



BUDGET 2006 OVERVIEW

Thursday 18 May 2006

Dear NZCCSS Member

Below is a brief overview of Budget initiatives announced this afternoon.

For brevity, we've outlined only some of the key initiatives – full details on the Budget can be found at www.treasury.govt.nz/budget2006/ with Government media releases through the Budget link on the Beehive website (www.beehive.govt.nz)

We'll provide a comprehensive analysis of the announcements in our forthcoming General Social Services and Services for Older People newsletters.

Warm regards – *Jeremy Irvine, Executive Officer*

IN BRIEF:

- **Residential aged care – \$68 million over four years**
 - **Home support – \$58 million over four years**
 - **Housing projects – 2000 more state houses over three years**
 - **Violence prevention – \$11.5 million over four years for a community prevention campaign to reinforce the unacceptability of family violence.**
 - **Youth services – \$17.5 million over four years to expand the Youth Transition Service, including \$10m million over four years for community initiatives in Counties-Manukau.**
 - **Working for Families – extended to an additional 60,000 families (covers the changes from April 1 2006 to family assistance)**
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SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

Aged care

- \$126m over four years to improve home-based support services (\$58m) and age-related residential care (\$68m) for older New Zealanders.

This funding is surplus to the \$39.5m Future Funding Track and will be distributed to DHBs according to the population-based funding formula, who will then negotiate with aged care providers.

Family wellbeing

- Children's health:
 - Strengthened child and adolescent health services (\$40.8 million over four years)
 - Creation of a 'school ready' health check for four year-olds and expanding the number of Well Child checks for pre-school children (\$23.6 million over four years)
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- Obesity campaign, initiatives of which will focus on working with schools, primary health care, social agencies and food industry bodies through the Health Eating, Healthy Action plan. Details to be announced later in the year (\$76.1 million over four years)
- Community prevention campaign to reinforce the unacceptability of family violence (\$11.5 million over four years)
- Family violence prevention – including increased funding to family violence prevention agencies (\$9 million over four years, announced prior to the Budget)
- Expansion of the Youth Transitions Services and community initiatives in Counties-Manukau (\$17 million over four years in total, including \$10 million over four years for the Counties-Manukau initiative)
- Project Early – an early intervention programme for at-risk three-eight year olds in Auckland and Christchurch (\$643,000 over four years)
- Strategies with Kids – Information for Parents (SKIP) programme additional funding (\$14.8 million over four years)

Housing

- More than 2000 houses added to the state housing network over the next three years. (Includes \$62 million capital additional over the next three years; and \$10 million capital for this financial year for modernising properties).
- Increase for new and renovated houses provided by local councils and community organisations. It will expand the Housing Innovation Fund demonstration project by another year. (\$16.4 million)

Budget-related websites:

Government Beehive Budget site	www.beehive.govt.nz
Budget papers and further detail	www.treasury.govt.nz/budget2006/
Scoop Budget coverage	www.scoop.co.nz/features/budget2006.html