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**WITH PRESSURE MOUNTING TO ROLL-BACK TAXES, CHILDREN’S ADVOCATES URGE
 EQUAL PRESSURE TO MAINTAIN VITAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**

The Mayor and the City Council did a remarkable job last spring, steering a course out of the fiscal crisis while saving vital services for children. The January 2004 Financial Plan puts \$110 million of cuts to children’s services back on the table, proposing to reduce child care, afterschool and youth development programs, close Child Health Clinics, and cut services that protect children from abuse and neglect.

“As the fiscal climate brightens and political pressure mounts to roll-back taxes, we urge restraint and consideration of the need to maintain vital services for children,” said Gail B. Nayowith, Executive Director of Citizens’ Committee for Children of New York (CCC). “Timing is everything,” said Ms. Nayowith “and the question is whether the city can afford to cut taxes this year and at the same time move forward with significant cuts to children’s services. Clearly the budget conversation has just begun. It is our hope that by spring, the Mayor will find a way to balance the budget, reduce taxes and maintain essential services for all New Yorkers.”

FY05 CUTS TO CHILDREN PROPOSED IN THE JANUARY 2004 FINANCIAL PLAN

ACS

Purchased Preventive Services	\$ 7.8 million
Foster care provider rates and stipends for foster care and adoptive parents	\$ 4 million
Substance Abuse programs for youth in congregate care	\$ 7.6 million
Life Skill Training	\$ 500,000
Child Care Slots	\$ 9 million
School--age child care	\$ 15 million

DHS

Anti-Eviction and SRO Legal Services	\$ 2.5 million
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HPD

City-Wide Task Force on Housing Court	\$ 350,000
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DoED

Teacher’s and Principals Choice	\$ 16.3 million
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BEACON schools	\$ 8 million
After 3 Program	\$ 2.5 million
City Council Discretionary Funds	\$ 3.1 million
Drug Prevention and Runaway and Homeless Youth	\$ 761,000
Virtual Y; Sports and Arts; Institute for Student Achievement; Others	\$ 1.16 million
Street Outreach and Neighborhood Youth Alliance	\$ 968,000
Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP)	\$ 10 million
Summer Youth Employment	\$ 10 million

DJJ

Community Based Intervention Program (CBI)	\$ 750,000
DOHMH	
Infant Mortality Programs Maternal Health Clinics	\$ 700,000
Asthma Control Initiative	\$ 445,000
School Based Health Clinic	\$ 536,000
HPD Lead Abatement Contract *	\$ 32,000
HHC	
Family Health Clinic Consolidation*	\$ 2 million
Child Health Clinics	\$ 2.9 million
Substance Abuse Treatment	\$ 1.55 million
Outpatient Pharmacies and Medication Waivers	\$ 1.25 million
<u>Total Cuts to Children Proposed for FY05</u>	<u>\$ 110 million</u>

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* Proposed cut for FY'05 delineated in the November 2002 Financial Plan.