



## Fiscal Year 2011 Preliminary Budget for New York City Proposes \$140.3 Million in Net Reductions to Services for Children and Families

While we appreciate the severity of the budget crisis, **Mayor Bloomberg's Preliminary Budget for CFY11 does not go far enough to protect New York City's children from shouldering a disproportionate burden of the economic downturn.**

The City's economic forecast remains grim, making reductions in city expenditures clearly necessary-- but the budget cuts must not be penny-wise and pound-foolish. The Preliminary Plan eliminates funds for programs that ensure children are safe in their homes and communities, are prepared to succeed in school and life, are positively engaged in academic and social activities, and their parents and families are supported with services that prevent more costly interventions later.

While the Preliminary Budget proposes to protect some critical services, and adds \$16.8 million for the increase in families in homeless shelters and \$52.7 million to pay for additional public assistance grants, funding for many critical services that actually prevent families from seeking shelter or public assistance would be reduced in this plan. Child care, youth services and after school programs, that prepare children for social and academic success and enable parents to work, are slated for large reductions. Given the projected increase public assistance caseloads and the federal requirement for these families to receive child care, it is troubling that child care allocations are not increased in tandem. Without increased resources for child care, low income working families will likely lose their care, thereby threatening their employment stability.

In addition, proposed reductions to child welfare services are deeply troubling. If enacted, these reductions will impede the City from keeping children safe in their homes or in foster care. The Preliminary Budget would cut 202 child protective workers and \$3.6 million in city funds (\$9.0 million with the state match) from preventive services, thereby reducing the personnel and program investments that were made after the death of Nixzmary Brown. In addition, reimbursement for foster care providers is also slated for cuts.

The Mayor and the City Council must protect investments in these programs for children, as they are cost effective, produce good outcomes for children, youth and families, and ensure that the City can avoid the fiscal burden of more costly interventions in the short and long term.

Below please find the list Preliminary Budget proposals that would impact children:

**CHILD CARE**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Close 15 child care sites. (Children will be served in other vacancies)		(\$9.0 million)	
Day Care Center Renovations		(\$2.0 million)	
Provider's Choice-Family Child Care Supplies			(\$1.2 million)
Restoration of 31 child care classrooms			(\$8.0 million)
Low Priority (Priority 7) Vouchers		(\$8.1 million)	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$19.1 million)</b>	<b>(\$9.2 million)</b>

**CHILD WELFARE**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Delayed implementation of increased foster care administrative rates		(\$7.0 million)	
Preventive Service Reductions		(\$3.6 million)	
Child Support Collection from non-public assistance parents with children in foster care		(\$640,000)	
Child Protective Staff Reduction (202 staff through attrition)		(\$5.9 million)	
Restoration of 5% administrative rate to foster care providers	\$5.7 million		
Aftercare services for foster care agencies		(\$4.7 million)	
Child Safety Initiative			(\$3.7 million)
Restoration of 100 child welfare staff			(\$3.0 million)
CONNECT Domestic Violence program			(\$270,000)
Child Advocacy Centers			(\$500,000)
Brooklyn Family Justice Center			(\$200,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$5.7 million</b>	<b>(\$21.8 million)</b>	<b>(\$7.7 million)</b>

**EDUCATION**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Universal Pre-kindergarten (full day in community based organizations)			(\$1.5 million)
Teacher's Choice			(\$13.0 million)
Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiative			(\$2.0 million)
Urban Advantage Science Education			(\$2.5 million)
Chess in Schools Program			(\$300,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$19.3 million)</b>

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Agency-wide program efficiencies (includes immunization, communicable disease, child care oversight, and lead poisoning prevention functions)		(\$3.1 million)	
Agency-wide layoffs (60 FT and 13 PT) (includes immunization, communicable disease, child care oversight, lead positioning prevention)		(\$2.9 million)	
Eliminate School Health Nurse Coverage in elementary schools with less than 300 students		(\$3.1 million)	
WTC Mental Health Benefit Program, Primary Care Information Project and Nurse Family Partnership	\$1.2 million		
CEO: School Based Health and Reproductive Health Centers	\$1.4 million		
CEO: Expand Access to Healthy Foods	\$182,000		
Child Health Clinics		(\$216,000)	(\$5.0 million)
Asthma Control Initiative			(\$545,000)
Family Planning- Planned Parenthood			(\$368,000)
Infant Mortality Initiative			(\$3.5 million)
Obesity Prevention Programs			(\$2.5 million)
Hip Hop Healthy Eating & Livings in Schools Initiative (formerly called Podiatric Medical Screening)			(\$400,000)
NYU Mobile Dental Vans/Dental Clinic Restoration			(\$268,000)
Primary Care Capacity Initiative			(\$2.8 million)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2.8 million</b>	<b>(\$9.3 million)</b>	<b>(\$15.4 million)</b>

**HOMELESS SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Restoration of Cleaning Services at directly operated shelters, intake sites and offices.	\$3.6 million		
Restoration of Recreation Staff at family and adult shelters.	\$2.4 million		
Eliminate Employment Specialists in facilities serving families with children		(\$372,000)	
Reduction of 1.4 percent in family shelter contracts		(\$897,000)	
Elimination of 25 contracted security guard posts in adult and family shelters		(\$861,000)	
Rapid Rehousing Initiative		(\$7.6 million)	
Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund			(\$250,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$6.0 million</b>	<b>(\$9.7 million)</b>	<b>(\$250,000)</b>

**HOUSING**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
City-Task Force on Housing Court			(\$500,000)
Community Based Consultants			(\$830,000)
Restoration for HPD			(\$1.5 million)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2.8 million)</b>

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Discharge Planning: Collaborative Family Initiative			(\$640,000)
Reduce Utilization of Detention Capacity (81 person headcount reduction)		(\$5.0 million)	
Reduction of 22 staff positions due to ACS/DJJ integration		(\$2.4 million)	
Alternative to Detention Reinvestment	\$1.8 million		
CEO Funding Lifeskills Program	\$295,000		
Mental Health Services for detained youth	\$105,000		
Group Home Contracts	\$172,000		
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2.4 million</b>	<b>(\$7.4 million)</b>	<b>(\$640,000)</b>

**LEGAL SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Citywide City Legal Services			(\$1.5 million)
Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)			(\$500,000)
Legal Services for the Working Poor			(\$1.1 million)
Legal Services NYC- Keeping Families Together			(\$300,000)
MFY Legal Services			(\$100,000)
SSI-UI Legal Advocacy Program			(\$1.3 million)
Legal Services to Prevent Evictions			(\$2.3 million)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$7.1 million)</b>

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Autism Awareness Initiative			(\$1.5 million)
Mental Health Treatment for Children Under Five			(\$1.6 million)
Mental health, substance abuse and mental retardation/developmental disability services (HHC)		(\$753,000)	(\$800,000)
Mental health contracts (non HHC)		(\$6.4 million)	(975,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$7.2 million)</b>	<b>(\$4.9 million)</b>

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Playground Associates			(\$1.0 million)
Close 4 Pools and Shorten Outdoor Pool Season		(\$1.3 million)	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1.3 million)</b>	<b>(\$1.0 million)</b>

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Advantage Re-estimate – Rental Assistance to Homeless Families	\$29.4 million		
Eliminates Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (Teen RAPP)		(\$3.0 million)	
Nutrition for Adults and Families Living with HIV/AIDS			(\$491,000)
Food Stamps at Farmer's Markets			(\$270,000)
Emergency Food Assistance Programs			(\$2.0 million)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$29.4 million</b>	<b>(\$3.0 million)</b>	<b>(\$2.8 million)</b>

**YOUTH SERVICES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
Out of School Time Reductions (4,110 elementary/middle school slots and 1,940 summer slots in middle schools)		(\$7.5 million)	
Reduce 66 City funded Beacon contracts by 7% in 2011 and eliminate enhancements at 11 consolidated Beacons/OST middle schools.		(\$2.7 million)	
Elimination of 662 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots		(\$999,000)	
CEO Youth Programs	\$13.9 million		
Cultural After School Adventure (CASA)			(\$5.1 million)
City Council Member Discretionary Funds			(\$7.7 million)
Shelter Beds for At-Risk Homeless Youth			(\$5.4 million)
Street Outreach/Neighborhood Youth Alliance			(\$1.0 million)
The After-Three Program			(\$3.8 million)
City Council Funded SYEP			(\$6.6 million)
YMCA After School Program			(\$500,000)
Beacon Opening Fees			(\$3.5 million)
Sports and Arts in the School Foundation			(\$1.2 million)
OST Option II			(\$4.6 million)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$13.9 million</b>	<b>(\$11.2 million)</b>	<b>(\$39.4 million)</b>

**TOTAL**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'11</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'11</b>	<b>Failure to Fund Council Restoration</b>
<b>ALL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN</b>	<b>\$60.2 million</b>	<b>(\$90.0 million)</b>	<b>(\$110.5 million)</b>