United Neighborhood Houses Budget & Policy Priorities
State Fiscal Year 2017-18

Settlement Houses
• Settlement House Program – Restore and fund at $4 million to help settlement houses around the State respond to the complex and diverse needs in their neighborhoods not supported by traditional contracts.

Aging & Health Services
• Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) – Increase from $4.05 million to $10 million to ensure stability of current NORC programs and create 21 new NORCs across the State.
• Title XX – Oppose the Executive Budget proposal to redirect Title XX discretionary funds, which would result in a $17 million cut to senior centers in NYC, forcing 65 senior centers to close.
• Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) Rates – Extend APG rates until Value Based Payments are in effect in 2020.

Children & Youth Services
• Child Care Block Grant – Increase by $100 million to expand child care subsidies to low-income working families.
• Advantage After-School – Increase from $22.3 million to $32.8 million to expand after-school programs for an additional 5,000 youth without access, and to adjust rates to providers.
• Empire State After-School Program – Support the Governor’s proposal to invest $35 million in 22,000 new after-school program slots in Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative localities.

Youth Employment Programs
• Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) – Increase from $36 million to $44.86 million to provide an additional 5,000 jobs Statewide while covering minimum wage increases.
• Career Pathways – Restore $2.85 million to provide young adults ages 16 to 24 education and skill credentials, as well as linkage to employment opportunities.
• New Youth Apprenticeship & Training Programs – Invest $41 million in job training for young adults to help close the skills gap.

Immigrant Opportunity
• Adult Literacy Education – Increase from $6.3 million to $17.2 million to serve nearly 10,000 additional immigrants and adult learners.
• Legal Services – Increase ONA funding from $6.4 million to $15 million; launch $15 million pilot to expand services in underserved areas; increase NY Immigrant Family Unity Project from $650k to $4.5 million.
• DREAM Act – Include tuition assistance for undocumented youth pursuing higher education in NY.

Nonprofit Human Services Sector
• Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program – Renew at $100m; increase eligibility.
• Nonprofit Wages – Amend State contracts to fund the minimum wage increase to $15/hour.
• Indirect Costs – Increase indirect costs on all human service contracts to at least 15%.

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