United Neighborhood Houses FY 2018 Budget & Policy Priorities
May 2017

Nonprofit Human Services Sector
- Increase all City human services contracts by 12% to address the longstanding underfunding of human services contracts and shore up human services providers

Older Adult Services
- **Core Services for Older Adults:** Baseline $9.7 million for core services that are either funded by the City Council or funded by the administration only in FY 2017: DFTA Core Services Enhancement ($660,000), Senior Centers, Programs and Service Enhancement ($3,578,000), 6th Congregate Weekend Meal ($1,200,000) and Home Care ($4,250,000; note that this funding was included in the FY18 Preliminary Budget but for one fiscal year only)

Immigrant Legal Services
- **Immigrant Opportunity Initiative and New York Immigrant Family Unity Project:** Restore, expand, and baseline IOI at $13.3m and NYIFUP $12m to defend against deportation
- **Unaccompanied Minors:** Renew and expand City Council’s Unaccompanied Minors and Children’s Initiative at $4.8 million

Adult Literacy & Workforce Development
- **Adult Literacy Programs:** Restore and baseline $12 million for adult literacy programs and establish a Citywide Taskforce
- **Family Literacy Initiative:** Fund new family literacy initiative at $5 million to promote whole-family educational success
- **Immigrant Bridge:** Restore and baseline $1 million Immigrant Bridge program to help skilled immigrants find good paying jobs

Mental Health Services
- **Geriatric Mental Health Initiative:** Restore $1.83 million for Geriatric Mental Health Initiative (GMHI), providing mental health services in non-clinical settings such as senior centers and NORCs
- **Children Under 5 Mental Health Initiative:** Restore $1.0002 million for Children Under 5 Mental Health Initiative, providing early childhood mental health services to young children and families
- **Autism Awareness Initiative:** Restore $3.31 million for Autism Awareness Initiative, providing wrap around supports to youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families

Youth Employment Programs
- **SYEP:** Support the Mayor’s proposal for baselined funding 65,000 summer jobs through the Summer Youth Employment Program in FY 2018
- **YAIP Plus:** Expand Services to connect Out of School Out of Work Youth to education and employment including an investment of $3 million in Young Adult Internship Program Plus
- **Work, Learn and Grow:** Baseline and expand Work, Learn and Grow at $5.72 million with 250 slots for Out of School Out of Work Youth

After-School Programs
- **SONYC Summer Programs:** Baseline $20.3 million to fund summer camp for 34,000 middle school students ensuring that every SONYC After-School slot has a summer component
- **COMPASS Elementary School Programs:** Restore $16 million to preserve 9,600 COMPASS After-School slots for elementary school students and expand COMPASS Elementary programs by at least 10,000 slots
- **COMPASS Rates:** Invest $8.8 million to standardize rates for COMPASS After-School slots for elementary school students at $3,200 per student

Early Childhood Education
- **Discretionary Child Care Centers:** Restore $9.3 million to preserve 11 centers that are funded though the City Council

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