

2010 State Budget Update:

Governor Paterson released the 2010 Executive Budget on January 19th. It is a \$7.4 billion gap-closing plan. The Budget contains the following proposed cuts that are relevant for *Winning Beginning NY*'s work on early care and learning as part of a 0-8 continuum. For all budget documents, please visit <http://www.budget.state.ny.us/>.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):

- decrease funding for the Healthy Families New York (HFNY) home visiting program (\$5.8M)
- eliminate funding for the Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting program (\$5M)
- decrease funding for Advantage Afterschool (\$11M)
- decrease funding for preventive services (\$18M)
- decrease funding for CUNY/SUNY child care (\$3M)
- decrease funding for child care demonstration projects (\$10.9M)
- decrease funding for summer youth employment (\$35M)
- decrease funding for Settlement House (\$6M)
- decrease funding for supportive housing for families (\$5M)

Home Visiting:

- In addition to the \$5.8M in TANF cuts, the Budget reduces funding for the Healthy Families New York (HFNY) program by \$1.7M. HFNY, funded just last year at \$23M, is now funded at only \$15.7M.
- As noted above, the Budget eliminates all funding (\$5M) for the Nurse-Family Partnership program, although this funding is supposed to be re-appropriated.

Please join us as we fight against the cuts to home visiting on Home Visiting Advocacy Day, February 2nd in Albany. Register to attend at www.winningbeginningny.org.

Child Care:

- Funding was removed from the Flexible Fund for Family Services, so that's one recurring battle that advocates don't need to fight this year.
- However, there is still a \$40-\$50M gap in funding for child care subsidies.

Pre-K:

- Funding remains at the 2009-10 level of \$400M.
- Full phase-in of Universal Pre-K is delayed from 2013-14 to 2016-17.

For more information on any of these cuts, or to join us in our advocacy efforts, please contact Jenn O'Connor at jocconnor@scaany.org. Thank you!