



DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
CITY OF CHICAGO

**STATEMENT FROM THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & SUPPORT SERVICES
TO THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015**

Good Morning, Chairman Austin, Vice-Chairman Ervin and Members of the City Council. Thank you for allowing me to present the Department of Family and Support Services' 2016 budget.

The Department of Family and Support Services provides direct assistance to more than 300,000 Chicagoans each year through our citywide network of more than 300 community-based delegate agencies. We provide vital early learning opportunities for Chicago's children; life changing summer employment opportunities and after-school engagement for our youth; transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families; support services and a safe housing for victims of domestic violence; and, services for seniors, veterans and ex-offenders.

In 2016, DFSS will make an investment of \$348 million to provide our critical social services. This represents a 4.7% increase from our 2015 budget and will allow us to continue to make our service delivery as efficient and as fair as possible.

INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, THE FUTURE OF CHICAGO

Mayor Emanuel believes that the single best investment that we can make is one in the future of our young people. This principle provides guidance to DFSS in creating partnerships with entities such as the Chicago Public Schools and After School Matters to work to strengthen the impact of our resources. While it is critical that we keep our young people safe and engaged we are also looking to provide them with the kind of opportunities that will allow them to move forward and succeed in life.

HEAD START, EARLY HEADSTART AND CHILD CARE

In 2016, DFSS will invest over \$170 million in Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care programs. This includes \$15 million as part of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant, a new multi-year commitment to expand access to quality early learning programs for children from birth to three years of age. DFSS also remains committed to realizing Mayor Emanuel's

vision of providing early childhood educational opportunities for any qualified 4 year old and to the continuum of children that qualify from birth to 5.

DFSS will launch a P-3 Grant Pilot Program for teen mothers and their children that will provide mothers with training, job opportunities and the chance to finish up their high school degrees. It will also provide their children with access to Early Head Start programs. This grant is consistent with the Mayor's desire for us to find ways to maximize limited resources. In this case it combines two DFSS entities, our Workforce Services and Children Services Division, as recipients and secures funding from three federal sources, the United States Departments of Labor, HHS and Education, to provide opportunities for teen mothers and their children.

INCREASING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

One of Mayor Emanuel's highest priorities is keeping Chicago's youth out of harm's way and engaged in positive programs and activities that place them on a steady path to pursuing careers or advanced education opportunities. The Mayor has consistently worked to increase the number of opportunities available to our youth year after year.

In 2011, there were just 14,000 available summer employment opportunities through the One Summer Chicago (OSC) program for our youth. Mayor Emanuel worked hard to increase the number of available opportunities and in 2015 he challenged DFSS and our partners to provide 24,000 opportunities under One Summer Chicago. That's an increase of more than 70% since 2011. Through our collective efforts we were able to expand program opportunities to serve a total of 24,679 youth. The Department's 2016 goal is to serve 25,000 youth, which will be the largest number of youth served under this program.

Mayor Emanuel has directed DFSS to get youth more involved in hands-on projects that would have an immediate impact on our neighborhoods. At his suggestion, we created a WPA style infrastructure maintenance program and dedicated youth from our One Summer Chicago Plus, a more intensive part of the OSC program, to staff the effort. One Summer Chicago Plus combines summer jobs with mentoring, counseling and additional support services. During the Summer of 2016, the 1,000 youth assigned to the infrastructure program painted more than 300 viaducts and infrastructure locations including several boarded up houses in Englewood that were eyesores to that community. Additionally, these youth helped our city departments identify areas that required further City follow-up.

In 2016, One Summer Chicago Plus, will add an additional 1,000 employment opportunities, while the broader One Summer Chicago program will continue to work closely with its partners in an ongoing effort to expand opportunities. Thanks to a very generous contribution by Inner City Youth Empowerment, LLC, OSC+ expanded to serve 2,000 at-risk youth in 2015 and another 3,000 in 2016. For the first time ever, DFSS partnered with the Mayor's Office of New Americans to offer immigrant communities 200 youth summer jobs which focused on educating immigrant families and communities about Administrative Relief and to increased awareness about the President's Executive Actions on immigration.

HOMELESS SERVICES WITH A FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH

At the heart of the City of Chicago's Plan 2.0 to End Homelessness is the established premise that concentrating services on our homeless youth is key to breaking the cycle of homelessness early on.

Under the initial phases of Plan 2.0, DFSS increased the total number of overnight year-round shelter beds from 40 to 114 and developed a citywide network of four regional drop-in centers for homeless youth on the North, West, and South Sides of Chicago. Since 2013, 2,800 young people have made use of this network of shelters and drop-in centers. In 2016, DFSS will continue to coordinate services with shelters in their respective regions to ensure access services.

In 2015, DFSS worked for the first time during our Point-In-Time Count with homeless youth service providers to secure homeless youth as paid enumerators to participate in the count and assist in locating other homeless youth to obtain a more accurate survey. DFSS also expanded the hours that these youth enumerators worked so that they could be out during the daylight hours when homeless youth are generally present. The experience was positive and we will incorporate this approach into our methodology for our January 2016 Point-In-Time count.

Since taking office Mayor Emanuel has increased funding for homeless services by more than 10 percent and invested in new programs targeting veterans, youth, families, and victims of domestic violence. In our 2016 budget DFSS will allocate \$61,252,572 so that we can carry on our work with non-profits, advocacy groups, and allied service providers to serve our homeless populations through Plan 2.0 to End Homelessness.

SAFEGUARDING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By the end of 2015 we anticipate the opening of Chicago's first domestic violence shelter in more than ten years. The two-story facility shelter will create 40 new beds and provide a safe haven and support services to more than 100 families in 2016.

DFSS will also continue our strong support for the Resource and Information Advocates (RIA) program in 2016. We will also continue to coordinate with the Chicago Police Department intervention and enforcement methods in order to break the deadly cycle of domestic violence and protect those that fall victim to it.

SERVING AND RESPECTING OUR SENIORS

Thanks to Mayor Emanuel, Chicago is now a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities. By joining this network, participating cities work and plan to become more supportive of older residents by addressing their most important needs. The

senior population will soon skyrocket as the end of the “Baby Boom” generation begins to come of age.

DFSS has partnered with Northwestern University’s Buehler Center on Aging, Health and Society to conduct an assessment of Chicago’s preparedness for the growth of its population of residents age 60 and older. Mayor Emanuel convened a Round Table and invited community leaders to join his Age-Friendly Commission and has launched a number of age-friendly initiatives including: Caregiving and Age-Friendly Businesses.

DFSS and our Age Friendly Chicago allies held a kick-off meeting to discuss efforts to create a “Village INTERdependent Collaborative”(VIC) using our senior centers to identify, bring resources to and reintegrate isolated seniors back into their communities. The end result will be to reduce their risks and to provide additional supports so that these valuable members of our communities can remain in place and continue to stay in the neighborhoods that have been “home” for so many years.

CONTINUED SERVICE IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

In closing, the ongoing uncertainty of the economy and the impact that it has on our clients, allies and funders, means that DFSS will need to continue to plan and deliver our vital support services to Chicago’s most at-risk residents as efficiently and equitably as possible. It also means that there will likely be a sustained or increased demand for these services.

DFSS looks forward to working with you and your staffs to ensure that the residents of your wards are receiving the services that they need. We want to continue to nurture our relationships with your aldermanic offices and the community-based and citywide delegate agencies that assist with service delivery. We know that every ward is different and that there are unique situations and opportunities in each. Through better communication and coordination, we believe that we make an even bigger difference citywide.

Thank you again for inviting DFSS to present our budget for 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Morrison Butler
Commissioner

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2016 Budget Hearing

MBE/WBE Contracting Data

Period: 1/1/15 to 8/31/15

Total Purchases: \$1,442,579.07

<u>MBE/WBE Spend</u>	
WBE:	\$240,209.49 (17%)
Asian MBE:	\$378,065.33 (26%)
African-American MBE:	\$232,615.99 (16%)
Hispanic MBE:	\$39,607.40 (3%)
Total Purchases:	\$890,498.21 (62%)

Staffing Data

<u>Department Ethnicity and Gender</u>				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	3	8	11	3%
Black	31	167	198	59%
Hispanic	19	49	68	20%
White	18	41	59	18%
Total	71	265	336	
	21%	79%		

<u>New Hires Ethnicity and Gender</u>				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black	0	1	1	50%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0
White	0	1	1	50%
Total	0	2	2	
	0%	100%		

<u>Department Managers Ethnicity and Gender</u>				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Asian	1	1	2	6%
Black	5	15	20	59%
Hispanic	0	2	2	6%
White	5	5	10	29%
Total	11	23	34	
	32%	68%		

Interns

<u>School</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>
<u>Lane Tech</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>Legal Prep Charter School</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>Trinity High School</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>GED Recipient</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>Lane Tech</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>Christ The King College Prep</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>Evanston Township</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>BL</u>
<u>HS Grad – HS Not Listed</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>HS</u>
<u>Lakeview High School</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>HS</u>
<u>Northside Prep</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>WH</u>
<u>Jones College Prep</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>WH</u>

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