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NEW YORK CITY ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FY 2010-2011

On June 24, Mayor Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Quinn announced an agreement of the city's budget for FY 2010-11. This meeting was followed by the stated Council meeting, where the City Council voted to adopt a budget that contains about \$60 million of cuts to health and human services programs. Below is the list of HIV related programs that were partially or fully restored by the City Council:

Programs	Funding Amount Restored – <u>New</u> Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 st 2010	Funding Amount Restored – <u>Past</u> Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010
HIV Prevention and Health Literacy for Seniors	\$500,000 (with State match)	\$640,000 (with State match)
HIV Communities of Color (Prevention and Education)	\$1.5 million (with State match)	\$1.664 million (with State match)
HIV Faith Based Initiative	\$1.5 million	\$2 million
Injection Drug Users Health Alliance (IDUHA)	\$1.2 million	\$1.5 million
HHC Rapid HIV Testing	\$2 million	\$2 million
248 HASA Case Manager Positions	\$4.2 million	Not a PEG in last year's budget
HASA CBO Case Management Contract	<u>Uncertain!</u>	\$1.876 million
HIV Nutrition Program	\$477,000	\$491,000

“Just one week after President Obama announced the first federal strategic plan to end homelessness, the City Council negotiated a budget that dismantles programs the Obama administration cites as models that should be expanded,” said Sean Barry, Director of the New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN). “With 1 in 20 clients of the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) already homeless in the emergency housing system, it's unfathomable that the City Council would cut funding for programs that show the most success in keeping people stably housed and connected to medical care.”

Kristin Goodwin, Director of Policy and Organizing at Housing Works, spoke with both Speaker Quinn and Council Palma about this cut and learned that the City Council was under the impression that once the HASA case manager cut was covered by the Mayor's office, the Mayor will then take the cut to HASA supportive housing case managers off the table. Kristin was told that “the Council will keep pushing.”

“As of this time, funding for HASA supportive housing case management is not included in either the City Council restoration or the Mayor's budget,” said Esther Lok, Assistant Director of Policy, Advocacy and Research and Senior Policy Analyst for HIV and AIDS. “This could mean that individuals living in Scattered Site I and Congregate Housing units will receive no social services – a budget decision that profoundly contradicts the concept of supportive housing,” continued Lok.

DISCONNECTED YOUTH, HIV AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EVENT

A recent report on HIV in New York City identified over 1,100 newly infected individuals between the ages 13 and 29, bringing the total number in that group to 8,618. Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) have a high vulnerability to HIV. They also tend to have limited employment options, substance use and the other common challenges connected with homelessness. Existing vocational and workforce development supports designed for the general population of job-seekers may not sufficiently address the unique needs of this group.

During the New York City HIV/AIDS Faith-In-Action Week, FPWA will host a group discussion that aims to identify overlaps, key points of collaboration and gaps between RHY, HIV and workforce development services, network

providers and advocates across service areas, and increase our cross-systems knowledge.

Who should attend this meeting?

- HIV/AIDS service providers that provide employment and vocational training
- RHY Service Providers (population-specific & general)
- Faith-based groups with active youth, workforce or health interest/ministry
- Workforce Development providers

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 5pm to 7pm

Location: FPWA, 281 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010

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VISIT AIDS LEADERSHIP COALITION WEB PAGE AND THE NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCES & ADVOCACY WEBPAGE

The **AIDS Leadership Coalition (ALC)** has developed its new web page along with the Resources and Advocacy web page to provide information on:

- ◆ HIV/AIDS Event Calendar
- ◆ News
- ◆ Policy and Advocacy
- ◆ Key Facts on HIV/AIDS
- ◆ HIV/AIDS Resources and Directories
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ HIV/AIDS Advisory Councils
- ◆ Government Agencies

We want to hear from you about ideas and suggestions to include which would make these web pages most useful -- so please take a look at the web pages and give Esther your feedback: esther@fpwa.org, 212-801-1312!

View the [ALC web page](#)

View the [ALC Community Resources & Advocacy web page](#)

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