



**Response to the FY2011 City Executive Budget Proposal**  
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The FY2011 Executive Budget proposals put forth today are unbearable for children in this city and particularly detrimental for the city's poorest children. We know that it is challenging for elected officials to press for tax policy and revenue options – but sometimes what is hard to do, is also what is necessary. At a time when rates of unemployment and joblessness are higher than they have been in decades, family homelessness has reached historic levels, and indication rates for child abuse and neglect remain high, there is no question that the economic and social stressors facing New York's families are profound. And yet, this budget is cutting proven, cost effective programs including but not limited to: abuse and neglect prevention, child care capacity, after school programs, child health centers, mental health services for young children, as well as home visiting programs for poor, new mothers. Make no mistake if these cuts stand – New York's children will pay an immediate and dear price and New York's taxpayers will be burdened by the need to address more costly outcomes for years to come.