

## **Highlights of the FY2018 Democratic Budget**

### **Investing in Educational Opportunity - Pre-K, Elementary & Secondary Education:**

- \$131 million in additional aid to underfunded districts:
  - \$100 million in new funding
  - \$31 million in Adjustment Aid reallocated from districts receiving more than 100 percent of their fair share of State funding under SFRA
- \$25 million for an expansion of state-funded preschool
- \$25 million for Extraordinary Special Education Aid
- \$23.8 million for Nonpublic School Security, Transportation, Nursing & Technology Aid
- \$4 million for Adult Education at Vo-Techs
- \$3 million for County Vocational Partnership Grants

### **Protecting Our Most Vulnerable:**

- \$8 million for prisoner re-entry programs throughout the state
- \$6 million to restore Essex recidivism pilot
- \$5 million for Sheltered Workshops
- \$5 million restoration for Legal Services of NJ
- \$4 million for County Prosecutor pilot program
- \$850,000 for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children
- \$500,000 to restore Housing First pilot program to aid the homeless
- \$145,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs
- Language restoring “Heat & Eat” and Food Stamp benefits.

### **Healthcare:**

- \$5.25 million for Nursing Homes/SCNFs/Assisted Living
- \$3 million to provide security at each of the 3 NJ Trauma Centers

- \$2 million for Cancer Research
- \$2 million to Rutgers Cancer Institute for lung and colorectal cancer screening programs and tobacco treatment programs
- \$1 million for expansion of Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ in Newark
- \$2 million for Federally Qualified Health Centers

#### **Women's Services**

- \$7.5 million for Family Planning Services (separate legislation)
- \$2.8 million for NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- \$2.2 million for Domestic Violence and Rape Prevention
- \$250K for Latino Action Network Hispanic Women's Resource Centers
- \$125K for Project S.A.R.A.H.

#### **Investing in Higher Education:**

- \$10 million for NJIT Engineering Makerspace
- \$5 million in additional support for low-income college students (Educational Opportunity Fund)
- \$5 million for Rutgers Camden School of Business
- \$2 million to Rutgers Cancer Institute for lung and colorectal cancer screening programs and tobacco treatment programs
- \$1 million for expansion of Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ in Newark

#### **Miscellaneous Priorities:**

- \$20 million to provide COLA to DDD, DCF, and DVRS community providers
- \$7 million to increase Medicaid reimbursement rate for DCF care managers
- \$3.6 million to restore cut to Liberty Science Center
- \$3 million for Paid Family Leave outreach and claims processing
- \$1.7 million to support the Battleship New Jersey
- \$1.7 for NJ PAC capital and maintenance
- \$1.2 million to rectify historic underfunding of DEP Bureau of Marine Fisheries

