



## **Summary of the New York City Fiscal Year 2019 Executive Budget**

On April 26, 2018, Mayor de Blasio released his \$89.06 billion Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2019, which begins July 1, 2018.

Citizens' Committee for Children (CCC) appreciates the de Blasio Administration's efforts to make New York City a more fair and equitable City to all who live in the five boroughs. While the Executive Budget takes some steps toward these ends, we believe that the administration and the City budget must go further to achieve these goals, and should include additional investments in reducing and preventing family homelessness, promoting the well-being of homeless children and their families, creating salary parity for early education teachers, creating universal after-school for elementary school students and ensuring all children participating in after-school programs can participate in summer camp programming.

We are pleased to see the investment of \$125 million in fair student funding, \$30.55 million to expand early literacy programs, and \$1.2 million to evaluate the effectiveness of Thrive mental health initiatives. We also greatly appreciate the City stepping in to fill the budget gap created by the State shirking its previously shared commitment to youth in the juvenile justice system and thank the Mayor for both offsetting the state cut to Close to Home Juvenile Justice placement system and investing funds to implement Raise the Age. That said, we are disappointed that the budget proposes to include funding for Department of Corrections staff to temporarily provide security for the children in secure detention.

While we appreciate the Mayor's plan to restore \$10.3 million for the Bridging the Gap program, which includes 43 social workers in schools with high numbers of homeless students and additional one-year funding for 10 additional social workers in schools, for a total of \$11.9 million of one-year funding, the homelessness crisis demands that the City go further. We once again urge the City to invest in 100 social workers in schools and 50 social workers in shelters and to baseline this funding so that it is not subject to the annual budget dance. Similarly, we want the City to ensure safe and supportive care for homeless New Yorkers and while we understand the need for another \$158 million shelter re-estimate, we continue to urge the City to do more to prevent family homelessness, expand permanent affordable housing options for these families and do more to promote the well-being of homeless children and their families, particularly those living in commercial hotel rooms.

We are extremely disappointed that this proposed budget not only fails to invest but actually cuts programming- for some of the most vulnerable New Yorkers, particularly children. This includes failing to invest \$5 million to ensure foster children can be bused to their home schools, cutting \$16 million of elementary after-school programming for 9,000 children, and once again cutting \$20.35 million of summer camp for 34,000 middle school children. While the administration may perceive the annual summer camp funding as part of a budget dance with the City Council, leaving this funding uncertain until the end of June when the program starts in July, will once again leave low-income

working parents uncertain about how their children will be safe this summer. We strongly urge the administration to once again restore this cut by the May Youth Services Budget Hearing.

Finally, we are also disappointed that the budget fails to create salary parity between early childhood teachers in community based organizations and DOE schools, who are doing the same job, but for more hours. Teachers in CBOs continue to earn significantly less than their DOE peers and the salary disparity grows over time. We thank the City Council for making salary parity a priority in their Preliminary Budget response and urge the Administration to work with the Council to address this inequity in the Adopted Budget.

**A more detailed list of budget proposals that impact children, youth and families is provided in the following pages.**

### **Executive Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2019 (City funds)**

#### **Child Welfare**

- N/A

#### **Early Education**

- N/A

#### **Education**

- Adds \$30.55 million for literacy enhancements
- Adds \$125.20 million for fair student funding (increases to \$127.70 million in 2020, \$130.26 million in 2021 and \$132.86 million in outyears)
- Adds \$3.89 million for Civics for All (increases to \$4.81 million in 2020 and \$5.41 million in outyears)
- Adds \$1.67 million for 5,000 additional air conditioners (increases to \$2.93 million in 2020, \$3.94 million in 2021, and \$2.28 million in outyears)
- Adds \$1.41 million to expand the Office of Equal Opportunity (decreases to \$1.16 million in outyears)
- Adds \$2.57 million for Health Ed Works (increases to \$5.91 million in 2020, \$7.92 million in 2021, and \$7.59 million in outyears)
- Adds \$426,000 for District 1 Family Resource Center (increases to \$439,000 in outyears)
- Adds \$8.89 million for new school maintenance and operations (increases to \$8.99 million in outyears)
- Adds \$11.92 million for a series of initiatives to supports schools with the highest concentrations of students living in shelters, including social workers in schools. (This is a restoration of \$10.3 million with the additional funding for 10 more social workers, 2 content experts and enrollment supports- for FY 19 only)
- Adds \$4.77 million for anti-bias training (increases to \$6.93 million in FY 2020, \$6.20 million in FY 2021 and \$5.49 million in outyears)

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Adds \$158.89 million for a shelter re-estimate

### **Health and Mental Health**

- Adds \$1.2 million for an evaluation of Thrive initiatives (in DSS budget)
- Adds \$75,000 for a Cure Violence Training Coordinator.

### **Juvenile Justice**

- Adds \$30.47 million to offset the State cut to Close to Home (ACS)
- Adds \$46.38 million for Raise the Age implementation to the Administration for Children's Services (increases to \$70.16 million in FY 2020 and \$81.75 million in outyears)
- Adds \$9.85 million for Raise the Age implementation to the Department of Corrections for proving security at Horizons juvenile detention center for two years (increases to \$13.14 million in FY 2020, decreases to \$3.29 million in FY 2021 and is \$0 in outyears)
- Adds \$18.304 million for Raise the Age implementation to the Department of Probation (decreases to \$16.67 million in outyears)
- Adds \$1.67 million for Raise the Age implementation to the Police Department (increases to \$2.00 million in FY 2020 and \$987,000 in outyears)

### **Youth Services**

- Adds \$20.0 million to the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for a minimum wage increase (FY 19 only)

## **Preliminary Budget Proposals for City Fiscal Year 2019 (City Funds)**

### **Child Welfare**

- Adds \$8.75 million for indigent defense in article 10 abuse and neglect proceedings (FY 18 and FY 19 only)

### **Early Childhood Education**

- Additional investments in 3K starting in FY 20 (\$38.28 million) to expedite implementation

### **Education**

- Adds \$1.23 million for rat reduction mitigation at 119 additional schools
- Adds \$1.04 million to create a bullying complaint portal
- Adds \$3.01 million for anti-bullying social and emotional learning support in 300 schools
- Adds \$1 million for expanding gay-straight alliances (GSA) to additional schools
- Adds \$3 million for restorative justice expansion to 3 school districts with the highest suspension rates
- Adds \$100,000 for school climate workshops for parents, educators, families, and community members
- Adds \$1.3 million for extended use fee waivers to allow community-based organizations to use school space during non-school hours (FY 19 only)
- Adds \$500,000 for LGBT Community Liaison Office

### **Health and Mental Health**

- Adds \$1.15 million for Unity Project to enhance services for LGBTQ youth

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Adds \$150 million for a shelter re-estimate
- Adds \$2.16 million Basement Apartment Program

### **Juvenile Justice**

- Adds \$300,000 for youth court in the Bronx.

### **Youth Services**

- Adds \$916,000 for Runaway and Homeless Youth drop-in centers

## **Initiatives Funded in the Adopted Budget for City Fiscal Year 2018 by the Administration For One Year Only that were Not Funded in the Preliminary or Executive Budgets**

The Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget included a number of critical initiatives that were funded only in FY18 and were not funded in the FY19 Preliminary Budget. We urge the Administration to negotiate a budget with the City Council that restores and baselines the following in CFY Adopted Budget:

- \$20.35 million for at least 34,000 middle school after-school summer program slots (FY18 budget included a one year partial restoration of \$15 million for 22,800 children)
- \$14.8 million for child care vouchers
- \$7.23 million for the emergency food assistance program
- \$16 million for COMPASS elementary after-school programs
- \$11 million for the Year-Round Youth Employment Program (Work, Learn Grow) (the City Council also funded the program with an additional \$8 million for a total of \$19 million in FY18)

## **City Council Initiatives in the City Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget that were Not Included in the Preliminary or Executive Budgets**

In the Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget, the City Council both restored funding and added funding for initiatives that have been critical for children and families. City Council funding is only for one year and thus we urge the Administration to restore and where appropriate baseline the following in the Adopted Budget:

### **Child Welfare and Domestic Violence**

- \$7.805 million for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative
- \$1.95 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE).

### **Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice**

- \$6.407 for Alternatives to Incarceration programs
- \$1.4 million for a Bail Fund
- \$1.71 for the Center for Court Innovation

- \$1.35 million for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers
- \$1 million for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking
- \$600,000 for video visitation for incarcerated persons' families in public libraries

**Early Childhood Education/Child Care:**

- \$9.855 million for Discretionary child care programs
- \$4.242 million for the City's First Readers Initiative (DYCD)

**Education:**

- \$500,000 for Child Mind Institute
- \$2.25 million for community schools
- \$1.585 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiative
- \$3.89 million for Educational Programs for Students, which includes programs such as Chess in the Schools, Expanded Schools and the Middle School Quality Initiative
- \$245,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children
- \$200,000 for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum
- \$1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness, which includes C.H.A.M.P.S, New York Junior Tennis League, and Small Schools Athletic League
- \$1.3 million for the Restorative Justice Program (the administration also funded this program with an additional \$1.1 million in FY18 only for a total of \$2.4 million)
- \$20.805 million for Support for Educators, which includes Teacher's Choice school supplies and STEM Teacher's College
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage

**Economic Security**

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative
- \$3.048 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative

**Food Initiatives**

- \$930,000 for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which includes restorations for EBTs in Farmers' Markets
- \$725,000 for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative
- \$4.0 million for food pantries

**Homeless and Housing Services**

- \$1 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System Initiative
- \$820,000 total for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund
- \$3.65 million for Community Housing Preservation Strategies
- \$450,000 for Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters
- \$1 million for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program
- \$2.5 million for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing

### **Immigration Services**

- \$10 million for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project
- \$2 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative

### **Legal Services**

- \$5 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)
- \$3.06 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor
- \$750,000 for the Prisoner's Rights Project for Rikers' Island

### **Health Services**

- \$1.19 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 various programs such as obesity prevention, asthma programs and oral health services
- \$1.193 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative
- \$2.0 million for Nurse Family Partnership
- \$344,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services

### **Mental Health Services**

- \$3.237 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative
- \$1.0 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 initiative
- \$2.05 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative
- \$2.18 million for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services
- \$1.2 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition
- \$ 1.22 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which includes the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline

### **Youth Services:**

- \$8 million for Year-Round Youth Employment Program (Work, Learn, Grow) (and the administration added \$11.0 million in FY18 for a total of \$19 million in FY18 only)
- \$5.73 million for After-School Enrichment Initiative
- \$1.2 million for Big Brothers Big Sister of New York City
- \$500,000 for Civic Education in New York City Schools
- \$1.2 million for Sports Training and Role Models for Success Initiative (STARS)
- \$2.1 million for Youth Build Project Initiative
- \$13.26 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA)
- \$1.125 million for Physical Education and Fitness, which includes C.H.A.M.P.S, New York Junior Tennis League, and Small Schools Athletic League

### **Young Women's Initiative (YWI)**

- The Fiscal Year 2019 Preliminary Budget fails to restore \$5 million to fund key YWI recommendations including:
  - \$500,000 for the ACS Youth Health Initiative
  - \$400,000 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund
  - \$150,000 to Expand Transgender Healthcare Training (partial restoration)
  - \$250,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
  - \$250,000 for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement
  - \$1.025 million (\$775,000 addition) for a Post-Arrest Diversion Program
  - \$225,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults (partial restoration)
  - \$154,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention (partial restoration)
  - \$600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships
  - \$500,000 for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth
  - \$946,000 (\$121,000 addition) for Young Women's Leadership Development