

Suggested Healthy Families New York Talking Points -2016



HFNY has a 20-year record of success of improving child health and wellness.

-Research conducted with NY families has shown 50% reduction in child maltreatment, prevention of low birth weight deliveries and better school performance, especially for minority children. (include HFNY research briefs as needed.)

Healthy Families preventative services are the fiscally responsible investment of public funding.

-Healthy Families services cost approximately \$3,500 annually (\$4,500 down state) far less than child welfare(\$7,700*), low birth weight medical service (\$15,000**) or remedial education services(\$7,900*).

*2008 US Center for Disease Control study, *The Economic Burden of Child Maltreatment in the United States and Implications for Prevention.*

**<https://www.princeton.edu/futureofchildren/publications/journals/article/index.xml?journalid=60&articleid=371§ionid=2488>

Make HF home visiting services available on a strictly voluntary basis to expectant parents and families with newborns and young children.

\$4.5 million dollar increase to HFNY this year expands current services to children.

-More families served.

-Un-served areas of the state.

-Enhance workforce training and preparation. (i.e. challenging families with complex trauma profiles)