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Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) is an independent voice for New York City's children. CCC champions children who cannot vote, lobby, or act on their own behalf, especially those who are poor, have special needs or are particularly vulnerable. CCC's goal is to secure the rights, protections and services children deserve. Many of CCC's activities directly affect the lives of individual children but most efforts identify the causes and effects of disadvantage and poverty, promote the development of services in the community and work to make public and private institutions more responsive to children. CCC is unique among child advocacy organizations in that citizen members and staff work side-by-side assuming the roles of spokesperson, researcher, convener and watchdog for the city's children. Staff and members include specialists in health, mental health, education, child care, housing, homelessness, income security, child welfare, juvenile justice and child and youth development.

CCC helps New Yorkers turn their personal concern for children into action through:

- Fact-Finding, Research and Analysis
- Policy Development and Technical Assistance
- Public Education and Outreach; and
- Advocacy



The Fifth Annual Great Kids Budget Debate

In 2001-2002, CCC *acted* for New York City children and families by staying focused on what we have always been known for: comprehensive fact-finding, research and analysis to identify long-term needs; CCC *reacted* sensibly to critical emerging issues and integrated those issues into our overall

advocacy agenda; and CCC *interacted* with and for New Yorkers, delivering and following-through on a children's agenda that utilized our core fact-finding, research and analysis to reach out to and join with other New Yorkers in advocating to make the city a better place to be a child.

Introduction:

Letter from Our Leadership



Nancy Locker
Chairman



Heidi Stamas
President



Gail B. Nayowith
Executive Director

2001-2002 was a year of complicated transitions for Citizens' Committee for Children, starting when the glorious late summer of 2001 gave way to the most difficult period in New York City history with the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the crash of flight 587, and the downturn in the economy. We were reminded that CCC was born of an earlier war in 1944, and that our founding mission was to do all that we could to ensure the well-being of New York City children. As we emerged from the dark days of fall, this focus on what's best for children bolstered our determination to stay on track and keep moving ahead, relying on the responsiveness, resiliency and compassion that have marked our work for 58 years.

As a result of the events of September 11th, CCC made frequent adjustments and regular transitions between our planned work and emerging issues facing children. We graduated adults and youth from our Community Leadership and Youth Community Leadership courses, completed research, prepared to release six reports and began new fact-finding inquiries. CCC reported the November City Budget Modification, the January Financial Plan and Executive Budgets as unfairly burdening children, and welcomed a new Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough Presidents, and record numbers of new City Councilmembers. With briefing papers and policy briefings on issues facing the city's children, we began the process of building relationships with our newly elected officials while at the same time challenging them to make children a priority in policy, progress and budget decisions. We produced state and city budget impact analyses, held press conferences, distributed newsletters, and testified at hearings. At the same time, CCC was committed to helping our city recover from 9/11. CCC helped organize a Congressional Field Hearing, conducted public opinion polling, organized a local hearing and a citywide conference, produced a video, published reports and improved communication and worked to coordinate planning across city and state agencies and we provided guidance to policymakers on recovery and rebuilding after 9/11.

CCC has moved back and forth from the predictable to the unprecedented, acting for, reacting to, and interacting on behalf of New York City children and families. In the end, these complicated shifts added texture to our work and made us stronger as an organization. Drawing on the overarching lessons of nearly six decades of child advocacy experience in New York City, CCC has shown that well thought out projects and targeted advocacy can make the city a better place for children. We thank our volunteers, colleagues, Board, Advocacy Council and staff for their commitment to our city and our children, for their financial support, and for their time, dedication, and expertise. Because of them CCC remains a strong voice for children, working to ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

Signed,

Nancy Locker
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Action

Action on behalf of New York City children and families has been at the heart of CCC's work for 58 years. In the past year, CCC was dedicated more than ever to staying focused on the work already underway before the horrific events of September 11th. To that end CCC was engaged in its own unique version of fact-finding, research and analysis that places professional staff side-by-side with a dedicated corps of volunteers. The following reports reflect this effort:

- **Caring From Home: Addressing Barriers to Family Child Care Expansion** takes an in-depth look at the experiences of family child care providers and addresses the barriers to family child care expansion with a series of recommendations including: 1) Revisiting the New York State market rate methodology of payment and developing a methodology for calculating payment rates for subsidized child care that provides the resources necessary for providers to offer high quality care; 2) Streamlining fingerprinting and other child care administrative and oversight responsibilities that are currently performed by multiple agencies; 3) Guaranteeing prompt payment for care provided; 4) Increasing access to professional development opportunities through the creation of a Professional Development and Technical Assistance Training Institute; and 5) Developing a joint state and city effort to encourage unregulated providers to enter the system of regulated care, and enhance quality through program accreditation. CCC hopes that this report will serve as a blueprint for system change that will support family child care providers and lead to the

expansion of quality affordable child care for New York City's working families.

- **Health Insurance Creates Access to Health Services** examines whether children enrolled in managed care plans through Child Health Plus A (Medicaid) and Child Health Plus B have access to primary and specialty health services. CCC interviewed parents/caregivers of children enrolled in these insurance programs, fee-for-service Medicaid, and children who lacked insurance, and concluded that most parents/caregivers are satisfied with the access to health care afforded to their children enrolled in managed care plans. The report highlights problem areas, such as the need for managed care plans and the government to inform parents/caregivers about the scope of the benefit package, particularly the availability of mental health and dental services, and makes recommendations to address these and other areas.

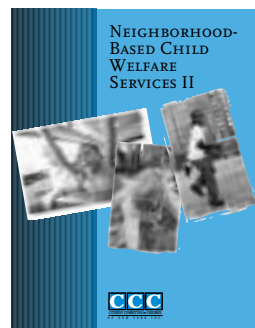
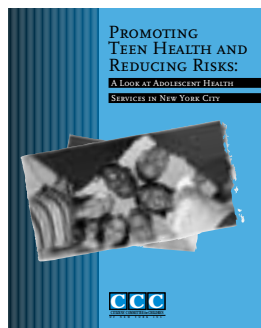
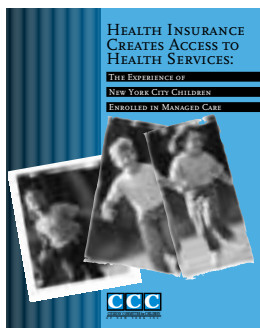
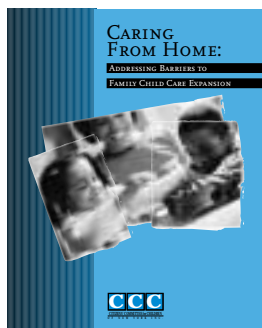
- **Promoting Teen Health and Reducing Risks** looks at adolescent health services in New York and the challenges encountered by both teenagers trying to obtain health services and health professionals seeking to provide these services. In addition to fact-finding in twenty-two clinics that provided primary care to teenagers, CCC also conducted a focus group of teenagers. CCC learned that: 1) There are clinics in New York City that attempt to meet the health and mental health needs of teenagers despite limited resources; 2) Education needs to be increased among primary care providers and teenagers about a teenager's right to an array of confidential health services under New York law;

and 3) Outreach efforts to teenagers need to be improved. The report makes several recommendations to city and state government as well as managed care and community-based health and mental health organizations to enable primary care providers to meet the unique needs of teenagers, to increase outreach and education to teenagers, and to improve the coordination of services provided to New York City teens.

- **Neighborhood Based Child Welfare Services II**, based on interviews with foster care and preventive service providers in all five boroughs presents findings and recommendations on neighborhood based reform efforts after the Administration for Children's Services' (ACS) lengthy restructuring of foster care and preventive child welfare services and move to a neighborhood based system in which children and families receive services near home. CCC recommends:

- 1) Broadening foster parent outreach efforts to include more moderate-income families;
- 2) Providing contract agencies with updated information on other neighborhood-based services;
- 3) Supporting ACS's work to create child and family consumer feedback tools for use with direct care and voluntary foster care agencies and preventive service agencies.

- **The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) and the Family Court** presents findings and recommendations on ASFA implementation in the Family Courts. The federal Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) enacted in November 1997, significantly shortened the length of time that children could stay in foster care. It also increased the frequency with which Family Courts review a child and family's

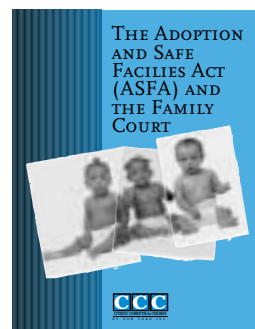


progress towards achieving permanency, and demanded that states ensure the safety of each child until permanency is achieved. Based on interviews with Family Court Judges and Referees working in Family Court in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx, CCC's recommendations for improving conditions in Family Court include: 1) Supporting the Chief Judge's court reform plan that would add much needed staffing and financial resources to the courts; 2) Increasing compensation of 18-B panel attorneys to improve the quality of representation; 3) Assigning a single judge to each case from initial filing through permanency; 4) Reducing caseloads of foster care caseworkers; and 5) Increasing the availability of mental health, substance abuse and other supports.

- **Responsibility and Risk: TANF Reauthorization Creates an Opportunity for Needed Improvements** examines how children and families are faring after five years of welfare reform and makes recommendations for changes to the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act of 1996 prior to reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Block Grant in October 2002. CCC found that: 1) Welfare caseloads have dropped but child poverty persists; 2) Families leave welfare for low-paying jobs and unstable work; 3) Eligible families are not receiving Medicaid and Food Stamps; 4) The lack of affordable child care makes it difficult for families to maintain employment; 5) Eligibility Verification Review and other anti-fraud procedures have diverted many families from receiving assistance; and 6) Family homelessness is rising at a dramatic rate in the city. CCC recommends policy changes for the city and the state that will help families maintain employment and achieve financial independence.

CCC also completed data collection and is finalizing production for a late 2002 release of **Keeping Track of New York City's Children: The Millennium Edition**. CCC's groundbreaking data book provides New Yorkers with a window into conditions facing children and a picture of how children are faring in all 59 community districts. New Yorkers concerned with the status of children and families in neighborhoods across New York City have come to rely on *Keeping Track*.





of care; 4) Broadening parent involvement and community engagement; 5) Strengthening the workforce through salary and providing technical assistance, enhancements to sponsoring agencies; 6) Promoting blended programming; 7) Building state-of-the-art facilities; 8) Enhancing child development and family functioning; 9) Maximizing revenue and prompt payment; and 10) Improving ACS child care and Head Start operations. As a part of the implementation of the plan, ACS has increased the availability of subsidized child care and full-day Head Start, implemented a new fee schedule that makes child care more affordable for low- and moderate-income families and reorganized its child care and its operations.

- Housed *The New York City Child Welfare Advisory Panel*, an advisory panel created by the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Commissioner William C. Bell, to improve child welfare services through management, practice and policy reforms and to maintain a high standard of public accountability. The panel is chaired by CCC Executive Director Gail Nayowith and comprised of eight national and local child welfare experts: Steven D. Cohen, Senior Associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and former Staff Director of the Special Child Welfare Advisory Panel; Jorge Colapinto, Director, Foster Care Project and Faculty in the Clinical Externship Program at the Ackerman Institute for the Family; Dr. Kathryn Conroy, Assistant Dean, Director of Field Education at the Columbia University

CCC is also increasing on our work with government officials to develop better ways to implement public policy.

In 2001, CCC:

- Co-chaired the Administration for Children's Services *Advisory Board Child Care and Head Start Subcommittee*. The Subcommittee was charged with developing a coherent plan for Head Start and Child Care services across the city called *Counting to 10: New Directions in Child Care and Head Start*. The plan defined 10 broad goals and offered a timetable to achieve them. These goals include: 1) Ensuring the quality of Head Start and child care services; 2) Increasing access to care; 3) Expanding availability

School of Social Work and Co-Chair of the ACS Advisory Board; Hon. Richard J. Fitzgerald, retired Chief Judge, Jefferson County Family Court and Commonwealth of Kentucky District Judge; John Mattingly, Senior Associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Team Leader for Child Welfare Policy; Ruth Mayden, former Dean, Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research and Director of the Program for Families with Young Children at the Annie E. Casey Foundation; Martha Olson, Esq., Teacher and former President, Citizens' Committee for Children of New York; and David B. Sanders, Senior Human Services Director, Hennepin County Department of Children and Family Services and Adult Assistance. The New York City Child Welfare Advisory Panel meets regularly with the ACS leadership team, has full access to ACS programs, staff and data relevant to its work and will release two reports each year.

- Convened a Children's Mental Health Alliance workgroup that examined the regulatory and fiscal barriers prohibiting expansion of outpatient children's mental health treatment programs and discussed the development of a more flexible model of delivering outpatient treatment. CCC will issue a policy report entitled *Paving the Way: New Directions for Children's Mental Health Services* as an outgrowth of this work in the fall of 2002.

- Participated in the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) Planning Retreat with DHS staff, service

providers, public agencies and other advocates to develop principles to shape homeless policy and practices for the new administration. To address the unprecedented increase in the number of homeless families, CCC will step-up its work with DHS to improve access to shelter for eligible families; and help transition families from shelter to permanent housing.

**Counting to 10:
New Directions
in Child Care
and Head Start**

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Reaction



High School Poll participants from the Center for Family Life

In 2001-2002 CCC reacted to the critical issues that developed after 9/11 by adding them to our already ambitious advocacy agenda and promoting sensible ways of bringing New Yorkers together to solve problems left in the wake of the terrorist attacks. To that end:

- CCC was in the forefront of monitoring the city's response to the growing demand for children's mental health services that resulted from September 11th. CCC and the Children's Mental Health Alliance convened a forum with presenters from the New York State Office of Mental Health, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Board of Education, the Administration for Children's Services, and community-based children's mental health programs. The panel of presenters described their experience implementing the first phase of Project Liberty, the outreach, education, and crisis counseling mental health program funded by the

Federal Emergency Management Administration, and discussed the challenges faced in implementing the second, \$132 million, phase of Project Liberty over the next nine to fifteen months.

- CCC partnered with Children's Defense Fund-NY to sponsor a Hearing on June 25, 2002, entitled *Lessons Learned from 9/11: Helping Children and Families*. The event, hosted by New York 1 News, "New York Tonight" anchor John Schiumo, was broadcast twice in its entirety on New York 1 News, and featured New Yorkers committed to improving conditions for children, youth, and families and laying a solid foundation for urban revival. Service providers, parents/caregivers, young people, policy experts, elected and appointed officials and concerned New Yorkers, came together to identify issues, articulate priorities and better understand how the city's government, philanthropic, private and non-profit sectors responded to the events of 9/11 and how these lessons could be applied to improving the organization and management of city services for children and families. Focusing specifically on children's mental health, Disaster Relief Medicaid, income supports, child care and youth services, the Hearing highlighted specific regulatory changes in eligibility, benefits access and administration of programs as well as new needs and emerging challenges. Most important, it provided an opportunity for New Yorkers to talk directly with policymakers so that this vital information is considered in public and private efforts to plan and rebuild New York. City Councilmember David Weprin, Chair of the Finance Committee, City Councilmember Tracy Boyland, Chair of the Women's Issues Committee,



Left (top): Scarlet Taveras, John Schiomo; (below left) Deborah Taylor and David Chen; (below, right) Gail Nayowith, Suzy Edelstein, Andrea Anthony, and Janet Kelley



Councilmember Bill deBlasio, Chair of the General Welfare Committee and Ester Fuchs, Special Advisor to the Mayor on Governance and Strategic Planning were in attendance. On September 27th, we again partnered with the Children's Defense Fund-NY to hold a "Lessons Learned From 9/11: Helping Children and Families, One Year Later" conference hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The conference celebrated the

resilience and resolve of New Yorkers and imparted a message of hope, as we charted the progress made and called on New York's leaders to address the challenges that remain. The conference provided an opportunity for 250 New Yorkers to weigh-in on policy choices that will affect their lives as rebuilding efforts advance. Invited panelists included state and city officials and representatives of New York's philanthropic and non-profit community who

addressed the findings and recommendations of the June 25th hearing published in a report and released at a press conference held the morning of the conference.

In September 2002, CCC debuted an original short film entitled "The Bridge Back: New York's Children After 9/11" – featuring moving footage of the experiences and hopes for the future of NYC children and revealed the results of a citywide survey of parents on the impact of 9/11 on the well-being of children and families.

The poll – the first of parents of New York City children that assessed family needs – documented that 9/11 and related threats to safety and well being dealt a major psychological blow to children throughout the city.

The poll, conducted for CCC by Belden Russonello and Stewart reported and confirmed that the city lacked but

desperately needs an organized, coherent approach to delivering health and human services to children and families in the event of another major crisis. And even more than that, the poll confirmed that many children still need help dealing with the tragedy they experienced last fall.

This study, “Children and Crisis:

New York City’s Response After 9/11”, measures the impact on children from the standpoint of the people who know them best – their parents. It documented the resilience of New York’s children and families in the face of the tragedy, their lingering needs, and their hopes for the future.

POLL RESULTS

- 23% of parents turned to their child’s school for help following the events of September 11th.
- 80% of NYC parents felt the schools did an “excellent” or “good” job helping children cope immediately following the World Trade center attack.
- 20% of children remain anxious about going out and 1 in 6 continues to have nightmares, insomnia and other sleep disturbances.
- 81% of parents said either “no” or “I don’t know” when asked if their child’s school was doing anything to determine if their child still has needs resulting from 9/11.

The complete survey is available at www.kfny.org, CCC’s website.

The image shows the cover of a report titled "Lessons Learned from 9/11: Helping Children and Families". The cover has a blue background on the left and a grey background on the right. The title is in large, bold, white and blue text. Below the title are several small images: a child's face, a hand holding a small object, a child's face, a child walking, and a woman's face. At the bottom right, there are logos for CCC (Citizens' Committee for Children of New York Inc.) and the Children's Defense Fund. The text "A Report on the June 25, 2002 Hearing" is also present.

Interaction

Interaction – where it all comes together – public education and advocacy – taking the message to New Yorkers.

The implementation of term limits and campaign finance reform in New York City last year contributed to a record number of open seats for elected office and an unprecedented field of candidates for City Council, Borough President, Public Advocate, Comptroller and Mayor. CCC took a number of steps to both familiarize New Yorkers with the new candidates and to familiarize the candidates with the issues important to families who live, work and raise their children in New York City. During the summer and fall of 2001, CCC:

- Held a forum for Mayoral candidates, hosted by NewsChannel 4's political reporter Melissa Russo, that gave New Yorkers a chance to react to and candidly query candidates on their child and family vision statements.
- Developed a comprehensive survey of children's issues for the 404 candidates seeking city office. Results were compiled and published as a *Kids First, New York Voter Guide* that was disseminated to 3000 New Yorkers and accessed online on CCC's website.
- Developed post-election transition packets that included *Prospects and Promises, 2001: A Guide to Children's Services for New York City Policymakers*, *New York City Government 2001* and *Keeping Track of New York City Children*. Packets were disseminated to newly elected and appointed officials and to 4000 CCC colleagues and concerned New Yorkers.
- Held introductory meetings with candidates over the summer of 2001 and followed up with 30 meetings with



Press conference called by the Emergency Coalition for Child Care and Early Learning staffed by CCC, held on the steps of City Hall, April 18.

newly elected officials throughout the fall and winter to introduce CCC and emphasize *Prospects and Promises*, CCC's guide to pressing issues and priorities for services for children and youth. In addition, all 51 councilmembers (newly and re-elected), all 5 Borough Presidents and the Mayor, Comptroller and Public Advocate received the policy paper.

Each year CCC makes great efforts to secure and protect resources for children and families in the city and state budget. Whether focused on yearly state and city budget negotiations or interim modifications, CCC is known for both its comprehensive and easy-to-follow publications that track the budget and for its tireless and informed presence during negotiations at City Hall and in Albany. In the November Budget Modification, Mayor Giuliani and the City Council, cut \$275 million from children's services. When Mayor Bloomberg took office, a looming \$5 billion deficit led to a proposal to cut

children's programs by an additional \$726 million. CCC's education of and advocacy with elected officials prevented some of the most drastic cuts. In the past year, CCC:

- Organized a City Budget Roundtable to strategize about the November budget modification and partnered with the Council of Senior Centers and Services to hold an intergenerational press conference at City Hall to protest a budget modification that was harmful to children and the elderly.
- Prepared and disseminated a *Kids First New York State Budget FY03* advocacy agenda and followed-through with recommendations at hearings and in meetings with State Legislators and the Governor's staff, attended by CCC adult and youth volunteers.
- Developed and disseminated an analysis of the Mayor's Preliminary Budget Proposal for FY03 and held meetings with Councilmembers and Mayor's Staff to advocate for crucial budget restorations.



Children from Chung-Pak Day Care at City Hall Child Care rally.

- Partnered with the Emergency Coalition for Child Care and Early Learning (founded by CCC and our colleagues at CCI, FPWA, DCC and UNH and over 110 sponsoring organizations) to hold a series of press conference on the steps of City Hall and be a constant presence to advocate against proposed budget cuts.

- Advocated at City Hall on afternoons, evening and weekends with CCC staff and volunteers (adult and youth) to follow up on our *Kids Can't Wait Tomorrow is Too Late* budget analysis, and CCC's budget recommendations.

- Advocacy led to the restoration of \$24 million to expand child care city-wide by 3,500 slots.

- Successfully defended against a

budget cut that would have eliminated a collaborative mental health program between Bellevue Hospital and the Administration for Children's Services.

- Saved the Family Rental Assistance Program from budget cuts.

- Realized, after years of advocacy, the repeal of the state's child welfare block grant and its replacement with a financing mechanism that provides open-ended matching funds for protective, preventive, adoption, independent living, and after care services.

CCC also:

- Worked on a July 11th New York City Council hearing on "The Role of the New York City Department of Public Health (DPH) in the Licensing and Inspection of Child Care," to evaluate the

implementation of the NYS Quality Child Care and Protection Act, and to assess city and state monitoring of child care programs. The joint hearing of the General Welfare, Health, and Women's Issues Committees was an unprecedented examination of barriers to child care quality and supply by three City Council committees, and an important outcome of the work of our Child Care Quality and Oversight Task Force.

- Continued partnership with the Children's Defense Fund-NY, presenting at a national conference in Washington DC and at two advocacy workshops planned by the Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP, our New York State partner in the devolution initiative) provided guidance on the SPP poll of welfare recipients and reviewed drafts of their report.

As part of our ongoing work and annual activities, CCC also held 10 policy briefings; 6 Brown bag forums, updated our website www.kidsfirstnewyork.org; presented testimony at 17 City Council Hearings; held the Justine Wise Polier Lecture featuring Dr. Gary Orfield, co-director of the Harvard University Civil Rights Project and co-sponsored by Louise Wise Services, New York University Child Study Center, Skadden, Arps, Slater, Meagher & Flom, LLP, and Marion E. Kenworthy-Sarah H. Swift Foundation; and were quoted in or participated in the development of over 130 television, newspaper and radio news stories in English, Spanish and Chinese.

Highlights of the City Adopted Budget for Fiscal 2003

**ADOPTED BUDGET: \$42 BILLION IN TOTAL FUNDS
(AN INCREASE OF \$175 MILLION ABOVE THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL)**

Budget enhancements & restorations to specific programs for children and families

MENTAL HEALTH & HEALTH

Restorations

- \$2.5 million for infant mortality reduction programs
- \$5.5 million for Child Health Clinics
- \$750,000 for school nurses – hepatitis B immunization program for children entering the 7th grade
- \$100,000 for family support programs for families with mentally ill children
- \$490,000 for alcohol and substance abuse treatment for teens
- \$200,000 for case management for youth leaving juvenile detention facilities
- \$400,000 for Bellevue/ACS Program to provide mental health services to children entering foster care
- \$500,000 for school violence prevention/mental health services in five public schools
- \$300,000 for school based mental health clinics
- \$300,000 for school-based tobacco prevention programs

CHILD WELFARE & JUVENILE JUSTICE

Restorations

- \$750,000 to provide after care services to

- youth in the juvenile justice system
 - 1 million to support 2 new group homes for juvenile detainees
 - \$200,000 for alternative to detention programs
- New Initiative**
- \$5 million to address the anticipated increase in the Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) caseload

CHILD CARE & EDUCATION

Restorations

- \$24 million for child care expansion supporting 3,000 child care slots citywide
- \$612,977 for teacher workstations
- \$400,000 for high school law enforcement academies
- \$350,00 for conflict resolution

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & YOUTH SERVICES

Restorations

- \$2.1 million for Summer Youth Employment
- \$3.1 million for Council discretionary funds for youth programs
- \$500,000 for the Virtual Y afterschool instructional support
- \$500,000 for a citywide pilot of school-based counseling and academic services for students at risk of dropping out

- \$1.4 million for Boys and Girls Club, Citysports, Sports and Arts Foundation, Beacon Preventive Services, Multi-Talents Inc., and the Neighborhood Assistance Program

Enhancements

- \$8 million added for Summer Youth Employment

HOUSING & INCOME SUPPORT

Restorations

- \$628,353 for a partial restoration to the Family Rental Assistance Program to serve approximately 100 families
- \$2.9 million for a partial restoration to contractors providing shelter to homeless families
- \$2.5 million to support anti-eviction and SRO legal services
- \$1.05 million to support community consultants
- \$350,000 for the Citywide Task Force on Housing Court

TOTAL ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET:

\$6.2 BILLION IN TOTAL FUNDS

- \$25 million over five years in capital funds restored to support the construction and renovation of child care facilities
- \$53.5 million eliminated halting the development of 200 secure juvenile detention facility beds.

Update: New York City's Fiscal 2003 Budget Modification

PROJECTED FY'03 BUDGET CUTS TO SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Agency	FY'03 Budget Modification Cut To City Tax Levy (Ctl)	FY'03 Projected Ctl Cut To Services For Children And Youth
Dept of Education	\$200,118,000	\$200,118,000
Administration for Children's Services	\$61,082,000	\$61,082,000
Human Resources Administration	\$28,681,000	\$7,170,250
Department of Homeless Services	\$15,562,000	\$3,890,500
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	\$28,620,000	\$7,155,000
Health and Hospitals Corp	\$7,960,000	\$1,990,000
Department of Youth and Community Dev	\$8,958,992	\$8,958,992
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$7,590,289	\$7,590,289
Probation	\$5,750,141	\$1,437,535
Parks	\$8,754,000	\$2,363,580
Libraries	\$23,890,000	\$5,972,500
Culturals	\$12,393,000	\$3,098,250
Total		\$310,826,986

CCC estimates that 36%, or \$310 million, of the proposed mid-year service cuts will be shouldered by children. To prevent harmful effects on children we recommend using five decision rules to assess the merits and dangers of every budget modification proposal.

Decision Rules

- Rule 1. Does the proposal identify and protect core services?
- Rule 2. Does the proposal reduce administration first and direct services to children last?
- Rule 3. Does the proposal balance cuts to contract and city-operated services?
- Rule 4. Does the proposal reduce duplication and inefficiencies?
- Rule 5. Does the proposal maximize state, federal and private funds?

Hands-on Training and Unique Advocacy Opportunities

CCC's Community Leadership Course (CLC), YouthAction program and Youth Community Leadership Course (YCLC), educate New Yorkers to become advocates and provide unparalleled educational experiences for adults and young people who care about the future of New York City. These experiential programs provide high school students and adult New Yorkers with information about children's services, policies, issues and budgets and gives them a first-hand look at how New York City government works – and doesn't work – for children and families; a first-hand look at some of the city's most underserved communities and efforts to improve conditions for children living there; and experience in what it is like to be a child or family in need of assistance facing a daunting bureaucracy and armed with very little information.

YouthAction, CCC's advocacy program for youth, includes the nine week Youth CLC and year-round educational advocacy opportunities. The Great Kids

Budget Debate provides hundreds of high school students with the opportunity to debate city budget priorities and have their voices heard. In the past year, CCC:

- Graduated its 55th class from the nine week adult CLC;
- Graduated its 4th class from the Youth CLC;
- Helped YouthAction participants create and teach a shortened version of the Youth Community Leadership Course and present this mini-course to youth at East Side House Settlement; and prepared YouthAction students to run focus groups with teenagers in substance abuse treatment programs to inform the work of CCC's Task Force on Substance Abuse;
- Began YouthAction Summer Interns, who developed a community profile of Bushwick, Brooklyn, planned our Community Development and Family Life Day and developed the YouthAction interactive portion of CCC's YouthActionNYC.org website, that launched in November 2002;
- Honored Emma Zuroski and Taylor

Roberson, two graduating seniors from the Horace Mann School, with CCC Founders' Awards at CCC's 2002 Annual Meeting. Emma and Taylor were cited for their extraordinary two year commitment to YouthAction, both as participants and as guiding hands in the development of subsequent programs;

- Integrated CCC's adult and youth components with intergenerational activities that included the Adolescent Substance Abuse Task Force, the YouthAction mini-course and state and city budget advocacy efforts; and
- Held the Fourth Great Kids Budget Debate hosted by NewsChannel 4's political reporter Melissa Russo. Twelve debate teams and 300 students from city high schools debated, analyzed and voted on city budget proposals, sending a strong message to city leaders that public education initiatives; rebuilding downtown; increased school funding; recycling programs; and reinstating the commuter tax should be priorities for the city over the coming year.



YCLC Class of 2001: (above) Marcus Morales, Crystal Lowe; (right) Marcus Morales, Ruth Maisel, Raul Grullon, Alex Charap, April Smith, Sofia Biniaris.



Looking Forward

2002-2003 Task Force and Coalitions

TASK FORCE ON HOMELESS YOUTH

Goal: To identify the service needs among homeless youth in New York City and the types of services available to this population. To assess how and why youth enter shelters and drop-in centers and to identify barriers to needed health, mental health, housing and educational services. Daniel Kronenfeld and Arlette Ferguson Mathis co-chair the Task Force. For more information contact Maria Toro, Staff Associate for Housing and Income Support, at 212-673-1800, x 20.

TASK FORCE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

Goal: To study the availability of mental health and health services for children and youth that reside in diverse foster care settings (congregate care, foster boarding homes, and residential facilities) and to determine the adequacy of these services provided to treat youth while in care. Chris Stern Hyman, Esq. and Connie Christensen, Esq. co-chair the Task Force. For more information, contact Tara Sher, Staff Associate for Health and Mental Health, at 212-673-1800, x 16.

CONTINUATION OF TASK FORCE ON THE SERVICE NEEDS OF YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Goal: To study the service needs of youth upon entry into OCFS facilities (including health, mental health, education, substance abuse, and sex offender) and determine the adequacy of services provided to treat these conditions while in care and upon release. Judy Garson, Esq. and Susan Raanan co-chair the Task Force. For more information, contact Ailin Chen, Staff Associate for Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, at 212-673-1800, x 15.

TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION – MILLENNIUM EDITION OF KEEPING TRACK OF NEW YORK CITY'S CHILDREN

Goal: To release the millennium edition of *Keeping Track* and to provide community based briefings in select community districts. Maryann Marston and Priscilla Bijur co-chair the Task Force. For more information, contact Hui Jin Ma, Staff Associate for Research and Data Analysis, at 212- 673-1800, x 19.

CONTINUATION OF TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF SCHOOL-TO-WORK AND AT-RISK YOUTH

Goal: To study the organizational structure, curriculum and programs of vocational, 'small environment' and other New York City schools that have demonstrated positive student academic outcomes with students at-risk of academic failure. This Task Force will take CCC into New York City high schools for the first time, and develop a set of recommendations to improve the in-school experience of New York City high school students. Amy Bernstein and Diane Fogg co-chair the Task Force. For more information, contact Candice Anderson, Staff Associate for Education and Child Care, at 212-673-1800, x 17.

CONTINUATION OF TASK FORCE ON NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Goal: To meet with newly elected officials, to acquaint them with our advocacy agenda for children and with CCC's resources/tools that can influence their decision-making.

Because of term limits, last fall New Yorkers elected new officials for the top three city elected offices—Mayor, Public Advocate and Comptroller and in addition, 4 out of 5 Borough Presidents (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island) and 36 out of 51 City Council members. The Task Force began in 2000, educating New Yorkers about the over 400 candidates seeking office (on-line and in-print Voter Guide) and the candidates, about issues affecting New York City children. After last fall's elections, the Task Force developed a transition packet for all newly elected officials and their high-level appointees. This year, the Task Force will continue meeting with newly elected officials. Sally Mendel and Samuel P. Peabody co-chair the Task Force. For more information, contact Donna Tiburzi, Director of Community and Government Relations, at 212-673-1800, x 18.

Works on Paper

On February 27th, 2002 co-chairs Lee Link, Nancy Locker and Emily Satloff welcomed over 1,000 people to CCC's first benefit preview of Sanford Smith's *Works on Paper* art show at the Seventh Regiment Armory. *Works on Paper* showcased artists from well-known local, national and international galleries and included drawings, prints, photography and all other works on paper. CCC was joined by Honorary Chair Agnes Gund, President of the Museum of Modern Art and Corporate Benefactors Lehman Brothers. CCC also had generous corporate and foundation support from the Unterberg Foundation; the Carlisle Collection; the AOL Time Warner Foundation; Salomon, Green & Ostrow; HBO; Goldman Sachs; MTV; Brown, Harris, Stevens; and Sotheby's.

The New York Times has called *Works On Paper* a "great visual adventure" and "the most important show of its kind," and CCC's partnership with *Works on Paper* marked the most successful fundraiser in CCC history. Please save the date for CCC's 2003 preview of *Works on Paper*, to be held Wednesday, February 26th, 2003.



Clockwise from top: the 2002 Works on Paper benefit at the Park Avenue Armory; Judy Tobias Davis, Cynthia Nachmani and Priscilla Bijur; Gail Nayowith; Heidi Stamas and Nancy Locker.

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	2002	2001	2002	2001	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:			TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Support:			Support for Education	195,705	96,425
Organizations and Corporations	\$ 200	\$ 10,480	Support for Youth Action	194,996	35,000
Foundations and Trusts	771,383	569,318	Support for Kellogg 9/11/01 Fund	78,600	-
Individuals	431,281	242,079	Support for Children's Health/ Mental Health	-	1,958
Spring benefit	707,437	243,416	Support for Early Intervention/Child Care	-	11,311
Fall benefit	125	178,157	Support for KidsFirst New York (KFNY, Roundtable)	-	10,000
Bequests	67	13,801	Net assets released from restrictions: Restrictions satisfied by payments	(295,734)	(347,465)
Other	48,253	38,380	INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	173,567	(192,771)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT	1,958,746	1,295,631	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Net assets released from restrictions:			Endowment fund contributions	103,801	79,113
Restrictions satisfied by payments	295,734	347,465	Investment return (loss)	31,958	(21,453)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND RECLASSIFICATIONS	2,254,480	1,643,096	INCREASE IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	135,759	57,660
EXPENSES:			INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	704,979	(264,980)
Program services:			NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	834,026	1,099,006
Child Welfare	69,991	81,247	NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	1,539,005	\$834,026
Children's Health/Mental Health	144,594	108,112			
Early Intervention/Child Care	34,616	38,689			
Education	154,257	74,353			
Homeless	68,291	96,527			
Juvenile Justice/Youth Development	112,910	88,401			
<i>Keeping Track</i>	120,983	123,351			
Kellogg 9/11/01 Fund	69,800	-			
Kids First New York (KFNY, Roundtable)	360,465	496,092			
Public Information	66,217	59,516			
YouthAction	165,004	140,000			
Supporting services:					
Management and general	233,726	224,635			
Fundraising	258,045	242,042			
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,858,827	1,772,965			
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	395,653	(129,869)			



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