

Strengthen Families by Investing in Home Visiting

The statewide home visiting workgroup, comprised of New York State **maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting** programs and advocates, has compiled a joint budget ask to better support children and families across New York State in the 2016-17 SFY budget.

Maintain \$26.8 million and invest an additional \$11.5 million in maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting to adequately fund a continuum of supports and services for families.

▶ Healthy Families New York (HFNY):

- **Maintain \$23.3 million** in funding.
- **Add \$4.5 million** in new funding to:
 - » restore \$3.5 million to 2008 funding levels. This funding will cover increased capacity at existing sites, workforce development and local level service enhancements (mental health, fatherhood, community coordination).
 - » \$700,000 to expand services in unserved areas (200 slots).
 - » \$300,000 to support a site not currently funded.

▶ Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP):

- **Maintain \$3.5 million** in funding.
- **Add \$2.5 million** to preserve current program sites as well as to support growth in new communities and/or expand existing teams.

▶ Parents as Teachers (PAT):

- **Invest \$3 million** in new funding to expand capacity to 1,000 families across the state.

▶ Parent-Child Home Program, Inc.:

- **Invest \$1.5 million** in new funding to expand capacity to 300 additional families across the state.



Home Visiting Makes a Difference



A story about Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

The more than 250 law enforcement leaders and crime survivors of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids NY, and over 5500 members nationally, know that the most powerful weapons we have against crime, violence and abuse are the proven programs that help kids get a good start in life. High-quality home visiting for families with infants and young children can deliver strong crime-fighting results, in part by cutting abuse and neglect, so it is essential that New York continue to support and expand home visiting funding.

Every year in New York State there are enough abused and neglected children to fill Madison Square Garden more than three times. More than three times.

I have seen the consequences of child abuse and know that the consequences last for generations. As President of the NYS Sheriffs Association, I can tell you that sheriffs across the state have a father in one part of the prison, and his son in another part. We know a lot about how to break this cycle for many families and alter the outcomes for their children. It is an urgent matter of public safety that we do so now.

—James R. Voutour, Sheriff of Niagara County and Past President of the NYS Sheriffs' Association



Sheriff Craig Apple reading to children at Club Fed Child Care Center in Albany.