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## United Neighborhood Houses Budget & Policy Priorities State Fiscal Year 2018-19

### Settlement Houses

- **Settlement House Program**— Restore \$2.45m and increase to \$5.0m to help settlement houses around the State respond to diverse programming needs in their neighborhoods not supported by traditional contracts.

### Aging Services

- **Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities** —Restore \$2.0m and increase to \$7.05m to stabilize and expand the NORC program to underserved areas in the State with high populations of older adults.

### Early Childhood Education

- **Child Care Subsidies:** Increase investment in child care subsidies by \$24m to \$617m as part of a larger child care investment package of at least \$100m to expand access to working families.

### Election Reform

- **Modernize Elections** — Pass a package of modernized election measures— including an investment of \$6.4m in **Early Voting**— that that will making voting a more fair and accessible process for all New Yorkers.

### Housing Affordability

- **Home Stability Support**— Establish the Home Stability Support program in order to help close the gap between the current state shelter allowance and the true cost of housing in the State.

### Literacy Programs

- **Adult Literacy Education** — Restore \$1.0m and increase to \$15.3m to serve 8,000 immigrants and adult learners, offsetting \$8m in programming shifts in NYS under the federal *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*.
- **Family Literacy**—Launch innovative \$10m Family Literacy initiative to serve 900 families across the state in a whole-family success model.

### Nonprofit Human Services Sector

- **Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program** — Restore \$20m and increase to \$100m and expand eligibility for nonprofit human service providers located in publicly owned facilities.
- **Nonprofit Wages** — Amend State contracts with human services providers to cover the costs associated with the scheduled minimum wage increase to \$15/hour (\$23m in FY2019).
- **Indirect Costs** — Increase indirect costs on all human service contracts to at least 15% to cover the true cost of services and promote organizational stability.

### Youth Programs

- **Advantage After-School Programs**- Restore \$2.5m and increase to \$22.3m in order to preserve after-school programs for 1,800 children and youth.
- **Empire State After-School Programs** — Support the Governor's proposal to allow community based organizations to apply directly for Empire State After-School programs.
- **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** — Increase SYEP funding from \$40m to \$44m to create 3,000 new summer jobs statewide.

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