Additional CCC Priorities in Response to the Executive Budget SFY 2017-2018

Child Welfare
Restore $2.2 million for child advocacy centers.
Restore $3 million for sexually exploited youth (safe harbor).
Restore $1 million for Kinship Care Programs.

Support investing $7 million in federal adoption savings into post-adoption services. Recommend strengthening appropriations language to ensure OCFS cannot use the funding for other purposes and/or decrease the appropriation level.

Early Childhood Education
Support adding $5.0 million for prekindergarten for 3 and 4-year olds in districts without prekindergarten programs. Support the initial step to consolidate the seven prekindergarten programs by consolidating the expiring grant program into the Universal Pre-kindergarten program.

Support adding $42 million to expand the middle income child tax care credit.

Early Intervention
Begin restoring reimbursement rates for Early Intervention by increasing the current rates by at least 5% this year.
Ensure proposal to claim more third party insurance does not burden families or providers and reinvest any savings from the proposal into the Early Intervention program.

Health and Mental Health
Reject the COLA delay for OMH, OASAS and OPWDD staff.
Support the creation of a $500 million statewide Health Facilities Transformation Fund. Recommend increasing the floor from $10 million to $125 million for a set-aside to community-based providers.

Economic Security
Reject Article VII legislation authorizing the state to recoup 100% of lottery winnings from people who received public assistance in the past 10 years.

Education
Pass Article VII legislation to comply with federal law and strengthen McKinney-Vento protections for homeless students, including educational stability for prekindergarten and summer programs.
Strengthen proposal by requiring school districts to provide alternative forms of transportation in cases where public transportation poses a barrier to the ability of a student in temporary housing to remain in his school of origin.

Juvenile Justice
Restore $700,000 for community reinvestment (alternative to detention programs).

Youth Services
Restore $1.698 million for the Youth Development Program.

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Key to the Symbols
+ Support  ⌧ Restore  ➀ Add  ⌃ Oppose

Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility
Support comprehensive legislation that raises the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18-years old in New York.

Promote Safety, Permanency and Well-Being for Families Involved in Child Welfare
Support reauthorizing child welfare financing to maintain open-ended reimbursement for preventive, protective, independent living, and adoption administration services. Restore the state share for these services to 65%, and reinvest the 3% (about $30 million) into a new primary preventive program to support families prior to abuse or neglect.

Reject the proposal to fund the state share of KinGAP (subsidized guardianship) from the capped Foster Care Block Grant.

Combat Family Homelessness
Reject $62 million cut to the Foster Care Block Grant, $25 million of which cuts state tuition reimbursement for NYC and $39 million of which reduces state’s share of foster care statewide.

Reject cutting the state’s share to 0% ($19 million) for New York City children in Committee on Special Education Placements (CSE).

Amend the Social Services Law to provide KinGAP subsidy until age 21 for all children leaving foster care with KinGAP, and allow KinGAP for half-siblings and non-relatives with significant prior relationships to the family.

Enact A259/S1291, which increases the child welfare housing subsidy from $300 to $600 per month, enables youth to receive the subsidy until age 24, and ensures those receiving housing subsidy can have roommates.

Fund three cohorts in the Foster Youth Success Initiative by restoring $1.5 million for the second existing cohort and adding $1.5 million for a third cohort (for a total of $4.5 million with the $1.5 million of baselined funds for one cohort).

Support Article VII legislation that enables foster care agencies providing health-related services to get a license through DOH so they can be reimbursed after the transition to Medicaid Managed care.

Ensure all Children Reach Their Academic Potential
Increase Education Aid significantly more than the $961 million proposed by increasing foundation aid beyond the proposed addition of $49 million.

Reject proposed legislation to eliminate foundation aid formula in the outyears.

Create Home Stability Support to prevent homelessness and strengthen rental assistance programs statewide.

Create an effective and targeted replacement for 421-a that produces a higher number of affordable housing units.

Promote Health and Mental Health
Support extending APG rates to address barriers to clinic solvency and support services for children.

Restore $7.5 million to children’s mental health services and $10.0 for Medicaid Managed care transition readiness.

Reject $50 million cut to NYC’s school-based health services.

Reject $5 million annualized cut to New York City’s General Public Health Work program.

Promote Economic Stability for Children, Youth and Families
Amend Social Service Law Section 131-a to exempt S25 college savings accounts from asset limit tests for Public Assistance recipients.

Add $16.5 million to increase funding for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) to $71 million.

Ensure the state has the resources needed for children and families.

Invest in the Youngest New Yorkers Ages 0-5
Reject the proposal to replace $27 million of state general funds for child care with $27 million of federal TANF Title XX funds from other social service programs such as senior centers.

Add child care funding to ensure new federal block grant requirements can be met without passing costs to providers or cutting subsidies.

Add $100 million to expand access to high quality child care.

Add $9.5 million for home visiting programs, including Healthy Families New York and Nurse-Family Partnership.

Support extending the millionaire’s tax to ensure the state has the resources needed for children and families.

Human Service Sector
Support extending the January 2017 minimum wage increase in the new Empire State After-School program.

Support $5.0 million to fund the new Governor’s Education Aid Initiative and programs slots in the new Empire State After-School program.

Support adding $35.0 million to create 22,000 new after-school programs slots in the new Empire State After-School program.

Support legislation that increases the number of days youth can stay in runaway and homeless youth (RHY) shelters and increases the age of eligibility for RHY services to 24.

Recommend adding $3.016 million for eligibility for RHY services to 24.

Support adding $5.0 million to fund the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Support adding $10.5 million for Advantage After School (total of $32.8 million).

Support legislation that increases the number of days youth can stay in runaway and homeless youth (RHY) shelters and increases the age of eligibility for RHY services to 24. Recommend adding $1.016 million for the additional RHY services needed and $15 million over the next three years for RHY capital expenses.

Support Positive Youth Development
Add $100 million to expand access to high quality child care.

Add $9.5 million for home visiting programs, including Healthy Families New York and Nurse-Family Partnership.

Support extending the millionaire’s tax to ensure the state has the resources needed for children and families.

Increase human service sector rates to support high quality services, address capital and maintenance needs, and enable providers to compensate staff adequately and implement the new minimum wage.

Reject Executive Budget language that enables the Department of Budget to unilaterally make cuts to localities if there are reductions in federal funds in the future.

Support adding $1.5 million to fund the January 2017 minimum wage increase for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Recommend adding $18.6 million for 5,000 more youth (for a total of $44.6 million.)

Support adding $15.0 million to create 15,000 new the new Empire State After-School program slots in the new Empire State After-School program.

Support adding $20.0 million to fund the new Governor’s Education Aid Initiative and programs slots in the new Empire State After-School program.

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