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CCC Proposes *Securing Every Child's Birthright*® Priorities for NYC Children

The CFY'08 Executive Budget takes bold steps towards shaping New York City's future. Mayor Bloomberg has envisioned a city that has a better developed infrastructure and is business friendly – a city that is cleaner, greener and economically robust. The City Council's Budget Response furthers this aspirational thinking, promoting an impressive set of initiatives to make the city a better place for children and families by deepening the local Earned Income Tax Credit, creating a Renter Tax Credit and expanding full day Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

The CFY'08 Executive Budget funds the creation of a New York City Child Care Tax Credit making child care more affordable for families with young children. It puts forward an unprecedented early budget agreement with the City Council to baseline \$10 million for family child care and guarantee uninterrupted child care for nearly 1500 children. It also adds \$5.5 million to ensure that 38,500 youth have access to summer jobs. Finally, the CFY'08 Executive Budget includes new education funding totaling \$2.2 billion over the next four years which, when added to state education aid increases will result in \$5.4 billion in additional resources for



New York City schools.

Yet, despite this gain in funding for many essential services, the CFY'08 Executive Budget does not fund over \$100 million in City Council initiatives that have historically supported community-based services for children and youth. Also, the CFY'08

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Polier Colloquium a Great Success

CCC's 2007 Justine Wise Polier Colloquium on *The Teen Brain: Using Neuroscience to Improve Programs for Youth*, held Friday April 20, was a huge success drawing 220 participants to our host

site at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP. The Colloquium featured three thought-provoking keynote speakers: Dr. Abigail Baird, Professor of Psychology at Vassar College, Dr. Laurence Steinberg, Professor of Psychology at Temple University and Honorable Michael Corriero, Judge in the New York State Supreme Court-Youth Part.

During the opening plenary, Dr. Abigail Baird and Dr. Laurence Steinberg shared their research on the adolescent brain and the unique developmental stage of adolescence. Using images of the brain's anatomy, Dr. Baird explained how adults and teens use very

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A MESSAGE FROM BOARD LEADERSHIP

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It has been a productive season for CCC's staff and volunteers. On a snowy March day, our busload of 50 adult and youth volunteers fanned out to meet with State Legislators and Governor's Office staff at the State Capitol in our annual trip to Albany. Enthusiasm ran high, and many budget victories were secured for children in the state budget, which you can read about on p. 4. Our annual *Works on Paper* preview benefit followed and turned out to be our most successful fundraiser ever. The mood was fun and festive, the art showcased by the dealers was superb and many CCC supporters purchased pieces from one of the 78 dealers exhibiting!

This winter and spring, a total of 95 volunteers began to administer interviews for three Task Forces: Community-Based Alternatives; Preventive Services; and Health and Mental Health.

CCC also held eight Issues Updates that brought out over 100 CCC volunteers for updates on Juvenile Justice, Child Care/Early Education, Health/Mental Health, Child Welfare, Education and the *Securing Every Child's Birthright® Campaign*. Staff updates and commentary were set against the backdrop of state and city budget activity and the FY'08 legislative session, making for a rich discussion. More than 20 volunteers have joined in meetings with elected officials and have signed up for the two-week Budget Vigil that precedes the adoption of the city's FY'08 budget.

We are still accepting applications for our 61st Community Leadership Course (CLC). The CLC is a fantastic civic education in all aspects of the city's infrastructure that affect children. If you are interested in taking the CLC or wish to refer a friend, please call (212)-673-1800, ext. 32. If you're hungry to learn more about what's happening with NYC children, check out www.cccnewyork.org for the latest on our city budget priorities and stay tuned for e-alerts about CCC's upcoming Fall Policy Briefings and ways to get involved. Finally, if you have begun taking action for children through our E-Action Network, we salute you! Could we raise the bar by asking you to "Tell-a-Friend," or better yet, tell 10 friends? Visit www.cccnewyork.org and click on Take Action for Children to encourage your friends to sign up today. Numbers really do matter when it comes to making change for children!

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2007 Works on Paper

CCC thanks the 1,200 plus supporters who joined us for our 2007 *Works on Paper* Benefit Preview at the Park Avenue Armory on March 1. With the tremendous support of all involved, this year's benefit preview was the most successful fund-raising event in CCC's history! CCC owes much thanks to Co-Chairs Carol Feinberg, Ricki Tigert Helfer, and Nancy Locker for leading what continues to be CCC's most successful event to ensure that our critical work continues—work that secures the services every child needs and every family depends on.

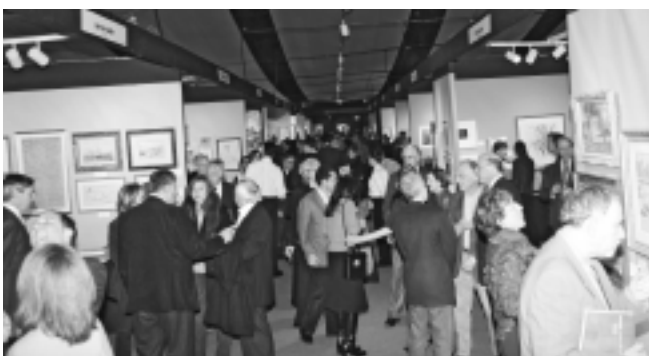
Works on Paper features almost eighty of the finest international exhibitors showing watercolors, fine prints, photography, drawings, posters, and illustrated books from old master to contemporary. The New York Times has called *Works on Paper* a "great visual adventure" and "the most important show of its kind." For CCC, the benefit preview evening is a wonderful opportunity for child advocates and art lovers to explore, admire, and purchase a wide range of works from expert dealers while helping CCC continue to develop, promote and protect vital policies, programs and



Left: Judith A. Garson, CCC Board Chairman, Maryann Marston, CCC Board President, and Gail B. Nayowith, CCC Executive Director.



Left: Co-chairs Ricki Tigert Helfer, Carol Feinberg, and Nancy Locker.



Below: *Works on Paper* guests enjoy Benefit Preview.

services for New York City children and families.

CCC also thanks Honorary Chairs, Helen Frankenthaler, Kathy and Richard S. Fuld, Jr., Lehman Brothers, and all our corporate sponsors for their support. Our preview night silent auction has become a significant part of

the event's success. This year's silent auction successfully raised over \$20,000 with works generously donated by Battledore, Ltd Gallery, Trudy Festinger, Burt Glinn, Sheila Lambert, Laumont Editions, Adrienne and Adam Lobel, Audrey Rosenman, Ben Schonzeit, Abby, Ethan and Christina Weisgard, and Zabriskie Gallery.

CCC also extends special thanks to all of our sponsors and Art Historian Cynthia Nachmani for leading the early admission tour; Charles Masson and La Grenouille for the flowers; Sonnema VodkaHERB for the Vodka Martinis; and Bodega Enrique Foster for the featured red wine, Enrique Foster Reserva 2003.

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State Budget Brings Good News

The SFY'08 Adopted Budget brings good news for New York's children and families. It includes historic targeted investments that meet the education and health care needs of children throughout the state, supports child safety and well-being, and resolves several long-standing struggles over the allocation of TANF resources.

The SFY'08 Adopted Budget includes significant budget allocations and legislative changes in Education, Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK), Child Health Plus, Juvenile Justice, and Child Welfare that will go a long way for the health and well-being of New York's children. This includes a \$1.76 billion increase in state education aid and a four-year increase in Foundation Aid totaling \$5 billion to target resources to school districts most in need. Another win is an add of \$145.9 million statewide to UPK, bringing

total statewide UPK funding up to \$437 million, of which an additional \$61.5 million will go to New York City, and the expansion of the Child Health Plus program to provide coverage to 400,000 uninsured children in New York State. Additionally, the SFY'08 Adopted Budget resolves long-standing struggles over TANF resources by carving a total of \$580 million out of the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) for Child Care, the Summer Youth Employment Program, Advantage after-school programs, home visiting and supportive housing programs for families. Finally, the SFY'08 Adopted Budget also extends Child Welfare financing for foster care and preventive services for two years and establishes performance-based contracting for preventive services.

To learn more about the SFY '08 Adopted Budget, visit www.ccnnyork.org.

Over 150 New Yorkers at Preventive and Aftercare Services Rally

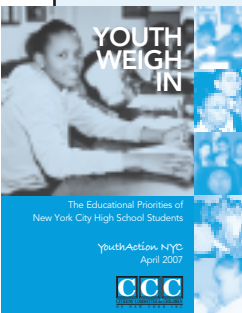
On April 2, 2007, in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month, CCC Board, Advocacy Council Members, staff and 150 parents, preventive service providers and colleagues rallied on the steps of City Hall to raise awareness about the need for preventive and aftercare services. The press conference called on Mayor Bloomberg to ensure that the FY'08 Executive Budget included an additional \$6.7 million to maintain caseloads of one caseworker to 12 families for all general preventive programs and to reduce caseloads at specialized preventive programs and maintain supervisory ratios. These investments will ensure that families receive services at the level of intensity and frequency needed to keep children safe at home. Speakers also called for additional funding to



expand preventive and aftercare services because preventive programs are now at 100% capacity and aftercare services are not available to all children leaving foster care who need them. Remarks by Councilmember Bill deBlasio, Gail Nayowith (CCC), Lilliam Barrios-Paoli (Safe Space), Violet Rittenhour (Child Welfare Organizing Project), Ellen O'Hare-Cicero (Good Shepherd Services) and Dianne Heggie (Council Of Family and Child Care Agencies) reflected growing concern in the community that the need for preventive and aftercare services has outstripped the city's ability to meet the overwhelming demand.

The Preventive and Aftercare Services Rally

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YouthAction NYC's new report
Youth Weigh In: The Educational Priorities of NYC High School Students is now available online at www.ccnnyork.org.

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Polier Colloquium

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different parts of the brain which impacts their ability to reason, use emotions and respond appropriately to danger or bodily needs. Dr. Baird pointed out through a series of video clips of youth engaged in decision-making, that poor judgment on the part of teens is influenced by the lack of a coordinated and mature frontal cortex, a part of the brain that is critical to abstract thinking and self-regulation.

Dr. Steinberg provided insight into the social/emotional and cognitive systems at work in adolescent behavior, pointing out that major changes occur in both systems during adolescence often limiting the ability of teens to make sound decisions in risky situations. Both speakers underscored how peer and group relations play a significant role in decision-making. Dr. Steinberg argued that educational programs alone are insufficient in helping teens to avert risk-taking behavior or poor decision-making. Rather, the combination of educational efforts and structured and supportive programs that are family-focused and allow for the development of positive social skills, job training and adult mentoring can help teens develop positive socio-emotional behavior and strengthen their cognitive skills.

Colloquium attendees took part in one of three breakout sessions. Breakout session facilitators Jennifer March-Joly, Associate



(Left to right) Judge Michael Corriero, Dr. Laurence Steinberg and Dr. Abigail Baird.

Executive Director at CCC, Susan Jacobs, Executive Director at the Center for Family Representation and Michelle Yanche, Director of the Neighborhood Family Services Coalition encouraged participants to think through the implications of brain research on policy, practice and programs for teens served by child welfare, juvenile justice and youth service

systems. Breakout session participants expressed interests in using the brain research to train practitioners, determine program models and best practice, inform efforts to amend legislation, and develop new policies and programs.

In the closing plenary, Judge Michael Corriero shed light on opportunities before us to advance policies that are more responsive to the needs of adolescents in the juvenile justice system. Judge Corriero shared personal insights from his courtroom experience and spoke passionately about the importance of judging children as children.

The Colloquium was supported by funding from the Marion E. Kenworthy-Sarah H. Swift Foundation and co-sponsored by the Center for Family Representation and the Neighborhood Family Services Coalition.

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Executive Budget includes a gap of approximately \$68 million in child care resources. If these issues are not resolved many children, youth and families will go without community-based services, and fewer children will receive child care subsidies.

In addition to advocating for critical budget additions and restorations, CCC is advancing several bold priorities. We are calling on the Mayor and the City Council to adopt a budget that keeps children healthy, housed, educated and safe by: restoring and

enhancing preventive services, expanding the Newborn Home Visiting Program to Staten Island and Queens, creating a New York City Child Care Tax Credit and Renter Tax Credit, and increasing opportunities for people to access healthy, affordable food.

There is an opportunity for the Mayor and the Council to maximize the impact of the budget surplus by investing in New York's most precious resource - our children - and setting them on a course to being healthy, housed, educated and safe.

To learn more about CCC's CFY'08 Budget Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, visit www.ccnyc.org.



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On April 26, Mayor Bloomberg released the CFY'08 Executive Budget. Heeding our call, the CFY'08 Executive Budget includes \$2.4 million in city funds to serve an additional 1,000 families with preventive services. CCC continues its advocacy to keep children safe and at home by testifying before the City Council Finance General Welfare and Women's Issues Committees to urge the Mayor and the New York City Council to adopt a budget that includes \$6.7 million to support reduced caseloads across all preventive programs. CCC's staff and volunteers will carry this priority in meetings with city legislators and at City Hall during the budget vigil.