

## **CITY BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

The New York City Youth Alliance is a consortium of youth-focused organizations that together represent hundreds of thousands of youth and families in New York City, advocating on their behalf on both the City and State levels. Below we have outlined those areas in which the proposed FY 2011 Executive Budget will impact a variety of youth service areas.

### **Out-of-School Time (OST) – Restore \$12.2 million**

- Restore OST Option II with \$6 million in funding, which funds 10,750 after-school slots. Eliminating OST Option II impacts non-school based programs and/or smaller community based organizations that reach underserved populations. This program received ARRA funds in FY 2010.
- Oppose Mayor's Preliminary Budget cut of \$6.2 million, which proposes to eliminate 33 school-year only OST programs (4,110 Elementary and Middle School slots).

### **Beacons – Restore \$8.55 million**

- Oppose the elimination of Council supported Beacon enhancement funds. The FY10 budget restored only \$3.5 million of the \$4 million in long-standing City Council funding for Beacon programs. This restoration was not included in the Mayor's FY11 budget.
- Restore \$2.75 million cut in Mayor's Preliminary Budget so that Beacon centers can sustain comprehensive, multi-age community-based programming for youth, parents and seniors. Beacon baseline funding has not increased in 19 years.
- In FY10, Beacons received a one-time infusion of \$2.3 million in ARRA funds.

### **Runaway and Homeless Youth – Restore \$5.99 million**

- The FY10 budget restored only \$1.7 million of the \$4.7 million in longstanding City funds to 11 organizations that provide shelter and support to the city's youth who literally have no other place to go. The remaining \$3 million was to be drawn down from non-City matching funds, but did not occur. This funding must continue in order to support beds in both crisis shelters and transitional independent living facilities.
- In FY10, Runaway and Homeless Youth received a one-time infusion of \$1.2 million in ARRA funds.

### **Council Youth Initiatives – Full Restoration**

- Restore mayoral elimination of the Council After School Adventure (CASA), Dropout Prevention Initiative, YMCA Y After School Program, Teens Take the City, Institute for Student Achievement, Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation, NY Junior Tennis League, Intergenerational Services, Neighborhood Youth Alliance and Street Outreach and Councilmember discretionary programs that provide a range of youth services.
- Restore \$3.8 million to the Council's After Three Program. The Council helps support 47 after-school programs in 38 council districts with comprehensive school-based programs through The After-School Corporation (TASC).

### **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) – Provide 52,255 jobs through SYEP**

- The Mayor's FY 2011 Executive Budget only includes \$35.7 million to support 24,292 SYEP jobs. This is a significant reduction from the FY10 budget, when \$67.5 million was available to support 52,255 jobs.
- The significant reduction is attributed to \$20.7 million in summer jobs stimulus funding that was only available for FY 10; and a proposed cut of \$19.5 million in State SYEP funding.

### **Adult Literacy Services – Restore \$6.68 million**

- New York City's adult literacy system also serves older out-of-school youth looking to improve their literacy skills and or pursue a GED.
- Oppose the Mayor's Executive Budget proposed reduction of \$554,000 in FY 2011.
- Oppose the Mayor's Executive Budget elimination of the remaining City-funded portion (\$4.6 million) for DYCD's adult literacy portfolio. This funding served 10,000 participants by providing ESOL classes and adult basic education.
- Restore \$1.5 million to the City Council's Adult Literacy Services Initiative.

### **Immigrant Opportunities Initiative (IOI) – Restore \$5 million**

- The Immigrant Opportunities Initiative (IOI) supports programs that benefit immigrant youth and their families by helping immigrant adults improve their English skills, prepare for the citizenship exam, and obtain immigration and immigrant worker legal assistance. 72 organizations received IOI funding in FY 2010.