



Fiscal Year 2010 Preliminary Budget for New York City Proposes \$231 Million in Reductions to Services for Children and Families

While we appreciate the severity of the budget crisis, **Mayor Bloomberg's Preliminary Budget for CFY10 does not go far enough to protect New York City's children from shouldering a disproportionate burden of the economic downturn.** Beyond the significant reductions to the Department of Education's budget and staffing which reflect the anticipated loss of state funding, the city's gap closing efforts are largely borne by the most vulnerable New Yorkers who are served by agencies like the Administration for Children's Services, the Department of Homeless Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Youth and Community Development and the Human Resources Administration. During this economic downturn, those agencies must be able to protect the health and well-being of struggling New Yorkers, particularly children and their families.

While the budget protected some critical services such as child abuse and neglect prevention services, there are many troubling service reductions proposed in the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. For example, the budget proposes to cut child care and after school programs, school based health services, child health clinics and family homeless prevention programs. And while the Mayor stressed that this budget was developed to protect the public, the City's Administration for Children's Services is subject to troubling reductions, which may well impede the agency's ability to ensure that children are safe either in their homes or in foster care. The proposed budget would cut 608 ACS staff, reorganize the preventive Family Preservation Program, reduce administrative payments to foster care agencies by 5%, and reduce foster parent supports by 10%. These budget reductions must not stand.

The city's own projections identify a profound loss of jobs across entry-level fields, increased family homelessness, and large increases in public assistance caseloads. To ensure that New York City can protect and address the needs of children and families who are hit hardest by this economic crisis –Mayor Bloomberg must do the right thing and increase personal income taxes on New York City's highest earners. The Mayor showed leadership in raising personal income taxes after 9/11 and he must do so again now. In doing so, New York City can protect essential services for its neediest residents and show elected leaders across this state how New Yorkers must stick together in hard times - demonstrating that progressive personal income tax increases are the most equitable and least painful means to address the current economic crisis. Mayor Bloomberg must take the lead in demanding that sacrifice be shared by all New Yorkers.

CHILD CARE

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Priority 7 child care slots		\$7.1 million	
Provider's Choice-Family Child Care Supplies			\$1.2 million
Working Parents for a Working New York			\$300,000
CEO: Early Childhood Policy and Planning		\$58,000	
Sub-Total		\$7.2 million	\$1.5 million

CHILD WELFARE

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Elimination of 293 administrative and child care staff		\$7.6 million	
Elimination of 315 child welfare personnel		\$8.2 million	
Reorganization of Family Preservation Program/saving 234 staff		\$7.3 million	
5% Reduction to Foster Boarding Home Administrative Rate for Foster Care Providers		\$5.7 million	
Community Partnership Initiative not to be expanded (remain at 11 instead of 15)		\$930,000	
Reduce Agency Support contracts (suspend MSW program, eliminate media campaigns, etc.)		\$1.8 million	
Foster Parent Support-10% reduction to providers that have not met performance goals		\$909,000	
Eliminate Facility Maintenance Expense (turn over facility to private provider)		\$218,000	
CEO: Individual Development Accounts for Foster Youth	\$206,000		
Child Safety Initiative: Preventive Services Caseload Reduction			\$3.7 million
Child Advocacy Centers			\$500,000
Family Justice Centers			\$200,000
CONNECT Domestic Violence program			\$600,000
Sub-Total	\$206,000	\$32.7 million	\$5.0 million

EDUCATION

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Reduce 1,440 Pedagogical Employees in Schools		\$91.2 million	
Estimated Headcount Reduction from State Cut - 13,930 positions		<i>Only if state cut is implemented</i>	
CEO: Early Childhood Policy and Planning		\$72,000	
Universal Pre-kindergarten (full day in ACS programs)			\$2.6 million
Teacher's Choice			\$13 million
Dropout Prevention and Intervention			\$2 million
Urban Advantage			\$500,000
Sub-Total		\$91.3 million	\$18.1 million

HEALTH SERVICES

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
CEO: Expand Access to Healthy Foods	\$182,000		
CEO: School Based Health and Reproductive Health Centers	\$1.4 million		
Child Health Clinics		\$960,000	
Diagnostic & Treatment Center Funding		\$473,000	
Primary Care Capacity Initiative		\$2.7 million	
Supplemental School Health Services		\$754,000	
Infant Mortality Initiative			\$3.5 million
Obesity Prevention Initiatives			\$3.0 million
Podiatric Screening			\$500,000
Asthma Control Initiative			\$545,000
Sub-Total	\$1.6 million	\$4.9 million	\$7.5 million

HOMELESS SERVICES

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
HomeBase Homelessness Prevention Program		\$5.1 million	
Eliminate Recreation Staff from Shelter Contracts		\$2.4 million	
Elimination of direct social service staff in commercial hotels housing homeless families		\$1.1 million	
Rate reduction to Family Hotels		\$575,000	
Eliminate Homecare Kits for Families		\$354,000	
Eliminate Clothing Bank Contract		\$221,000	
Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund			\$250,000
Sub-Total		\$9.7 million	\$250,000

HOUSING

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
City-Task Force on Housing Court			\$500,000
Community Based Consultants			\$830,000
CEO: Family Self-Sufficiency Program		\$2.1 million	
Sub-Total		\$2.1 million	\$1.3 million

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Discharge Planning/In-Detention Services			\$640,000
Sub-Total			\$640,000

LEGAL SERVICES

PROGRAM	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Citywide City Legal Services			\$1.5 million
Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)			\$500,000
Legal Services for Working Poor			\$1.0 million
Legal Services NYC- Keeping Families Together			\$300,000
MFY Legal Services			\$100,000
SSI-UI Advocacy Program			\$1.3 million
Anti-Eviction Legal Services			\$2.3 million
Sub-Total			\$7.0 million

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Mental Hygiene – Community Based and other Non-HHC providers		\$1.1 million	
HHC Mental Hygiene Services		\$869,000	
Mental Health Treatment for Children Under Five			\$1.6 million
Autism Awareness Initiative			\$1.6 million
Sub-Total		\$2.0 million	\$3.2 million

SOCIAL SERVICES

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Nutrition for Adults and Families Living with HIV/AIDS		\$491,000	
Food Stamps at Farmer's Markets			\$270,000
Emergency Food Programs			\$2.1 million
CEO: Employment Services for Non-Custodial Parents		\$380,000	
CEO: Enhanced Employment Services		\$111,000	
Sub-Total		\$980,000	\$2.3 million

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Program	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
Reduction in SYEP summer jobs slots		\$2.0 million	
Consolidate OST Middle Schools into Beacons Program		\$149,000	
Elimination of OST Option II		\$6.0 million	
Reduction in OST Summer Program		\$2.86 million	
Increase in OST Low Performance Penalty		\$570,000	
CEO: Youth Programs	\$14.3 million		
Beacon Opening Fees			\$3 million
Transfer of Social Services Funding from NYCHA	\$12.3 million		
Cultural After School Adventure (CASA)			\$5.5 million
Institute for Student Achievement			\$1.35 million
Helping Involve Parents in Schools Project (HIP)			\$4.3 million
Shelter Beds for At-Risk Runaway and Homeless LGBT Youth			\$1.7 million
Street Outreach/Neighborhood Youth Alliance			\$1 million
The After-Three Program			\$3.8 million
Sports and Arts in School Foundation			\$1.2 million
YMCA Virtual Y Program			\$500,000
Sub-Total	\$26.6 million	\$11.3 million	\$22.3 million

TOTAL

PROGRAM	Proposed Expenditure Increase FY'10	Proposed Expenditure Decrease FY'10	Failure to Fund Council Initiatives
ALL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN	\$28.4 million	\$162.2 million	\$69.1 million