

## Stimulus Impact on New York State Children

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed into law on February 17, 2009, contains many valuable spending provisions for the state of New York. With a total aid package of about \$24.6 billion over the next two years, there is substantial funding toward programs that affect children and families. Included in the stimulus package for New York:

- \$13 billion in Title I grants to local educational agencies to provide supplemental education funding for programs that provide extra academic support to help raise student achievement
- \$11 billion in Medicaid relief
- \$2.5 billion in Educational Restoration
- \$1.3 billion for food stamps over two years with an additional \$34 million for WIC program administration
- \$1.3 billion for unemployment benefits
- \$940 million for high needs students
- \$760 million for IDEA/special education
- \$130 million toward Head Start & Early Head Start
- \$107 million toward Title IV-E programs (Foster Care/Adoption Assistance)
- \$100 million toward the Child Care Block Grant

In his statement on the stimulus, Governor Paterson stressed that the additional funds do not rescue the state from its current and future budget deficits. He stated his concern that the stimulus funds are only temporary and New York must “reevaluate our operations and produce a smarter, less costly, more efficient government.”

For more information regarding the stimulus' impact on New York State, visit the Governor's guide to the Recovery and Reinvestment Act at: [www.economicrecovery.ny.gov](http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov) . You can sign up there for email updates and there is a link to submit projects for consideration. For details on the full federal stimulus, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).