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NYC is Going Backwards: What the Mayor's Budget Cuts to Child Care and After-School Mean for New York's Children and Families

Child care and after-school programs are critical for children and their families. They help children succeed in school and enable parents to work, bringing economic security to their families. The return on investment in these programs is proven.

"Study after study shows that the sooner a child begins learning, the better he or she does down the road...And for poor kids who need help the most, this lack of access to preschool education can shadow them the rest of their lives... Every dollar we invest in high-quality early education can save more than seven dollars later on—by boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancy, even reducing violent crime."

-President Obama, State of the Union Address 2013

"We need more early education. Every expert will tell you that early education makes a difference and it makes the difference for life. The statistics are overwhelming. Children who receive early education perform 25% better on math by second grade, 20% better on English, 30% are more likely to graduate from high school, 32% are less likely to be arrested as a juvenile."

-Governor Cuomo, State of the State Address 2013

"What happens after the final school bell of the day rings is as important to students as what goes on in the classrooms."

-Mayor Bloomberg, Testimony 2012

The President has said it. The Governor has said it. The Mayor has said it. **The nation is embracing the need to expand early childhood education and after-school programs to all children.**

The only outstanding question is: Why is New York City going in reverse and preparing to reduce the number of children with access to high-quality early childhood education and after-school programs?

What's at stake?

On May 2, 2013, Mayor Bloomberg released his final proposed budget of his three terms in office. Once again, more than 47,000 children are at risk of losing child care and after-school programs.

While the City Council invested almost \$120 million in these programs last year, this funding ends on June 30th for child care and some after-school programs and ends on September 1st for other after-school programs.

By this summer, thousands of children are slated to be without care—and their parents and providers will not know whether their programs are saved until the City’s budget is adopted in June. The anxiety for low-income parents and providers, seeking new care and/or employment, is irresponsible and unnecessary.

Child Care By the Numbers:

Unless action is taken almost 9,000 children will lose child care on June 30th!!!

The Mayor’s Budget fails to maintain any of the almost \$60 million that the City Council used to save child care this past year. This means that the Mayor’s Budget proposes to eliminate child care services for almost 9,000 children, effective June 30, 2013.

This cut includes:

- \$46.4 million for 3,472 child care center seats and 1,024 family child care seats
- \$12.1 million for 4,400 school age vouchers
- \$1 million for technical assistance to the child care providers
- \$100,000 for job training and placement for child care workers

Please see the charts below for more details about the \$46.4 million cut to child care center seats and family child care seats by borough:

Child Care Centers:

Borough	Slots	# of Sites
Brooklyn	1,288	26
Bronx	553	4
Manhattan	684	15
Queens	947	18
Staten Island	0	0
Total	3,472	63

Family Child Care:

Borough	FCC
Brooklyn	100
Bronx	366
Manhattan	0
Queens	358
Staten Island	200
Total	1,024

After-School By the Numbers:

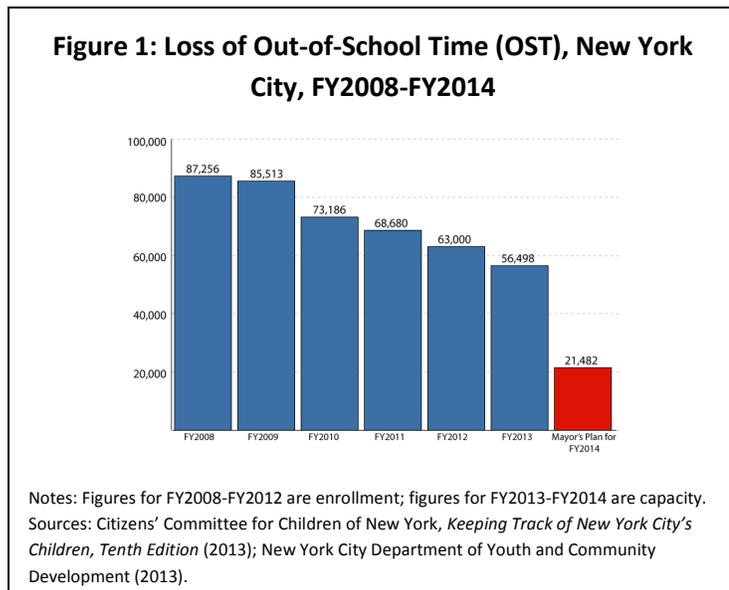
The Mayor’s proposed budget would essentially decimate the after-school system—eliminating after-school from over 41,000 children!

Out-of-School Time (OST)

In 2005, the Mayor created this award-winning after-school system, aimed at serving more children in rigorous, developmentally appropriate and academically stimulating environments. But the Mayor’s budget not only fails to restore \$50.9 million for the 29,700 slots the City Council restored for one year but proposes a new \$10 million cut that would eliminate an additional 5,316 OST slots-- for a total loss of over 35,000 OST slots.

The new \$10 million cut is slated to be a 21% across-the-board cut to all of the after-school programs that received new contracts through the City’s RFP process (so all of the OST programs not saved for one year by the City Council.)

The graph below illustrates the loss of OST over time.



The chart below shows the number of OST programs, by borough, which are cut by the Mayor’s Budget and therefore slated to close either July 1st or September 1st (a portion of these programs received summer funding):

Borough	OST Sites
Brooklyn	89
Bronx	70
Manhattan	49
Queens	46
Staten Island	9
Total	263

The chart below shows the number of OST programs, by borough, slated to have a 21% cut:

Borough	OST Sites Due to Have 21% Cut
Brooklyn	87
Bronx	60
Manhattan	37
Queens	63
Staten Island	14
Total	261

Beacons and NYCHA Cornerstone:

Once again the Mayor’s budget proposed a \$4.4 million cut to Beacon programs and almost \$1 million to NYCHA Cornerstone. This cut would result in the closure of 7 Beacon programs, meaning a loss of after-school for at least 5,600 children. The cut to NYCHA Cornerstone, a program that provides after-school in NYCHA community centers, would result in 733 children losing after-school.

Conclusion: NYC is Going Backwards

While the President of the United States is discussing his plans to increase children’s access to high-quality early childhood education and after-school programs, New York City is on the brink of doing the exact opposite—with plans to cut child care and after-school for over 47,000 children.

The City’s Budget, due to be adopted by July 1, 2013, is Mayor Bloomberg’s last chance to stabilize the child care and after-school systems that his administration created. The children of New York City remain hopeful that the Mayor’s legacy will be one that supports their academic growth and successful development.

Mayor Bloomberg and his Commissioners speak passionately about the value of child care and after-school programs in keeping children safe, preparing young children for educational success, and preventing a host of negative outcomes such as teenage pregnancy, juvenile crime and dropping out of school. Furthermore, these programs are a key component of New York City’s economic growth, as they enable parents to work. New York City’s children deserve elected and appointed officials who will stop these cuts.

Our vision is that every New York City child has access to high-quality early childhood education and after-school programs. The Campaign for Children will be fighting to ensure not one single dollar is cut from child care and after-school when the budget gets adopted this year. In addition, we are working to ensure that current and future city leaders have this same vision, as well as concrete plans to make it a reality. We hope you will join us!