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**CHILDREN ARE BETTER POSITIONED AT THE OUTSET OF BUDGET  
NEGOTIATIONS THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN MANY YEARS**

(New York, NY) May 5, 2005 - A preliminary analysis of the Mayor's FY'06 Executive Budget proposals finds that children are positioned better as budget discussions begin in earnest, than they have been in years. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) is heartened by several new initiatives for children as well as continued and enhanced funding to support ongoing system reforms in child welfare, homeless services and schools. Promising new initiatives proposed include resources to establish a Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable housing for New Yorkers, a long overdue commitment to the human service workforce in non-profit operated programs that provide essential services to vulnerable New Yorkers, and the elimination of the city sales tax on clothing purchases under \$110, reducing the tax burden of hard working families.

The FY'06 Executive Budget also recognizes shared priorities with the City Council by funding: services to prevent child abuse and neglect; child care; after school programs; summer jobs for youth; classroom services that support academic achievement; school building upgrades and renovations. The Mayor's proposals continue current-year funding for many services families need and depend on, creating a solid foundation upon which the Mayor and the City Council can build.

As the world watches, New York City will rebuild Lower Manhattan, bid for the Olympics and transform long-neglected industrial sites into neighborhoods. The FY'06 budget negotiations provide further opportunity to strengthen and enhance necessary public amenities, public benefits and public services.

"In the coming weeks, the Mayor and the City Council must find more common ground and restore child health and mental health services and child care. The city's economic upswing creates an unprecedented opportunity to think big and plan for a future that *Secures Every Child's Birthright* to be healthy, housed, educated and safe," said Gail B. Nayowith, CCC's Executive Director.

**New York City Executive Budget FY' 06**  
***Preliminary Analysis***  
**Citizens' Committee for Children of New York**

**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL* FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Preventive Services			\$7.8 million	\$4.7 million
Foster Care Board and Care Rates			\$11.8 million	\$7 million
Substance Abuse Programs for Foster Care Youth			\$5 million	
Life Skills Training			\$500,000	
DoEd Specialized School Placement for Foster Care Youth				\$3.8 million
After Care Services				\$4.7 million
Child Care Slots	\$10 million		\$9 million	
Fees for Working Parents			\$1.9 million	
School Age Child Care Restructuring			\$15 million	
Day Care Worker Contract				\$20 million
Addressing State CCBG Cut of \$78 million				\$61 million

**DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention			\$10 million	
Beacons			\$8.1 million	
After-3 Program			\$2.5 million	
City Council Discretionary Youth Funds	\$5.2 million			
Miscellaneous Youth Programs	\$3.5 million			
Drug Prevention, Runaway and Homeless Youth	\$761,000			
Youthlink	\$102,000			
Summer Youth Employment			\$11 million	\$4 million

**DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Anti Eviction and SRO Legal Services	\$2.5 million			
City-Wide Task Force on Housing Court	\$350,000			
<i>Capital</i>				
Affordable Housing Trust Fund			\$130 million	

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\* City Tax Levy (CTL)

**OFFICE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Legal Services for Working Poor	\$402,000			
Anti Eviction and SRO Legal Services	\$2.75 million			

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Community Based Intervention	\$500,000			

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add ( reflects CTL as well as state and federal additions)
Teachers' and Principals' Choice	\$16 million			
Teacher Mentoring Program				\$7.1 million
Reduce Class Size in the Grades K-3	\$10 million			
Small schools, Young Adult Borough Centers & Learning to Work initiative				\$49.5 million
Early Grade Intervention Strategies				\$15 million
Middle School Intervention Strategies				\$10 million
Gifted and Talented Programs				\$2.8 million
English Language Learner Classroom Libraries & Assessments				\$4.6 million
Translation and Interpretation services				\$2.8 million
Special Education Services				\$95.9 million
Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention Programs				\$1.3 million
School Safety Agents				\$13.4 million
School Performance and Accountability				\$3.6 million

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
<i>Capital</i>				
New Shelter Intake Facility for Families				\$27.8 million
Computer upgrades for Client Tracking System				\$16.3 million

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Infant Mortality	\$2.8 million			
School Based Health Clinics			\$536,000	
Summer School Nurses			\$2.5 million	
Public and Private School Nurses			\$4.7 million	
Asthma Control Initiative	\$445,000			
Mobile Dental Van for Underserved Children	\$268,000			

**HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment	\$1.55 million			
Outpatient Pharmacies and Medication Waivers	\$1.25 million	\$1.15 million		
Mental Health Treatment for Children Under 5	\$670,000			
Child Health Clinics	\$5.3 million			

**HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

Program	Proposed Cuts CTL FY06		Proposed Adds CTL FY06	
	Not Baselined	New Cut	Baselined	New Add
Legal Assistance for the EITC	\$765,000			
Food Pantries	\$670,000			

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