



## Restore TANF-Funded Employment and Training Programs

The Governor’s SFY10-11 budget proposes to eliminate or drastically reduce nearly all TANF-funded programs. Key among these cuts are employment and training programs that help thousands of New Yorkers each year to prepare for and secure good jobs. As we continue to weather this severe economic downturn, now is *not* the time to be making huge cuts to these programs. Doing so will severely jeopardize our ability to help families maintain and achieve self-sufficiency. Besides an economic crisis, New York faces a severe *skills* crisis. More than 1.1 million New York City residents between the ages of 18 and 64 – a full one-fifth of all working age adults -- lack a high school diploma. More than a quarter of all adult New Yorkers have inadequate literacy skills. This skills shortage, combined with a jobs shortage, is a recipe for economic disaster!

The critical programs below help to prevent such a disaster by providing basic literacy and English language skills development, vocational training, job placement services, and subsidized wages to thousands of low-income New Yorkers statewide. Without them, we can expect to see an increase in the public assistance (PA) caseload, which in turn, will create higher long-term costs for the State. The purpose of TANF funds has always been to support individual and family economic self-sufficiency, NOT to plug other budget holes.

**We ask that the following programs be restored in SFY10-11 (totaling \$62.1 mil.):**

Program	SFY09-10 Budget	SFY09-10 Budget	SFY10-11
	TANF Funding (in millions)	Other Funding (in millions)	Proposed Budget (in millions)
Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking (ATTAIN)	\$7.0		\$0
Bridge	\$8.5		\$0
Career Pathways	\$10.0	\$2.5	\$0
Educational Resources	\$3.0		\$0
Refugee Resettlement	\$1.4	\$2.3	\$1.7
Transitional Jobs	\$25.0		\$10.0
Wage Subsidy	\$14.0		\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$69.0</b>	<b>\$4.8</b>	<b>\$11.7</b>
<b>Total for all progs in SFY09-10</b>			<b>\$73.8 million</b>
<b>Total for all progs in SFY10-11</b>			<b>\$11.7 million</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO RESTORE in SFY10-11:</b>			<b>\$62.1 million</b>

Descriptions of these programs, as well as the community organizations serving the thousands of low-income New Yorkers who will be affected by these budget cuts, are listed by borough in the attached pages.

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**ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking)**

Administered by the State University of New York University (SUNY) Center for Academic and Workforce Development (UCAWD), ATTAIN Labs are designed to promote digital parity for economically disadvantaged New Yorkers throughout New York State by using the latest vocational, customer service and life management software, computerized basic job skills training modules to supplement work experience, ESL, GED, computer literacy and job search and resume preparation, and Internet exploration training programs. ATTAIN labs are located at educational opportunity programs (EOCs), certain community based organizations, public housing complexes and other institutions within selected communities.

**BRONX:**

Bronx Educational Opportunity Center  
Hostos Community College  
NY Metropolitan Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violence  
North Bronx Career Counseling and Outreach Center

**BROOKLYN:**

Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center  
Dr. Betty Shabazz Computer Learning Center  
Farragut Community Center  
Polo Grounds Community Center of New York  
Far Rockaway ATTAIN Lab  
New York City Housing Authority  
W.E.B. Du Bois ATTAIN Lab

**MANHATTAN:**

Gay Men's Health Crisis  
Henry Street Settlement  
Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center  
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Economic Development

**QUEENS:**

Jamaica Community Adolescent Program of Queens  
Far Rockaway ATTAIN Lab  
NY Metropolitan Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violence  
Queens Educational Opportunity Center

**STATEN ISLAND:**

Berry Houses Annex

**BRIDGE**

The Bridge Program, which operates in conjunction with the State University of New York's University Center for Academic and Workforce Development, provides 32 local social services districts with employment preparation services specifically designed to provide Family Assistance and other TANF eligible families with the skills and supports necessary to obtain employment. Bridge programs are located in selected Educational Opportunity Centers, community colleges, a State University College, and community-based organizations. Activities include job readiness/job search activities, academic services, short-term skills training, and job placement and retention (for 90 days).

Bronx Educational Opportunity Center  
Queens Educational Opportunity Center

**CAREER PATHWAYS**

The Career Pathways program targets low income 18 to 24 year olds, and other adults, with the training and skills they need to begin a career in growth sectors. Participants are recipients of PA, many with small children living in transitional housing, low wage workers, and members of households incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Participants gain entry to a

career path through skills training and job placement, rather than minimum wage jobs that don't stick. Participants achieve industry recognized credentials or certificates which qualify them for employment. The employment sectors selected for pathways development are locally identified, and include those that need skilled workers and have promotional opportunities.

**BRONX:**

BronxWorks  
Highbridge Community Life Center  
Per Scholas  
South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. (SoBRO)

**BROOKLYN:**

CAMBA  
Jewish Community Center of Greater Coney Island  
Lutheran Family Health Centers  
Osborne Association  
Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council  
St. Nick's Alliance

**MANHATTAN**

Center for Employment Opportunities  
El Barrio's Operation Fightback  
Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee (HANAC)  
Metropolitan College of New York  
Restaurant Opportunities Center for NY  
SEEDCO  
STRIVE  
Vocational Foundation  
Year Up NYC

**QUEENS:**

Elmcor Youth & Adult Activities

**EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

Participants in the Educational Resources program are low skilled adult Family Assistance recipients, former Family Assistance recipients that have reached the 60 month TANF time limit and have transitioned to Safety Net, or heads of household whose gross monthly income is at or below 200% of a federal poverty level. The goal is to provide skill building and job readiness training over 60 instructional hours, leading to industry recognized job skills certificates and employment, with 30 and 90 day job retention.

**BRONX:**

BronxWorks  
Highbridge Community Life Center

**BROOKLYN:**

CAMBA  
Jewish Community Center of Greater Coney Island  
Kingsborough Community College  
Lutheran Family Health Centers  
St. Nicks Alliance  
Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach

**MANHATTAN:**

Borough of Manhattan Community College  
Chinatown Manpower Project  
College of Mount Saint Vincent  
Columbia University, Community Impact

**QUEENS:**

LaGuardia Community College,  
Center for Immigrant Training and Education

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**

The NYS Refugee Resettlement Assistance program provides services to refugees, asylees and other immigrant populations to help them and their families attain economic self-sufficiency and reduce or eliminate reliance on public assistance benefits as a primary means of support. Services include case management, English-as-a-second-language, job training and placement assistance, post-employment services necessary to ensure job retention, and services necessary to assist the individual and certain family members to establish and maintain a permanent residence in New York State.

**CITYWIDE:**

Catholic Charities Community Services of the Archdiocese of NY

**BROOKLYN:**

CAMBA  
Shorefront YM-YMCA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach

**MANHATTAN:**

International Rescue Committee  
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**WAGE SUBSIDY**

The Wage Subsidy program is a win-win experience for both businesses and job seekers on public assistance who are working towards self-sufficiency. Job applicants take part in a week long job readiness training to prepare them for a job interview with a business. Based on that employer's specifications, the local service agency will refer qualified job candidates directly to them. Once a job candidate is hired, the up to six (6) month "try out" period begins. During the "try out period" the business is reimbursed for the new employee's wages, up to \$12 per hour. The new employee is also given an assigned case manager to assist them with any "transition to work issues" that arise during the try out period. The goal is that at the end of the try out period, the employer retains a qualified, well adjusted permanent employee with promise and company loyalty.

**BRONX:**

Center for Employment Opportunities  
Osborne Association  
South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. (SoBRO)

**BROOKLYN:**

Brooklyn Workforce Innovations  
Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush  
Osborne Association  
St. Nicks Alliance

**MANHATTAN:**

Center for Employment Opportunities  
Ecumenical Community Development Organization  
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Network for Employment Opportunities  
SEEDCO/ Non-Profit Assistance Corp.  
Wildcat Service Corp.