

CCC SUPPORTS SFY'07-08 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Education

\$7 billion added in education aid over four years to provide public school students with a sound basic education.

\$99 million added to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program to support half day UPK for four year olds.

\$2 million in planning grants added to help low performing school districts develop full day UPK capacity for all four year olds by SFY'10-11.

Establishes a Task Force on Preschool Special Education.

Health

Expands subsidized premiums for Child Health Plus (CHP) for children in families with incomes up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.

\$3.5 million added to support primary and preventive health care initiatives – lead poisoning prevention, home visiting, obesity prevention.

Reforms health care reimbursement and ensures that safety net hospitals and clinics remain fiscally viable.

Mental Health

\$62 million maintains funds for Achieving the Promise children's mental health initiatives.

\$2.7 million added to fully fund 330 new Home and Community Based Waivers for children, including foster children.

Child Welfare

Extends and increases open-ended 65/35% funding for child welfare services (protective, preventive, adoption and independent living) and adds \$84 million.

\$36.3 million added to the Foster Care Block Grant to support a foster care provider COLA.

\$4.8 million added for a total of \$9.6 million to support a preventive service provider COLA.

\$1.57 million added to the Foster Care Block Grant, to annualize support to pay 100% of the MSAR to congregate care providers.

\$4.3 million added to implement a new Medicaid waiver project for 3,305 severely emotionally disturbed, medically fragile, and developmentally disabled foster children to be phased-in over three years.

Juvenile Justice

\$20.8 million added for community-based alternatives-to-detention and incarceration.

Closes two underutilized or vacant residential homes and one non-secure detention facility to align detention bed capacity with census decreases and expand the availability of detention alternatives in local communities.

Youth Services

\$39.2 million maintains the Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention program.

\$28.2 million maintains and enhances the Advantage After-School program.

\$30.2 million maintains the Extended Day program.

\$35 million maintains and enhances the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) separate and apart from the Flexible Fund for Family Services to serve 50,000 youth at the new minimum wage.

Income Security

\$15 million for intensive case management and \$35 million for employment focused programs separate and apart from the Flexible Fund for Family Services.

Housing

\$5 million maintains supportive housing programs separate and apart from the Flexible Fund for Family Services.

\$54 million added and \$218 million reappropriated for affordable housing initiatives that include the Affordable Housing Corporation and Housing Trust Fund program.

\$12.9 million added to support 625 new housing units under the NY/NY III Agreement, including \$2.3 million for 100 new state-funded supportive housing units for youth aging out of foster care.

Food

\$500,000 added to create a wholesale farmers market in the New York City.

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New York State's Executive Budget for FY'07-08 is a good news budget for New York's children and families on the expense side. The budget includes historic targeted investments that meet the education and health care needs of children throughout the state. In addition, the Executive Budget supports child safety and well-being by: extending support for child protection, prevention, adoption and independent living services and by increasing support for community-based alternatives to incarceration and improving staffing levels in OCFS detention facilities. Further, the Executive Budget resolves long-standing struggles over the allocation of TANF resources by providing line item support for summer youth employment, employment training, domestic violence services, and supportive housing programs.

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CCC SFY'07-08 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS



Family Court

Add funding for 39 additional Family Court Judges and related support staff statewide.

Add funding to reduce child welfare and juvenile justice caseloads for law guardians to no more than 1:150.

Child Welfare

Add \$2.3 million to hire 41 staff to handle the increased volume of child abuse and neglect reports called in to the State Central Register.

Youth Services

Add \$30 million to ensure that 21st Century Community Learning Centers continue to provide academic, after school, arts and technology programs to 34,086 youth statewide

Child Care

Add \$75 million to the Child Care Block Grant to increase child care subsidies statewide for low wage earning families.

CCC SFY'07-08 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Family Court

Amend Family Court Act §121 and §131 to increase the number of Family Court Judges by 39 statewide.

Child Welfare

Amend Social Service Law §409-a(5)(c) to increase the housing subsidy from \$300 to \$500 per month to move children out of foster care more quickly, keep children safely at home and support young people age 18-21 aging out of foster care.

Amend the Family Court Act to expand the Permanency Law to provide timely permanency hearings for PINS, JDs and destitute minors.

Amend Article VII legislation to extend the Foster Care Block Grant for only one year with a provision to develop a more effective way to fund foster care services.

Education

Amend Article VII legislation to ensure that no school district receives a lower per child rate for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) than the per child rate received in SFY'06-07.

Amend Article VII legislation to ensure that school districts that reach full enrollment of 4 years olds in half day UPK programs have the option to reinvest surplus funds in full day UPK for 4 years olds or half day UPK for 3 year olds.

Health

Enact legislation to provide continuous health insurance coverage to youth age 18–21 aging out of foster care.

Enact legislation to provide equitable health insurance coverage to underinsured children in foster care.

Enact legislation to provide Child Health Plus (CHP) reimbursement for health care services provided in school-based health clinics.

Housing

Enact legislation to create a dedicated and recurring source of revenue for the State Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing development.

Food

Enact legislation to fund the transportation and distribution of New York State-grown produce and improve access to nutritious, affordable food in underserved communities across the state.

Tax Policy

Enact a refundable New York State Renter Tax Credit for renter households with children to reduce high rent burdens and provide property tax relief to renter households.

Enact legislation to allow New York City to establish a Child Care Tax Credit to provide families with young children a tax refund to reduce the out-of-pocket costs of child care.

The New York State SFY'07-08 Executive Budget includes some risks to New York City and other counties on the revenue side of the budget that should be mitigated.

New York City is the economic engine of the state as it provides close to 49% of the state's tax revenues and sends \$11 billion more to the state each year than it receives back. While New York City can afford to be and must be generous in helping fill the state budget gap this year, its financial position will not always be as strong as it is today. New York City anticipates a budget surplus for the city fiscal year ending in June (CFY'07) and rolls \$3.9 billion forward into CFY'08 allowing the city to project a balanced budget for CFY'08. Yet, significant shortfalls are anticipated in the out-years with a gap of \$2.6 billion in CFY'09 that is expected to grow to \$3.7 billion in CFY'10.

If the revenue proposals outlined in the State FY'07-08 Executive Budget are adopted, they will forever alter shared state-county financial obligations and responsibilities for providing base aid. Provisions should be made anticipating a downturn in the New York City's financial future such that balanced revenue-sharing and funding formulas are maintained or enacted in the FY'07-08 State Budget to protect New York City and other counties in the hard times ahead. This is and will continue to be a challenge as the FY'07-08 State budget is negotiated.