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## 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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