based afterschool programs serving 4,000-6,000 children. These programs serve 42,000 children city-wide.

RESTORED: \$3.2 MILLION AND ADDED \$2 MILLION TO CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS that support over 100 youth programs.

RESTORE: \$3.7 MILLION TO MISCELLANEOUS YOUTH PROGRAMS to maintain support for Virtual Y, Sports and Arts, Student Achievement, Street Outreach and the Neighborhood Youth Alliance programs.

RESTORED: \$863,000 TO DRUG PREVENTION AND RUNAWAY, HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUTHLINK to maintain support for 20 programs including crisis shelters, outreach, drop-in, transitional homes and Youthlink.

RESTORED: \$10 MILLION AND ADDED: \$1.4 MILLION TO THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) to prevent the loss of more than 7,000 summer jobs. New York State's extender budget bill however, cuts \$10 million from SYEP resulting in the loss of approximately 4,600 summer jobs in New York City.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

RESTORED: \$500,000 TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM to maintain preventive and after care services for youth.

EDUCATION

RESTORED: \$16 MILLION TO THE TEACHERS' AND PRINCIPALS' CHOICE PROGRAM to continue to reimburse personal funds up to \$200 spent on classroom supplies.

ADDED: \$10 MILLION to the Mayor's \$25 million initiative to reduce class size in grade K-3 by adding 220 classrooms.

TAX EQUITY AND INCOME SUPPORT

ADDED: \$50 MILLION FOR A LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT to establish a local refundable credit to low-income working families. This city funded EITC ranging from \$20-\$215 will accrue to families earning under \$34,692. Joined with the federal and state EITC, 700,000 families can receive as much as \$5,600.

ADDED: \$765,000 FOR EITC OUTREACH AND LEGAL SERVICES. This new initiative will help families file and receive the New York City, State and Federal EITC.

ADDED: \$670,000 FOR FOOD PANTRIES to provide food to more needy New Yorkers.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

RESTORED: \$2.8 MILLION TO INFANT MORTALITY PROGRAMS to support 31 community based organizations that provide outreach, education, and referral services in communities with high infant mortality rates.

RESTORED: \$445,000 TO THE ASTHMA CONTROL INITIATIVE to avert the closure of three case management programs that reduce asthma in high-need neighborhoods.

RESTORED: \$536,000 TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS to preserve city subsidies for five clinics.

SECURED A COMMITMENT FOR THE HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION TO SUPPORT THE CHILD HEALTH CLINICS and avert the reduction of preventive and primary health services for children and adolescents, although funding was not restored.

RESTORED: \$1.55 MILLION TO ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CLINICS at Lincoln and Harlem Hospitals.

RESTORED: \$1.25 MILLION TO OUTPATIENT PHARMACIES AND MEDICATION WAIVERS to prevent an increase in fees charged by HHC to uninsured patients.

RESTORED: \$2.5 MILLION FOR NURSES DURING SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS.

ADDED: \$670,000 TO FUND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN FIVE AND UNDER at community based outpatient mental health clinics in the Bronx and Brooklyn.

