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**Securing Every Child's Birthright(R) to be Healthy, Housed, Educated and Safe**

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June 07

#### SPOTLIGHT

##### **CCC Presents at the 1st International Society for Child Indicators Conference**

On June 26-28 at the 1st International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) conference in Chicago, IL., CCC joined hundreds of experts from around the world to share research and best practices on using child indicators to improve the development and well-being of all children. During the ISCI conference, Jennifer March-Joly, CCC Associate Executive Director for Program and Public Affairs and Rebecca Scheer, CCC Policy Associate for Research and Data Analysis, hosted a workshop on policy development using child indicators. CCC's presentation addressed how local child specific indicators provide the facts and framework for policy and program development and how CCC uses data to advance a campaign to Secure Every Child's Birthright to be healthy, housed, educated and safe.

##### **Reflecting Back and Looking Forward**



#### VIEWPOINT

##### **NYC First City to Offer a Child Care Tax Credit**

CCC applauds the New York State Senate and Assembly's passage of legislation to establish a New York City Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC) for low-income working families with children under age three. We anticipate the Governor's approval. The creation of the New York City Child Care Tax Credit was advanced through CCC's *Securing Every Child's Birthright*® campaign and became the central tax policy recommendation of the Mayor's Commission on Economic Opportunity. Mayor Bloomberg and the New York City Council funded the local CCTC at \$42 million in the CFY08 Adopted Budget. Authorizing legislation from the New York State Legislature and approval by the Governor is required to establish the tax credit.

The New York City CCTC will benefit 48,000 working families who will receive a tax who will receive a tax credit refund of up to \$1000, depending on earnings, family size and child care expenses.

Thank you to everyone who sent letters to Governor Eliot Spitzer, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and their Assembly representatives urging them to enable New York City to establish a local Child Care Tax Credit.

##### **CFY08 Adopted Budget Wins for NYC Children**

The CFY08 Adopted Budget maintains more than \$100 million and adds funding to enhance and expand opportunities for children and youth to stay healthy, be



CCC capped the 2006-2007 program year by marking achievements, welcoming new members and honoring CCC friends and colleagues. At the June 7 Annual Meeting, once again generously hosted by the New York School of Interior Design, the CCC leadership summarized the year's program and fundraising achievements and welcomed newly elected and re-elected Board and Advocacy Council members.

Ms. Anne K. Jones was presented with the Founders' Award in recognition of her longtime commitment and contribution to CCC as a Board member and leader of the Community Leadership Course. Accepting the award, Ms. Jones shared memories of the early days of the CLC and re-assured new members of the fulfillment that comes from a long-term commitment to the CCC volunteer experience.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, accepted the Founders' Award on behalf of his department for its leadership in family health initiatives including the Nurse-Family Partnership and Newborn Home Visiting programs; the child care inspections and licensing and Early Intervention program; as well as efforts to combat childhood obesity. Dr. Frieden noted the importance and success of CCC's role in advancing effective policy solutions to the problems faced by children and families.

The Founders' Award, named for CCC's founders, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Justine Wise Polier, is awarded to extraordinary individuals and institutions

safe and to prepare for and succeed in school.

Budget highlights include restorations totaling \$5.4 million in child welfare services of which \$4.2 million will be used to maintain reduced caseloads in general prevention programs and continue providing increased support to at-risk families, keeping children safe in their homes.

The CFY08 Adopted Budget restores \$29 million for Youth Programs such as Beacon after-school programming, shelter beds for at-risk and run away youth, the After-Three program, Sports and Arts, and the Virtual Y programs among others. Several youth programs also benefited from \$7 million in enhancements.

Children's health and mental health benefited from \$20.6 million in restorations, including dental van services, child health clinics, infant mortality programs, asthma control initiatives, and mental health treatment services for children 0 to 5 years of age. Additional investments of \$5.9 million were also allocated for obesity prevention, podiatric screening, mental health treatment for clinics service children 0 to 5, and autism awareness.

In the housing area, \$4.6 million in restorations were included to support services provided via community-based consultants, the housing court task force, and the Homelessness Prevention Fund. Anti-eviction services were also restored as well as enhanced with a \$500,000 addition to expand services.

In education, \$3 million was restored to support the continuation of Teachers Choice, Urban Advantage programs, and the New Vision Public schools. Over \$10 million in enhancements were also included for educational services, \$5 million of which is designated to support full day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK). Finally, \$1.3 million in restorations and \$500,000 in enhancements support legal services for working poor New Yorkers.

[Click here for a summary of restorations and enhancements secured by the New York City Council.](#)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**

that demonstrate a vision and an unwavering commitment to child well-being and civic life.

CCC welcomes newly elected Board members: Hildemarie Ladouceur, Ruth Maisel and Heather McRay and also welcomes Advocacy Council Members: Halima Aouchette, William Baccaglini, Kathleen Baldwin, Sharon Content, Joel Copperman, Julia Economou, Jennifer Hand, Nina Huffman, Nancy Hughes, Caryl Orlando, Laurie Parise, Dilsia Pena and Lisa Zucker.

### 2007 Celebration Breakfast

October 23, 2007  
Waldorf=Astoria Grand Ballroom

Keynote Speaker:  
**David Brooks**

Award presentations:  
**Samuel P. Peabody, Tiki Barber,  
Adrian Nicole LeBlanc.**

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