

2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL

EXPANDING INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH

In his 2016 budget, Mayor Emanuel will invest more than \$50 million in programs that provide youth with the social services, learning opportunities, and summer jobs. This increase in funding will allow the City to offer 25,000 jobs next summer and 27,000 after school opportunities during the school year. The FY16 Budget investments allow the City to set new records for youth served and make up for significant decreases in state and federal support for these programs. In the 2016 Budget, Mayor Emanuel will:

Continue Expansion of Afterschool Programs. The 2016 Budget invests an additional \$1.5 million in afterschool programs, bringing the City of Chicago's total investment to \$16 million. These funds support programming for 27,000 youth through a broad range of programs, representing an increase of roughly 100% from when the Mayor took office. This budget includes \$12 million for Afterschool Matters, nearly double the funding it received from the City of Chicago in 2011.

Serve 25,000 Youth with Summer Jobs. In this Budget, Mayor Emanuel will invest \$15.5 million to support summer jobs for more than 25,000 youth. This investment includes philanthropic grants that will enable the City to triple the size of its nationally recognized One Summer Chicago Plus program – from 1,000 youth served in 2014 to 3,000 in 2016. One Summer Chicago Plus is a proven youth violence intervention that connects those youth most at-risk for violence involvement with a summer job and a mentor. A study published in Science Magazine found that participants in One Summer Chicago Plus were 43% less likely to become involved in violence, results that persisted nearly 16 months after their summer job—an unprecedented achievement for any youth summer jobs program.

Expand Educational Opportunities for our Youngest Learners. In the face of devastating cuts from Governor Bruce Rauner that threaten the childcare and preschool programming for roughly 9,000 youth, the 2016 Budget invests \$15 million to support preschool programs across the City that reduce this impact by over sixty percent. Additionally, thanks to a combination of philanthropic and City funds, the Administration will add 15 additional Chicago Public Library Early Learning centers across the City, bringing the total to 18. These library based early learning centers will provide promising practices in brain, language and cognitive development increasing high quality early learning experiences for Chicago's children while also engaging and supporting families as their child's first teacher.

Expand Mentoring and Supports for Youth At-Risk of Violence Involvement. Since Mayor Emanuel took office, the administration has strategically invested in programs proven to reduce youth help youth stay on track for graduation and career success. Core to this strategy is connecting youth at-risk of dropping out of school or violence involvement with intensive mentoring, group counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-informed practices, and wrap-around supports. In the coming school year, the City will expand its investments in two nationally-recognized mentoring programs, Becoming a Man (BAM) and Working on Womanhood (WOW), to an additional 400 young men and women. A randomized control trial found that participants in BAM were 44% less likely to be involved in violence and 25% more likely to graduate from high school. This expansion will mean that over 3,600 youth will be connected to a positive adult mentoring and social supports in the coming year, a nine-fold increase since 2011.

Transform School-Based Health Centers into Community Clinics. School-based health centers (SBHC) that serve the surrounding community in addition to its students are becoming a standard in health care delivery. Currently, there are 30 SBHC within CPS but only 13 provide care beyond just students. Many SBHCs would like to expand services beyond students but they do not have adequate facilities. By 2019 the City plans to open an additional 5 school-based health centers through strategic investments of e-cigarette and TIF funds, serving 3,000 patients annually per site for a total \$2 million investment over the next five years. Each new center will provide comprehensive primary care and mental health services.

Maintain Free Dental and Vision Care for CPS Students. Through the school-based vision and dental program, the City through its partners have administered more than 94,000 eye exams and provided 59,000 eyeglasses since 2013 along with performing preventive dental care for 350,000 students. In 2016, the City will maintain its funding for these services and will provide more than 115,000 free preventative dental care visits, 45,000 free eye examinations, and approximately 25,000 free pairs of eyeglasses.

Nearly Double CPS Learning Gardens. In 2016, the City will install learning gardens in 92 Chicago Public Schools (CPS) providing outdoor classroom space to an additional 55,000 students. This investment nearly doubles the number of schools with learning gardens, bringing to a total of 120,000 students now with access to a learning garden. With this \$500,000 investment by the City, there will be a total of 200 schools that will provide daily hands-on nutrition and science education through a learning garden.

Expand Chicago Public Library's YOUmedia Teen Digital Media Learning Labs. Chicago Public Library's YOUmedia program provides young adults with access digital skills training and positive out-of-school activities that engage them in interest-based projects. By promoting creative thinking and skill building, YOUmedia helps diverse teen populations understand and navigate pathways into postsecondary education and meaningful careers based on their interests. High school YOUmedia participants attend workshops in digital music, video and animation, photography, graphic design, and STEM, while having access to state-of-the art technology. In 2015, the City added four YOUmedia digital media teen learning labs to neighborhood libraries citywide for a total of 12 libraries supporting this popular teen service. Working with schools, youth-serving organizations and employers, YOUmedia is on track to serve 4,000 teens in 2015. In 2016, CPL will expand its investment by nearly \$500,000 to expand hours, staffing, and programming at all 12 YOUmedia locations.

Foster Positive Interactions Between Police Officers and Youth. Since 2011, the Chicago Police Department has committed to a return of community policing, and this budget will maintain support for programs that help strengthen relationships between police, youth, and community members. These initiatives include initiatives like Bridging the Divide, a program developed by YMCA in partnership with the Chicago Police Department to improve interactions between officers and youth through officer training, officer-youth engagement, and a photo competition where 200 officers and youth submitted photos documenting "strength and beauty" in their communities.