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## NEW PRIORITIES

The CFY08 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 CFY08 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 CFY08 Executive Budget does not fund over \$100 million in Council initiatives that have historically supported community based services for children and youth. Also, the CFY08 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 upon which they have come to rely 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 help keep children healthy, housed, educated and safe by: restoring and enhancing prevention 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.

### Keep Children Safe and at Home:

- Restore \$4.2 million to maintain reduced caseloads in General Preventive programs so they can continue to provide better support to at-risk families and keep children safe in their homes.
- Add \$2.5 million to maintain 5 to 1 supervisory ratio and to reduce caseloads in the remaining preventive service programs.

Add \$800,000 to expand the Newborn Home Visiting Program to provide guidance, information and support to new parents in **Staten Island** and **Queens** which are not currently included in the city's home visiting program.

Secure authorizing legislation in Albany to create a NYC Child Care Tax Credit and to help make quality child care affordable for working parents.

Create a Renter Tax Credit to provide tax relief to New York City renters by offsetting high rent burdens.

Lift the cap on street food vendor cart permits and increase the number of vendors selling fresh produce in underserved neighborhoods, and create small business entrepreneurship microlending opportunities.

Post information on grocery store and supermarket inspections online at [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov).

Encourage supermarkets to expand delivery areas and provide free shuttle services to consumers residing in underserved neighborhoods.



## BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

### ADDITIONS

#### Child Care

\$68 million to maintain ACS child care budget  
\$5 million to serve an additional 500 infants and toddlers in ACS funded child care centers and in family child care settings  
\$8 million for family child care networks under contract with the city to recruit providers and support subsidized children  
\$3 million to create a new fund for centers and family child care providers to make necessary repairs and improvements to meet health and safety requirements

#### Youth Services

\$1.7 million to provide a new After-Three Program in each of the 13 unserved Council districts.

#### Mental Health

\$6 million to expand mental health services in schools.  
\$900,000 to expand Mental Health Treatment for children 0-5.

### RESTORATIONS

#### Child Welfare

\$4.2 million to maintain reduced caseloads in General Preventive programs

\$1.2 million for CONNECT Domestic Violence program

#### Child Care

\$500,000 for Family Child Care Educational Supplies

#### Juvenile Justice

\$1.3 million for discharge planning services

#### Youth Services

\$4 million for Beacons  
\$2.7 million for Homeless Youth programs  
\$2.5 million for Street Outreach/Neighborhood Youth Alliance  
\$3.8 million for the After-Three Program  
\$6.5 million for Cultural After School Adventure  
\$4.1 million Miscellaneous Youth Programs  
\$900,000 for Virtual Ys  
\$2.1 million for Sports and Arts Foundation  
\$1.25 million for Institute for Student Achievement  
\$1.25 million for Helping Involve Parents in Schools  
\$500,000 for New Visions for Public Schools

### RESTORATIONS CONTINUED

#### Health

\$268,000 for 34 Dental Vans  
\$4.8 million for Infant Mortality Programs  
\$545,000 for Asthma Control Initiative  
\$6 million for 30 Child Health Clinics  
\$1.9 million for Summer School Nurses  
\$1 million for Interpreter/Translation Services  
\$500,000 for SPARK - Obesity Program

#### Mental Health

\$1.4 million for Mental Health Treatment for Children 0-5  
\$2.4 million for HHC Outpatient Medication Fee Waivers  
\$1.6 million for Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment

#### Education

\$1.3 million for Attendance Improvement and Dropout Prevention  
\$19.7 million for Teacher's Choice Educational Supplies  
\$2.5 million for Urban Advantage  
\$2.6 million for Worker Education Training

#### Housing

\$1.03 million for Community Based Consultants  
\$550,000 for the City-Task Force on Housing Court  
\$2.5 million for Anti Eviction Legal Services  
\$500,000 for Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund

#### Income Security

\$2.5 million for UI/SSI Legal Assistance  
\$1.5 million for Emergency Food Programs  
\$765,000 EITC Legal Assistance  
\$1.3 million for Legal Services for Working Poor  
\$3.2 million Civil Legal Services  
\$100,000 for MFY Legal Services



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## BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR & THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

### FISCAL YEAR 2008

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, is business friendly - a city that is cleaner, greener and more robust. The city's economic resurgence allows us to consider new investments in the future. The Council's Budget Response furthers this aspirational thinking by 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.

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.

SECURING EVERY CHILD'S BIRTHRIGHT



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