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Good afternoon. My name is Stephanie Gendell and I am the Associate Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy at Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC). CCC is a 73-year-old independent, multi-issue child advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring every New York child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

I would first like to thank Chair Ferreras-Copeland and members of the City Council Finance Committee for holding today's hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Executive Budget and for the opportunity for public testimony.

The Executive Budget for FY18 builds on the Preliminary Budget by investing additional resources in some critical areas that will benefit children and families including child welfare, early childhood education, middle school SONYC after-school programs, air conditioning in schools, a homeless shelter provider rate increase and legal defense for immigrants.

On the other hand, CCC is disappointed that the administration's proposed budget cuts elementary after-school programs, fails to invest in programs that could improve the well-being of homeless families in hotels, cuts funding for emergency food programs, and does not expand universal free lunch beyond stand-alone middle schools.

CCC is so grateful to the City Council for your steadfast commitment to better supporting children and families and for your advocacy throughout the year and notably throughout the budget process. We do not take this partnership lightly and we thank you in advance for your efforts to ensure the Fiscal Year 2018 adopted budget makes New York City a better place to be a child.

This testimony will focus on the key areas where CCC supports the administration's proposals and the areas where we are urging the City Council to negotiate an adopted budget that goes further for children and families. Following this testimony is the full list of proposals CCC supports and the full list of City Council initiatives CCC is asking be restored and baselined where appropriate.

It is important to first note, however, that the entire human service sector is struggling due to years of underfunded contracts. We urge the City Council to negotiate an adopted budget with the administration that includes a 12% across the board contract increase for all human services/nonprofit providers to raise salaries, support reasonable fringe benefits, and cover the existing underfunding of OTPS.

## **Administration for Children's Services**

### **Child Welfare**

The Executive Budget makes a number of proposed investments to strengthen the Administration for Children's Services and its provider agencies with regard to child protective services, preventive services and foster care services. CCC supports these investments and looks forward to working with Commissioner Hansell to ensure ACS has the resources it needs to protect children and strengthen families.

Despite the best efforts of many advocates, including CCC, the state budget drastically cut funding for foster care statewide, while targeting New York City/ACS even more severely. The total annualized cut to ACS was \$68 million (\$44 million foster care; \$20 million committee on special education placements and \$4 million child care.) We are so grateful to Mayor de Blasio for proposing an Executive Budget that offsets this entire state budget cut for ACS in the current year and the outyears. CCC is committed to working harder to ensure state representatives understand the impact cuts to child welfare systems can have.

The Executive Budget also proposes to add \$9.38 million for a number of important and much-needed enhancements for the preventive service system including requiring preventive workers to be trained before working with families, increasing the general preventive services rate by \$1,500 per slot, increasing ACS staff making preventive referrals, and increasing the number of slots by creating new slots for court-ordered supervision cases and domestic violence cases.

While we are not sure that the rate increase is sufficient, and worry that providers cannot take on new preventive service capacity due to the inability to hire staff at such low wages, we believe these enhancements are steps in the right direction.

### **Juvenile Justice (ACS)**

CCC thanks the City Council and the de Blasio administration for your support to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York from 16 to 18. We are also pleased that the law requires all 16 and 17 year olds be off of Rikers Island by October 2018. While these are important victories for youth, families and communities, it will require a great deal of planning to implement, as well as resources. We look forward to working collaboratively in the upcoming year to ensure adequate state funding is provided for the services and facilities that will make implementation successful.

### **Child Care (ACS and Department of Education)**

We appreciate the Administration's Executive Budget investments in the early childhood education system, including \$16.5 million in FY18 (increasing to \$156.75 million in FY21) to begin implementing 3-K for All, free pre-kindergarten programs for three year olds. We also appreciate the City's proposed investment of \$20 million in the DOE budget for quality enhancements for EarlyLearn programs, as part of the plan to transition EarlyLearn contracted child care programs (center-based and family child care) from ACS to DOE.

CCC urges the de Blasio administration, ACS, DOE, the City Council, the providers and the advocates to use the one year transitioning period to strengthen the contracted subsidized children system. We urge the Administration to ensure that the roll-out of 3K-for All and the transition of EarlyLearn child care to DOE is a collaborative planning process that includes providers, advocates, families, and the City Council.

There are a number of critical issues that have negatively impacted the community based providers of child care, Head Start and prekindergarten programs that we hope to see addressed. These include:

- Establish salary and benefit parity for the teachers in DOE schools and CBOs. This is critical for CBOs to keep their qualified staff and to hire certified teachers.
- Resolve direct lease site issues by negotiating leases and maintaining capacity in communities (28 of the 72 direct lease sites are currently operating on month to month leases.)
- Address facility issues, including maintenance and repairs at all EarlyLearn sites, including NYCHA.
- Ensure homeless children are not only enrolled in pre-k, but also EarlyLearn child care programs.
- Expand capacity to serve infants and toddlers.

In addition, as the City rolls out 3-K, it will be important to ensure that low-income 3 and 4 year olds have access to full day (meaning work day not school day) and summer care. Low income working parents depend on this type of care to maintain employment. Furthermore, we urge the City, and notably DOE, to be mindful of the many licensed family child providers in the EarlyLearn network who currently provide care to 3-year olds. Their livelihoods must be addressed as part of the 3K-For All implementation effort.

#### **Department of Education**

CCC was pleased to see the Administration's investments in a several education initiatives and its continuing commitment to the Equity and Excellence For All initiatives. We thank the City Council for being a consistent ally in advocating for all students, including ensuring that ELLs, students with disabilities, homeless students, and at-risk students are provided resources and opportunities for an adequate education.

CCC was pleased to see Executive Budget proposals to strengthen the City's public schools, including \$5 million to begin installing air conditioning in classrooms and \$3 million for lead testing and remediation. CCC also supports the addition of \$2 million for Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS), but urges the adopted budget to baseline this amount instead of only including it for one year as proposed.

CCC was also pleased that after failing to include the \$10.3 million for services to homeless children in shelters in the Preliminary Budget, that the Executive Budget proposes to restore this funding and increase the number of social workers in schools with the highest numbers of homeless children from 33 to 44. CCC urges the City Council and the Administration to

negotiate a budget that baselines this funding and adds \$6.2 million to bring the total number of MSWs/schools to 100.

Finally, CCC is deeply disappointed that the Budget once again fails to include universal free lunch for all public school students. We know that healthy meals are important for children's growth and academic achievement. We also know that many students who qualify for free lunch often do not participate because of the stigma associated with feeling like the "poor kid."

In addition, CCC recently completed an analysis showing that there are nearly 110,000 moderately low-income public school students (185%-275% of FPL, or \$34,000-\$52,000 for a family of three) who are not eligible for free lunch but whose families struggle with the high cost of living in New York City. Free lunch would be a tremendous benefit to these families.

Last week, Chancellor Farina re-issued a policy memo that states, "The DOE is committed to providing students with nutritious meals and ensuring that hunger is not a hindrance to learning. Approximately 79.9 percent of all students are able to receive lunch for free in schools. Please remind your staff that like in past years, regardless of meal-eligibility status, you should not deny meals to any students in grades K-8. Note that this protocol has been in place for over 10 years and the DOE is dedicated to ensuring that students have access to a healthy meal during the school day."

This response to our advocacy efforts is unacceptable. First of all, it does not cover high school students. But more importantly, we do not want a situation where, for example, a 7 year old needs to tell the cashier that his/her family cannot afford to pay for lunch.

We appreciate the City Council's commitment to universal free lunch and we stand with you in urging the Administration to finally expand universal free lunch to all public schools.

#### **Family Homelessness (DHS and HRA/DSS)**

CCC appreciates the efforts the administration has made to try to prevent homelessness, create rental assistance programs, and increase affordable housing options. CCC also appreciates the administration's new commitment to increasing purpose-built shelters (including the creation of 90 additional shelters) and moving to a borough-based placement system.

CCC was pleased that the Mayor signed into law the City Council bill to ensure all low-income New Yorkers have access to counsel in Housing Court and the corresponding \$10.8 million in FY18 (increasing to \$50.4 million in FY21) included in the Executive Budget to fund this.

CCC also supports the administration's efforts to work with shelter providers to develop a model budget that would address proper staffing levels and rates. While we appreciate the \$17.58 million Executive Budget add for shelter providers, we are concerned that the model budget might still not be sufficient to ensure sufficient funding to shelter providers. We urge the Administration to negotiate these contracts in a manner that ensures providers can provide

the high level of services homeless families need, and enables the providers to address facilities issues.

There are nearly 23,000 children in DHS shelters, with an average length of stay of 431 days. Only half of the homeless families with children are in Tier II shelters, with the other half in cluster sites and hotels/motels. We urge the administration and the City Council to negotiate a budget that includes additional supports for homeless children and their families.

Hotel rooms are often far from transportation, far from communities of origin, and lacking in services provided by Tier II shelters. Hotel rooms typically lack kitchens, and some hotels lack cooking facilities completely, meaning only microwavable meals are provided. Hotel sites often lack laundry facilities for family use, play areas for children, and communal space for visitors. Due to the hotels' attempt to prevent homeless families from claiming tenancy rights, families are forced to move rooms in the hotel every 29 days—removing any potential stability a family in crisis could try to create. Furthermore, hotels have not been designed or funded to have appropriate shelter staff, such as housing specialists, educational specialists, recreational specialists, etc.

The administration has committed to eliminating the cluster sites by 2021 and the hotels by 2023, but these deadlines are years from now. In the meantime, children are growing up in shelters that are not appropriate places for them to live. The trauma and stress of homelessness, coupled with educational instability and/or long commutes to school, has also been proven to negatively impact educational outcomes.

To begin to better address the needs of homeless students and homeless families living in hotels and cluster sites, CCC makes the following suggestions:

- Ensure families in hotels have access to better food, laundry facilities, play and socialization space and space to confidentially receive services. This could be addressed creatively with different hotels being given resources to convert parking lots, lobbies, and/or rooms into space for these critical basic needs.
- Create a better system to arrange busing/transportation than the current process whereby busing cannot begin to be arranged until after the family is found eligible for shelter. This 10-day eligibility process can take substantially longer for families who are not initially found eligible, and thus leads to a tremendous delay in arranging busing.
- Provide monthly MetroCards (rather than weekly) for families awaiting transportation arrangements.
- Increase the number of staff and the hours of staff assisting families in shelter with education issues. These DOE staff currently do not work evenings, weekends or the summer, despite the need. There should also be a management structure for family assistants and content experts that feeds into an accountability structure aimed at decreasing absenteeism and the length of time it takes to arrange for transportation to be arranged.

### **Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) (HRA/DSS)**

CCC was extremely disappointed to see that the Executive Budget failed to maintain the \$4.9 million added in the FY17 budget for emergency food programs, leaving only \$9 million City funds in the baseline. CCC supports the City Council's request of \$22 million baselined (which would require restoring \$4.9 million and adding \$8 million.)

EFAP provides food and technical assistance to approximately 500 food pantries and soup kitchens throughout New York City. An astonishing 16% of NYC residents rely on food pantries or soup kitchens. This number is likely to grow as New Yorkers with immigration fears shun from participating in the SNAP program. In addition, if the Trump administration is successful in cutting SNAP, the need for emergency food will grow.

### **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**

CCC appreciates the City Council's longstanding commitment to strengthening and expanding services available for youth, including the Progressive Caucus's call for universal after-school programs. We also appreciate the administration's new investments including the creation of 11 new Beacon Community Centers, partially restoring middle school summer programs, adding \$10.73 million for additional SONYC middle school programs, and adding \$9.32 million to create 5,000 additional SYEP slots (for a total of 65,000).

CCC recently commissioned a poll, conducted by Global Strategies Group, of 800 New York City residents from April 6-10, 2017, which showed that the overwhelming majority of New Yorkers who are likely to vote in the upcoming election wanted to see increased funding for high-quality after-school, summer programs and child care.

Specifically, 87% of general election voters and 92% of Democratic primary voters support expanding access to free and reduced price child care, after-school and summer programs. This support continued with 64% of general election voters continuing to support expansion when told that their own taxes might have to be increased to fund the programs. This was true for voters in all income brackets.

In addition, the high cost of raising a family was a major source of stress for working parents with 83% of general election voters saying the cost of child care, after-school and summer programs is a major financial burden for NYC's working parents and 76% saying they worry about the cost of raising a family in the city.

While the administration's investments will benefit tens of thousands of children and youth, these poll results show that it is critical that we urge the City Council and the Administration make additional investments in youth services in the adopted budget.

### **Middle School (SONYC) Summer programs**

We greatly appreciate that the administration included SONYC summer programming for 22,800 middle school students for the summer of 2017, a partial restoration of \$15 million. Including this investment in the administration's preliminary budget has allowed providers,

staff, and families to plan for the upcoming summer and eliminated a great deal of anxiety. That said, we urge the administration to adopt the City's long-standing model of after-school programming that always included a summer component.

We are very disappointed that the \$15 million for summer was not baselined. It would be unconscionable to return to needing to rally to save this funding at the last minute. We urge the final adopted budget to baseline this \$15 million for SONYC summer programming.

Furthermore, there were actually 34,000 SONYC slots (not just 22,800) that needed to be restored. We urge the administration to fully restore and baseline all of the summer programs that have been repeatedly at risk.

In keeping with this after-school/summer model, while we appreciate the administration proposing to add \$10.73 million for the SONYC middle school program (which is supposed to be available for all middle school students), these new slots MUST include summer programs. It is currently unclear, however, whether the administration intends to include summer programming.

#### **Elementary and High School After-School Programs**

We are deeply concerned that the Executive Budget cuts \$16 million of elementary after-school programming, serving approximately 9,500 children. Last year, the City Council's commitment to expanding elementary after-school program led to one year investments of \$8 million from the Administration and \$8 million from the City Council in the adopted budget. These slots are vital to the well-being of these young students and their families, and we urge the Council to negotiate a budget with the administration that restores and baselines \$16 million for elementary school children.

Furthermore, while all middle school students are supposed to have access to after-school programs, there are thousands of elementary aged children on waiting lists and there is very limited availability for high school students. We urge the City Council and the Administration to adopt a budget that increases capacity to serve elementary school students by 10,000 and high school students by 5,000. Furthermore, any newly added elementary school slot must include a summer component.

Finally, we also urge the Council and the Administration to add \$8.8 million for elementary after-school to ensure all programs are reimbursed at the same rate. Unfortunately, the elementary COMPASS programs funded by the RFP of baselined Council funds are funded at a rate of \$2,800 compared to \$3,200 for all other elementary school slots. DYCD has advised programs funded at the lower rate that they do not need to have an educational coordinator. It is long past time to resolve this discrepancy and ensure at a minimum all elementary COMPASS programs are funded at the same rate (notably, the rate should actually be higher than \$3,200.)

### **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**

CCC appreciates the City Council's long-standing commitment to SYEP. As you know, SYEP is a win-win for youth, their families, communities and the NYC economy. SYEP provides youth ages 14-24 with a six-week summer work experience, training, income and lessons in financial literacy. Wages earned help to supplement family income, as well as help youth learn about budgeting and saving. Furthermore, much of the earned income is spent in the local economy.

We also appreciate having had the opportunity to participate in the joint City Council/Administration Task Force on SYEP and look forward to seeing the new RFP and increased investments next year. Like the Council, we hope to one day soon be able to serve every interested youth in SYEP.

CCC appreciates the Administration's investment of \$9.32 million to create 5,000 more slots (for a total of 65,000). In addition, we appreciate the administration's one-time addition of \$15.6 million to address the minimum wage increase, but urge the Administration to baseline this funding in the Adopted Budget.

### **Mental Health Services (DOHMH)**

We appreciate the First Lady and DOHMH's work on the mental health roadmap and the investment in a number of initiatives aimed at decreasing stigma and better assessing New Yorkers for mental health needs. We urge the administration to continually assess the need for additional behavioral health capacity as more New Yorkers become aware of their need for services.

CCC is still concerned about the fragile status of several former Council Initiatives, including Mental Health Services for Children Under Five, the Autism Awareness Initiative, and Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations. For years, these three programs have used non-traditional, community-based settings to help identify children and families in need and offer developmentally appropriate services and support. We urge the City Council to once again restore these initiatives and restore mental health services for children under five back to its FY16 funding level of \$1.45 million (it was funded at \$1 million in FY17).

## **Executive Budget Proposals CCC Supports**

### **Administration for Children's Services**

- Adds \$9.38 million for training, preventive referrals and the Children's Center.
- Adds \$1.9 million in FY 18 (\$3.8 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to the child care block grant.
- Adds \$22.0 million in FY 18 (\$44.0 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to the foster care block grant.
- Adds \$10 million in FY 18 (\$20.0 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to institutional schools (Committee on Special Education placements).

### **Department of Education**

- Adds \$11.74 million for Prekindergarten (for 4-year olds).
- Adds \$20.09 million for EarlyLearn Transfer-Quality Enhancements for child care.
- Adds \$16.5 million in FY 18 (increasing to \$156.75 million by FY21) for 3-K (Prekindergarten for 3-year olds).
- Adds \$2.0 million for Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS) (FY18 only).
- Adds \$5.0 million for air conditioning in classrooms.
- Restores \$10.32 million for students in shelters (FY18 only).
- Adds \$3.0 million for lead testing and remediation (FY18 only).
- Adds \$4.57 million for State mandated assessments.

### **Department of Social Services (Human Resources Administration)**

- Adds \$10.8 million (increasing to \$50.4 million in FY 21) for access to counsel in Housing Court.
- Adds \$18.15 million for legal defense for immigrants and expansion of Action NYC.
- Adds \$1.91 million for Homelessness Prevention Staffing.

### **Department of Homeless Services**

- Adds \$1.3 million for Homelessness Prevention Staffing.
- Adds \$17.58 million for Homeless Shelter Rate Increase.
- Adds \$7.09 million in FY 18 (\$5.59 million in the outyears) for shelter maintenance and repair.
- Adds \$75.0 million for a shelter reestimate.

### **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

- Adds \$8.2 million (increasing to \$9.76 million in FY19) for HealingNYC, to help address the opioid crisis.

### **Department of Probation**

- Adds \$478,000 (FY18 and FY19 only) for Intensive Supervised Probation.

### **Department of Youth and Community Development**

- Adds \$15.6 million (FY18 only) for Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) minimum wage increase.
- Adds \$10.73 million for SONYC middle school after-school expansion.
- Adds \$180,000 for Brownsville Teen Center.
- Adds \$726,000 for Beacon opening fees.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Adds \$1.5 million (in FY18 and FY19 only) for child trauma response team expansion.
- Adds \$3.67 million for Safe Horizon Child Advocacy Centers.

## **Preliminary Budget Proposals CCC Supports**

### **Education**

- Adds \$8.4 million for upgrades to internet speeds at schools and data backup.
- Adds \$14.83 million for the SESIS System upgrade (special education data reporting system).
- Adds \$1.4 million to baseline funding for the SESIS/Medicaid Strategy Group.
- Adds \$14.26 million to expand the Summer in the City program to serve additional at-risk second graders, and expand STEM programming and summer school hours from 4 to 6 hours a day.
- Adds \$4.57 million for per session costs for services to special education students.
- Adds \$495 million capital in FY 20-24 to fully fund the creation of 38,487 new seats in schools.
- Adds \$6.26 million for an additional 200 part-time school crossing guards and 100 full-time school crossing guard supervisors to ensure 100% coverage. (NYPD)

### **Health and Mental Health**

- Adds \$3.1 million (increasing to \$4.5 million in the outyears) to expand Cure Violence.

### **Food and Economic Security**

- Adds \$1.37 million for a Job Training Program that converts unpaid WEP positions into paid transitional Job Training Program positions at DCAS.
- Adds \$1.64 million for a Job Training Program at NYPD that converts unpaid WEP positions into paid Job Training Program positions at NYPD.
- Adds \$13.84 million for the Public Engagement Unit for outreach for health insurance coverage and participation in City rent protection and rent freeze programs.
- Adds \$658,000 for Domestic Violence Services Expansion.
- Adds \$761,000 for outreach to increase access to mental health services (ThriveNYC).

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Adds \$1 billion over 10 years for capital investments in NYCHA public housing.
- Adds \$3.87 million for Shelter Intake staffing.
- Adds \$20.0 million to maintain shelter security at current levels.
- Adds \$3.2 million for an NYPD Management Team to oversee management of security at homeless shelters.
- Adds \$2.49 million for new recruit and in-service training to all peace officers in the Department of Homeless Services (NYPD).
- Adds \$402,000 for 421-a Enforcement Staffing to establish a 421-enforcement unit (HPD).
- Adds \$299,000 for 421-a Temporary Staffing to handle increased 421-a inquiries (HPD) (FY 18 only).

### **Juvenile Justice**

- Adds \$1.13 million for the Credible Messenger Institute to add mentoring hours and training.
- Adds \$660,000 for the Next STEPS contract increase, to increase programming sites and hours.

### **Youth Services**

- Adds \$6.17 million for 11 new Beacon centers.

- Restores \$15 million for SONYC Summer program for 22,800 middle school students (FY 18 only).
- Adds \$9.32 million for 5,000 additional Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots, bringing total to 65,000.

**In the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget, the City Council both restored funding and added funding for initiatives that have been critical for children and families. The Executive Budget failed to restore and/or baseline the following initiatives funded by the City Council in FY17. We urge the Administration and the City Council to restore (and baseline where appropriate) the following initiatives in the FY 18 adopted budget:**

**Community Safety and Child Welfare**

- \$6.305 million total for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative.
- \$1.95 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which includes \$600,000 for Project CONNECT.
- \$8.84 million total for the Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives.
- \$5.23 million total for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project.
- \$500,000 for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative.

**Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice**

- \$5.632 million total for Alternatives to Incarceration Programs.
- \$1.4 million for a Bail Fund.
- \$500,000 for the Center for Court Innovation.
- \$1.35 million for an Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault for child victims of physical and sexual abuse, which includes child advocacy centers.
- \$750,000 for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking.

**Early Childhood Education/Child Care:**

- \$9.35 million for 11 child care programs.
- \$2.792 million total for the City's First Readers Initiative.
- \$3.0 million for special child care funding vouchers for low-income families with school-aged children.

**Education:**

- \$2.975 million for Educational Programs for Students, which includes \$400,000 for Chess in the Schools, \$275,000 for MOUSE, \$1.55 million for Expanded Schools, Inc., and \$750,000 for the Middle School Quality Initiative in DOE.
- \$500,000 for Child Mind Institute.
- \$1.23 million total for Community Schools.
- \$1.595 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention initiative.
- \$245,000 total for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children.
- \$155,000 for LGBTQ-Inclusive Curriculum.
- \$1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness, which includes \$250,000 for C.H.A.M.P.S., \$800,000 for New York Junior Tennis League, and \$1.0 million for the Small Schools Athletic League.
- \$1.3 million for the Restorative Justice Program.
- \$12.74 million for Support for Educators, which includes funding for STEM Teachers' College and Teacher's Choice school supplies.
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage.

### **Food and Economic Security**

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative.
- \$930,000 for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which includes funding for EBTs in Farmers' Markets and expanding Farmers' Markets.
- \$725,000 for Food Access and Benefits, which includes \$250,000 for the EITC Assistance Program and \$475,000 for Food Pantries and Technical Assistance
- \$4.0 million for food pantries.
- \$2.248 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative.

### **Health**

- \$1.07 million for Access Health NYC.
- \$350,000 for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators for non-profits serving youth and the elderly).
- \$646,000 for Child Health and Wellness, which includes the NYU Dental Van and Pediatric Dental Clinic, the asthma initiative and the obesity prevention initiative.
- \$1.43 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative, which includes the Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative.
- \$2.0 million for Nurse-Family Partnership.
- \$260,000 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, which includes funding for Family Planning.

### **Mental Health**

- \$3.325 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative.
- \$1.0 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 initiative.
- \$1.9 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative.
- \$2.219 million for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services.
- \$1.0 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative.
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition.
- \$1.093 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which includes the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline.

### **Housing and Homeless Services**

- \$1.0 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System.
- \$820,000 total for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund.
- \$5.65 million for Anti-Eviction and Housing Court Resources, which includes \$650,000 for Housing Court Answers and \$5 million for anti-eviction legal services.
- \$3.65 million for Community Housing Preservation Strategies.
- \$450,000 for Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters.
- \$1.0 million total for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.
- \$2.0 million total for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing.

### **Legal Services**

- \$5.0 million for Legal Services for Low-income New Yorkers, which includes citywide civil legal services and the SSI advocacy project.
- \$485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT).
- \$2.405 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor.

- \$750,000 for the Prisoner’s Rights Project for Rikers Island.

**Parks and Recreation**

- \$2.54 million for the Parks Equity Initiative.

**Youth Services:**

- \$8.0 million for COMPASS elementary after-school programs (note the administration also added \$8.0 million, together serving 9,000 additional children).
- \$5.425 million for the After-School Enrichment Initiative, which includes \$4.0 million for Expanded Schools and \$1.0 million for Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation.
- \$250,000 for Anti-Violence Youth Programs.
- \$11.0 million for a Year-Round Youth Employment Program.
- \$11.22 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA).
- \$500,000 for Civic Education in New York City Schools.
- \$1.2 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City.
- \$1.2 million for Sports Training and Role models for Success Initiative (STARS).
- \$400,000 for the Student Voter Registration Day Initiative.
- \$2.1 million for the NYC Youth Build Project Initiative.

**Young Women’s Initiative**

- The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget included \$5 million to fund 13 key YWI recommendations that need to be restored in FY18. These include:
  - \$500,000 for the ACS Youth Health Initiative.
  - \$500,000 for Gender Equity Liaisons at DOE, DOHMH, DYCD, HPD and HRA.
  - \$400,000 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund.
  - \$250,000 to Expand Transgender Specific Healthcare Training.
  - \$250,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence.
  - \$250,000 for P.A.C.E. Initiative for Young Adults, which are programs that teach young victims empowering and preventive measures to deal with violence.
  - \$250,000 for a Post-Arrest Diversion Program for Young Adults.
  - \$250,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.
  - \$250,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention.
  - \$175,000 for Warrant Reduction Events.
  - \$600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships.
  - \$500,000 for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth (through HRA).