



## **THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2010 BUDGET AND EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

This document represents an excerpt from the summary of FY 2010 federal budget and its impact on children's programs as proposed by President Barack Obama. A chart that accompanies this document can be found at: [http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/FY2010\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/FY2010_Budget.pdf)

### **NEW INITIATIVES**

#### **Home Visiting**

The Administration's budget proposes \$8.6 billion over ten years for a new mandatory program that provides funds to States for evidence-based home visitation programs for low-income families. The budget states that the policy is expected to save Medicaid \$664 million over 10 years, including \$189 million in 2019. In the first year, \$124 million in mandatory funding is proposed (with \$87 million in outlays or actual spending taking place). The program is expected to be a formula grant to states, tribes and the territories that will provide matching funds for home visits to low-income mothers and pregnant women. The initiative will give priority to models that have been rigorously evaluated and shown to have positive effects on critical outcomes for children and families but will not be limited to any one model. Grantees must submit a plan describing the program model they will follow, the evidence supporting their effectiveness, how they will ensure fidelity to the proven model and assess implementation, and the manner in which the program will be operated prior to approval for federal reimbursement. States are expected to provide a match and to meet a maintenance of effort test. Home visiting is just one of several other initiatives around child care and early childhood education, which the Obama Administration is proposing to advance their zero to five initiative.

#### **Social Innovation Fund**

As part of the new National Service reauthorization (the Edward M. Kennedy Service America Act), a new fund of \$50 million is created to fund projects that address social innovation. The funding will provide support to test out promising approaches for addressing a range of social challenges. The grants are expected to be from \$1 million to \$10 million per year for eligible organizations. The grantees will use funds not only to implement projects but to leverage other sources of funding from foundations and the private sector as well as other government programs and funds.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

### **Child Care**

The Administration proposes \$2.127 billion in child care funding for FY 2010, the same level as 2009. The total funding does not reflect the additional \$2 billion in child care funding that was provided as part of the stimulus package. The ARRA or stimulus package funds can be used for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is made up of both discretionary and mandatory child care dollars. The mandatory funding is now \$2.9 billion. Funding was increased by \$200 million as a result of the reauthorization of TANF included in the 2005 Deficit Reduction Reconciliation Act. This increase is currently available to states as federal matching funds. Approximately \$1.8 billion flows to the states by a set formula, if a state adds state dollars as a match. The remaining funds are provided to states without a required match. As a result of the TANF reauthorization, child care mandatory funds will not increase through FY 2010. TANF will require a reauthorization as part of the FY 2011 budget.

### **Head Start**

The President's budget proposes a slight increase in Head Start funding for FY 2010. The Administration request is an increase from approximately 122 million to \$7.234 billion. As is the case with child care funding this is the baseline budget. Funding provided through the stimulus package (ARRA) is in addition to this budget baseline total. The ARRA covers FY 2009-10. As is the case with child care, the Head Start program received \$2 billion in support of Head Start and Early Head Start. The administration projects that 978,000 children zero through age five will be assisted through the ARRA and FY 2010 budget for Head Start, a projected increase of 78,000 from 2008. They also project that 115,000 infants and toddlers will be helped by the ARRA and the baseline budget and that this total is nearly double the coverage provided in 2008.

### **Zero to Five**

The Administration indicates that several actions and proposals are a down-payment on a comprehensive zero through age five initiative. This initiative is intended as a way to strengthen and assist families with young children and it includes child care, Head Start, and the new home visiting proposal. In addition to these three programs, grants within the Education Department such as a new fund of \$300 million will provide dollars for competitive grants to state education agencies or state agencies that administer child care. The grants will be to promote an integrated statewide structure for early learning. The Education Department will also have a new \$500 million fund to promote pre-K programs. The grants, if funded, will be matching grants to states based on the Title I education formula grants.

### **Promise Neighborhoods**

The Administration requests \$10 million in planning grants to implement its "Promise Neighborhoods" initiative. This initiative, which President Obama raised during the campaign, is based on the Harlem Children's Zone program. The program attacks poverty through a comprehensive school-based model that provides wrap around services for the entire family in a comprehensive fashion. It places a special emphasis on early-learning through K-12 and guides children through the entire period of learning. The goal is to spread this model to several communities across the country. The planning grants would go to non-profits for one year. Only

those grantees that developed proposals that incorporated strong partnership and strong plans would be eligible for larger implementation grants the following year.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

The President's budget includes level funding of \$1.1 billion for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers program. This program provides opportunities for students and their families to continue learning new skills and discover new abilities after the school day has ended. The program is funded through local school districts and attempts to fill some of the shortfalls in afterschool and child care services.

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