Summary of the New York City Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget

Impact on NYC Children and Families

On February 7, 2019 Mayor de Blasio released his $92.2 billion Preliminary Budget for City Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1, 2019.

The Preliminary Budget proposes investments in Fair Fares reduced-price Metrocards; 3-K expansion, strategies to reduce and address childhood exposure to lead; expanded healthcare to NYC residents; implicit bias training for city agency workers; and the Summer Youth Employment Program.

On the other hand, the City’s Budget once again fails to fund summer programs for over 34,000 middle school students; does not address salary parity for teachers and staff in community-based early childhood programs; would eliminate Bridging the Gap, a program that has added MSWs to schools with high rates of homeless students; and fails to fund key City Council initiatives.

Moreover, the Mayor will be requiring every city agency (except for the public housing authority) to identify budget savings that will collectively add up to $750 million. A detailed plan for these savings will be included in the City’s Executive Budget when it is released in April.

A detailed summary of the City’s FY’2020 Preliminary Budget proposals that impact children and families may be found in the following pages:
The Preliminary Budget for FY 2020
Adds Funding for the Following Initiatives

Early Childhood Education
- $25.261 million for 3K expansion starting (increases to $35.096 million in FY 2021 and $41.047 million in FY 2022)

Education
- $9.278 million for Science Curriculum (FY 20 and FY 21 only)

Food and Economic Security
- $106 million for Fair Fares (reduced price MetroCards for low income New Yorkers) in FY 2020

Health and Mental Health
- $2.3 million for DSS, HRA, and DHS agency-wide staff implicit bias training and body-worn cameras for all HRA Peace Officers ($1.054 million in outyears)
- $1.231 million for LeadFreeNYC: Coordinated Care for Elevated Blood Lead Levels (same in outyears)
- $227,000 for LeadFreeNYC: Improvements to citywide immunization registry for lead-related notifications (same in outyears)
- $500,000 for NYC Well Quality Assurance (same in outyears)
- $25.0 million for NYC Care in FY2020 (increases to $75.0 million in FY 2021 and $100.0 million in FY 2022)

Housing Quality
- $4.263 for LeadFreeNYC in FY 2020 ($1.551 million in outyears)

Juvenile Justice
- $2.938 for Adolescent Population Reduction Strategy (initiatives to divert 16- and 17- year olds from detention or shorten their length of stay in jail) ($4.357 in outyears)

Youth Services
- $30.775 million for Summer Youth Employment Program (increases to $32.775 in FY 2021 and $34.775 in FY 2022). Funding reflects changes to the SYEP RFP to fund minimum wage increase and higher intensity services for priority populations.
- $14.0 million transfer of afterschool services from Administration for Children’s Services to the Department of Youth & Community Development.

The Preliminary Budget for FY 2020 Fails to Fund Key Initiatives
The Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget does not include funding to support numerous initiatives that were funded for one year when the CFY19 city budget was adopted.

- $20.35 million for at least 34,000 middle school after-school summer program slots (FY19 budget included a one-year partial restoration of $15 million for 22,800 children)
$11.9 million for students living in shelters, which includes 53 MSWs in schools with high rates of homelessness (funding in FY 2019 also included an additional $2.0 million in City Council funding)

$19.0 million for Work, Learn and Grow, a year-round youth employment program

$2.567 for community school’s sustainability

$200,000 for LGBTQ Family Outreach

$1.3 million for Restorative Justice

$3.5 million for Urban Advantage

$500,000 for Youth Health Initiative at ACS

$4.5 million for child care (ACS)

**The Preliminary Budget for FY 2020 Does Not Fund City Council Initiatives**

The Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget does not include funding to support City Council Initiatives that were funded when the CFY19 city budget was adopted.

**Child Welfare and Domestic Violence**

- $9.305 million for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative
- $2.45 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which includes $600,000 for Project CONNECT at ACS

**Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice**

- $8.107 million for Alternatives to Incarceration programs
- $1.71 million for the Center for Court Innovation
- $2.81 million for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers
- $1.2 million for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking

**Early Childhood Education/Child Care:**

- $5.36 million for Discretionary child care programs (funding was $9.855 million FY 2018)
- $4.44 million for the City’s First Readers Initiative (DYCD)

**Education:**

- $500,000 for Child Mind Institute
- $3.0 million for community schools
- $2.485 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiative
- $4.39 million for Educational Programs for Students, which includes programs such as Chess in the Schools, Expanded Schools and the Middle School Quality Initiative
- $2.0 million for Guidance Counselors for All Schools
- $250,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children
- $600,000 for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum
- $1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness
- $20.805 million for Support for Educators, which includes Teacher’s Choice school supplies and the Executive Leadership Institute
- $2.0 million for Support for Homeless Students, Bridging the Gap school-based social workers
**Economic Security**
- $2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative
- $3.499 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative

**Food Initiatives**
- $1.055 million for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which includes restorations for EBTs in Farmers’ Markets (DYCD)
- $725,000 for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative (HRA)
- $4.6 million for food pantries (DYCD)
- $1.0 million for a Halal and Kosher School Lunch Pilot (DCAS)

**Health Services**
- $2.5 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
- $1.693 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative
- $344,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services
- $1.775 million for Trans Equity Programs

**Homeless and Housing Services**
- $1.35 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System
- $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
- $650,000 for Housing Court Answers
- $1.0 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
- $2.0 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative

**Legal Services**
- $5.3 million for Legal Services for Low-income New Yorkers, which includes citywide legal services and the SSI advocacy project
- $485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)
- $3.205 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor

**Mental Health Services**
- $3.237 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative
- $1.002 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 Initiative
- $2.85 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative
- $2.179 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
• $1.794 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which includes the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline

**Youth Services:**
• $6.303 million for Afterschool Enrichment Initiatives
• $1.813 million for COMPASS elementary after-school
• $1.2 million for Big Brothers and Big Sister of New York City
• $550,000 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
• $15.3 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA)

**Young Women’s Initiative**
• The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget fails to restore $4.242 million (funding was $5 million in FY 2018) to fund key YWI recommendations:
  o $417,500 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund
  o $350,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
  o $250,000 for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement
  o $275,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults
  o $154,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention
  o $600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships
  o $1.1 million for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth
  o $1.096 million for Young Women’s Leadership Development