



The Voice of the Human Services Community

Restore TANF Funded Social Service Programs

The Governor’s budget proposes to eliminate nearly all TANF funded programs. The elimination of these programs will severely jeopardize our ability to help families maintain and achieve self sufficiency. Without these critical supportive services we can expect to see an increase in the public assistance (PA) rolls and are likely creating higher long-term costs for New York given the time limitations associated with the use of federal funds to support families receiving PA. Restoration of these services is not only in the best interest of New York’s needy families but is also the right approach for the long term financial interests of the State.

Our highest priority restorations total \$133 million¹ and are outlined below.

Program	Restorations (in millions)
Advantage After School	\$11.4
Alternatives to Detention/Alternatives to Residential Placement	\$10.8
Career Pathways	\$10.0
Educational Resources	\$3.0
Emergency Homeless	\$2.0
Home Visiting	\$5.8
Non-residential Domestic Violence	\$3.0
Nurse Family Partnership	\$5.0
Post Adoption and Preventive Services	\$18.8
Refugee Resettlement	\$1.4
Summer Youth Employment	\$35.0
SUNY/CUNY Child Care	\$3.4
Supplemental Homeless Intervention Program	\$5.0
Supportive Housing for Families and Young Adults	\$5.0
Wage Subsidy	\$14.0
Total	\$133.6

¹ The Governor’s proposal calls for a total cut of \$202 million in TANF programs.

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Advantage After School

Advantage After School programs are provided by non-profit organizations that coordinate after-school programs with schools. Advantage currently serves approximately 25,000 students state-wide through 303 programs and provides employment for up to 2,500 people statewide. A 38% proposed reduction in this program due to the elimination of the \$11.4M TANF contribution (from the 2009-2010 enacted budget of \$30,563,500 -the FY11 proposed budget of \$17,255,300) would cut thousands of after-school slots. The proposed reduction of \$11 million will drop about 9,000 kids from participating in Advantage programs.

Alternatives to Detention/Alternatives to Residential Placement

Restore \$10.8 million to maintain funding for an array of local services to prevent placement of youth in detention and the juvenile justice system. These community-based programs are significantly less costly and reduce recidivism dramatically.

Home Visiting

Restore \$5.8 Healthy Families NY programs using paraprofessionals, proven to prevent child abuse and neglect and achieve better outcomes for families.

Non-residential Domestic Violence

Restore \$3 million for enhanced core and/or optional non-residential domestic violence services for families who are victims of abuse. Non-residential Domestic Violence services have proven to be an effective method of addressing the needs of some victims of domestic violence and their children, particularly victims who are seeking supportive services but do not require or would not consider entering an emergency shelter program. In some cases, such non-residential services may alleviate a need for domestic violence residential services.

Nurse Family Partnership

Restore \$5 million to the Home visiting program which improves outcomes for high risk women through the service of nurses as home visitors for new mothers from pregnancy through the baby's first two years.

Post Adoption and Preventive Services

Restore \$18.8 million for a wide array of local services designed to prepare and stabilize pre-adoptive and adoptive families, preventing adoption disruptions and foster care re-entry. Services such as ongoing culturally sensitive adoption support groups for adoptive or pre-adoptive parents, teenagers who have been adopted or are about to be adopted; and children aged 5-12 years who have been adopted or are about to be adopted are provided with this funding. Extensive individual and family support and enhanced outreach to find adoptive homes for youth for whom finding a match has been particularly challenging are also provided with this funding.

Summer Youth Employment

Restore \$35 million in funding to localities supporting 25,000 lower income/at-risk youth statewide. This program serves about 18,000 youth in NYC where demand exceeds the number of slots available by the thousands each year.

SUNY/CUNY Child Care

Restore \$3.4 million in child care supports at SUNY and CUNY college campuses for students with young children.

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Career Pathways

Restore \$10 million to continue the Career Pathways Program which supports local career pathway initiatives for low-income individuals in high-growth sectors that meet employers' workforce needs.

Educational Resources

Restore \$3 million to continue the Educational resources program that addresses the educational needs of the TANF eligible population and enables them to become literate, productive and successful in the workplace, home and community. Not-for-profits provide education and/or training activities such as adult basic literacy, English as a second language instruction, job skills training, workplace literacy, family literacy, and job readiness training to help clients become employed, qualify for a better job or meet the entry requirements for advanced job skills training.

Emergency Homeless Funds or Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program (ENHP)

Restore \$2 million to continue ENHP support programs that meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals and families and those at risk of becoming homeless who are eligible for benefits under the State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and whose incomes do not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Programs funded with ENHP shall have demonstrated experience in providing services to meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals and families and those at risk of becoming homeless including crisis intervention services, eviction prevention services, mobile emergency feeding services and summer youth services.

Refugee Resettlement

Restore \$1.4 million for the NYS Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program (NYSRRAP), which provides essential services to an extremely vulnerable population through an effective program that delivers culturally sensitive case management and self-sufficiency services to refugees, asylees, human trafficking victims, and other foreign-born persons.

Supplemental Homeless Intervention Program

Restore \$5 million in funds that help families on the verge of homelessness remain in their residence.

Supportive Housing for Families and Young Adults

Restore \$5 million for Supportive Housing for Families and Young Adults (SHFYA), the only statewide funding offering chronically homeless families and young adults the proven benefits of combining affordable housing with essential support services. The Governor's proposal eliminates this program and threatens to allow:

- 4,260 family members will risk relapse into homelessness (1,420 adults and an estimated 2,840 children).
- 245 young adults, including youth aging out of the foster care, will be at risk of returning to homelessness.
- An estimated 167 people, mostly case workers, family counselors, and vocational staff, will lose their jobs.

Wage Subsidy

Restore \$14 million for the Wage Subsidy Program (WSP) which supports the work of not-for-profit community based organizations to place public assistance recipients and other low-income individuals with employment barriers into jobs. Using a pool of funds to subsidize wages, WSP providers recruit and enroll participants, develop jobs with employers, and provide ongoing services to ensure successful entry into unsubsidized employment.