

Winning Beginning NY American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)

Proposal

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for Education/Flexible Relief (\$556M over two years)

- Restore Pre-K funding to 2008-09 appropriation level (\$451M)
- Allow for extended-day services in existing part-day Pre-K programs

Child Care Development Block Grant (\$96M over two years)

- **Subsidy: \$84M over two years**
 - Certification for a full year of child care subsidy assistance regardless of parental employment or salary changes
 - Access to additional subsidy funding from the ARRA dependent on standardizing co-payments for families at no more than 10% of gross family income
- **Quality: \$12.6M for quality improvements:** \$8M for overall quality improvements and \$4.6M for quality improvements to benefit infants and toddlers.
 - Use of all resources for early care and education quality improvement activities must be consistent with QUALITYstarsNY inclusive of planning, implementation and evaluation.
 - \$1.5M over two years to field test and phase-in QUALITYstarsNY.
 - \$4.7M over two years for hardware and data systems.
 - \$1.8M for local quality improvement initiatives that address the full age span of early childhood to align work with QUALITYstarsNY.
 - \$4.6M for existing Infant-Toddler Resource Centers to align their work with QUALITYstarsNY and continue to coordinate with local quality improvement initiatives that address the full age span of early childhood.

Title I (\$1.2B over two years-- Senate language earmarks at least 15% for early childhood education programs; ARRA does not mandate this)

- Start new Pre-K programs and allow for extended-day services in existing part-day Pre-K programs
- Fund other early childhood programs such as home visiting

IDEA (\$25M over two years for Part C)

- Eliminate *Executive Budget's* co-pay proposal for Early Intervention (EI) services

TANF Contingency Fund (\$407M until October 1, 2009)

- Use these resources, thereby saving General Funds until October 1, 2009 to fund \$7M for Healthy Families New York and \$100M for child care subsidy assistance. Resume General Fund spending October 1, 2009.

Head Start (\$130M over two years)

- Pursue \$500,000 earmarked for creation of an Early Childhood Advisory Council; requires a 70% state match.