CCC Summary of Actions Taken
New York City Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Budget

On January 16, 2020 Mayor de Blasio released his $95.3 billion Preliminary Budget for City Fiscal Year 2021, which begins July 1, 2020 and runs through June 30, 2021.

In his presentation on the budget, Mayor de Blasio made clear that significant anticipated cuts from the State led the Administration to craft an austere budget with few new investments. In fact, a one-year $106 million investment in Fair Fares is one of the few areas of new commitments that will directly help low-income New York children and families.

CCC shares the Mayor’s concerns about deeply damaging State cuts to New York City and we are prepared to work closely with the Administration to ensure that our state and city budgets are not balanced on the backs of the city’s children and families. However, we also know that early and consistent investments in children are the surest way to achieve better long-term outcomes in wellbeing for all New Yorkers and greater long-term savings for our city and state.

We are therefore concerned to see that the City’s budget once again fails to fund summer programs for over 34,000 middle school students, and lacks needed investments in homelessness prevention and social supports for homeless families in commercial hotels. Greater attention is also needed to address behavioral health services for youth and the scarcity of infant and toddler care options in the City. Additionally, the Mayor’s budget fails to fund key city council initiatives upon which children and families rely.

As more details about proposed city savings emerge, CCC will work to ensure that measures to create efficiencies do not negatively impact families’ access to critical health and human services. A detailed summary of the City’s FY 2021 preliminary budget proposals that impact children and families can be found in the following pages.
The Preliminary Budget for FY 2021 Adds Funding for the Following Initiatives:

- $106 million for Fair Fares (reduced price MetroCards for low-income New Yorkers) in FY 2021 only.
- $1.8 million baselined for the Far Rockaways Community Justice Center.

The Preliminary Budget for FY 2021 Fails to Fund Key Initiatives:
These are restorations and investments that were funded by the administration in FY20 only, from the FY20 Adopted Budget.

- $20.35 million for at least 34,000 middle school after-school summer program slots (FY20 budget included a one-year partial restoration of $15 million for 22,800 children)
- $19.7 million for Work, Learn, & Grow year-round youth employment program.
- $11.9 million for 5,000 additional job slots for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) (FY20 budget included one-year additions for a total of 80,000 jobs)
- $10 million to fund the Fair Futures program for comprehensive supports for foster youth in middle school through age 26, and $2.8 million to fully fund recommendations from the Foster Care Taskforce.
- $19.7 million to provide 2,600 new childcare vouchers for low-income working families with children.
- $2.2 million to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at the Department of Education.
- $1.0 million to support curriculum that is inclusive of the LGBTQ community at the Department of Education.
- $1.3 million for Restorative justice programs in schools and $3.5 million for Urban Advantage Science Education curricula (previously jointly funded by Council and Administration).
- $1.0 million for a Halal and Kosher meals at DOE schools.
- $2.6 million to support community school sustainability.
- $4.5 million for support of child care providers previously supported by the Council (FY20 budget included one-year additions bringing the total allocation to $10.1 million).
- $500,000 for the Youth Health Initiative.

The Preliminary Budget for FY21 Does Not Fund City Council Initiatives from FY20:
These are restorations and investments that were funded by the City Council in FY20 only, from the FY20 Adopted Budget.

Child Welfare and Domestic Violence
• $9.805 million for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative.
• $2.45 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which included $600,000 for Project CONNECT at ACS.

Community Development and Libraries
• $14 million to support Census outreach from community-based organizations (the FY20 Executive Budget included $26 million, for a total of $40 million).
• $3.725 million for LGBT Community Services.
• $14 million for NYC’s three library systems (in FY20 administration also increased and baseline $16 million and restored $2.5 million).
• $8.6 million for additional trash pickup of corner litter baskets.

Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice
• $13.487 million for Alternatives to Incarceration programs.
• $2.095 million for the Center for Court Innovation for their operations in courts, school justice centers and youth programs as part of new Innovative Criminal Justice Programs initiative.
• $3.21 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
• $5.405 million for Discretionary Child Care programs.
• $5.194 million for the City’s First Readers Initiative (DYCD).

Education
• $777,000 for the Child Mind Institute.
• $3.75 million for community schools.
• $1.78 million for College and Career Readiness and $1.87 million for Social and Emotional Supports for Students. These programs supported providers previously funded through the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiatives.
• $8 million for Educational Programs for Students, which included programs such as Chess in the Schools, CUNY STEM Institute, and the Middle School Quality Initiative.
• $250,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children.
• $800,000 for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum.
• $2.175 million for Physical Education and Fitness.
• $4.56 million for Support for Educators, which included a teacher’s center, professional development and nutrition education.

Economic Security
• $2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative.
• $3.609 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative.
Food Initiatives
• $2.259 million for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which included a pilot program at the City University of New York to increase food access for food insecure college students.
• $725,000 for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative (HRA).
• $5.659 million for food pantries (DYCD).

Health Services
• $3.0 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 included various programs such as obesity prevention, asthma programs and oral health services.
• $2.193 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative.
• $594,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services.
• $2.275 million for Trans Equity Programs.
• $390,000 for transgender healthcare training at Health + Hospitals.

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.
• $3.25 million for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.
• $3 million total for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing.

Immigration Services
• $16.6 million for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project.
• $3.982 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative.

Legal Services
• $5.8 million for Legal Services for Low income New Yorkers, which included 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
• $3.247 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative.
• $1.002 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 Initiative.
• $3.4 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative.
• $2.256 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.
• $2.318 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which included the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline.
• $3.5 million for Opioid Prevention and Treatment.

Youth Services
• $6.780 million for Afterschool Enrichment Initiatives.
• $2.052 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.
• $1.45 million for Sports Training and Role Models for Success Initiative (STARS).
• $2.1 million for Youth Build Project Initiative.
• $17.34 million total for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA).

Young Women’s Initiative
• $781,000 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund.
• $530,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence ($530,000 total).
• $250,000 for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement.
• $350,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.
• $174,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention.
• $600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships.
• $1.23 million for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth.
• $1.606 million for Young Women’s Leadership Development.