

Children and Family Services at The Children's Aid Society

**Congressional Briefing:
A Stronger Safety Net for America's Children**



The Children's Aid Society
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Helping Children in Poverty to Succeed & Thrive



- **The Children's Aid Society (CAS) was founded in 1853 in New York City as an anti-poverty organization**
- **\$110M annual budget ; ~ 2,000 full-time and part-time staff**
- **Services reach 70,000 children and families annually**
- **Citywide we offer more than 100 programs in 45 locations clustered in FOUR high-needs neighborhoods**
 - **South Bronx**
 - **East and Central Harlem**
 - **Washington Heights**
 - **Northern Staten Island**

Keeping the Promise



- In 2011 we launched our strategic plan Keeping the Promise
- **GOAL: Organizational wide strategy to help children that come through our doors to graduate college**
- **Keeping the Promise is focused on outcomes in 4 domains:**
 1. **health**
 2. **education**
 3. **social and emotional development**
 4. **family stability**

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- **We provide comprehensive supports from cradle through college to children and their families:**
 - **Early childhood programs**
 - **After-school, weekend and summer enrichment programs**
 - **Foster care and preventive services**
 - **Comprehensive medical services (including medical, mental health and dental)**

- **Children's Aid is organized into 5 programmatic areas:**
 - **Early Childhood**
 - **School Age**
 - **Adolescence**
 - **Child Welfare and Family Services**
 - **Health and Wellness**

Connecting Families to Services



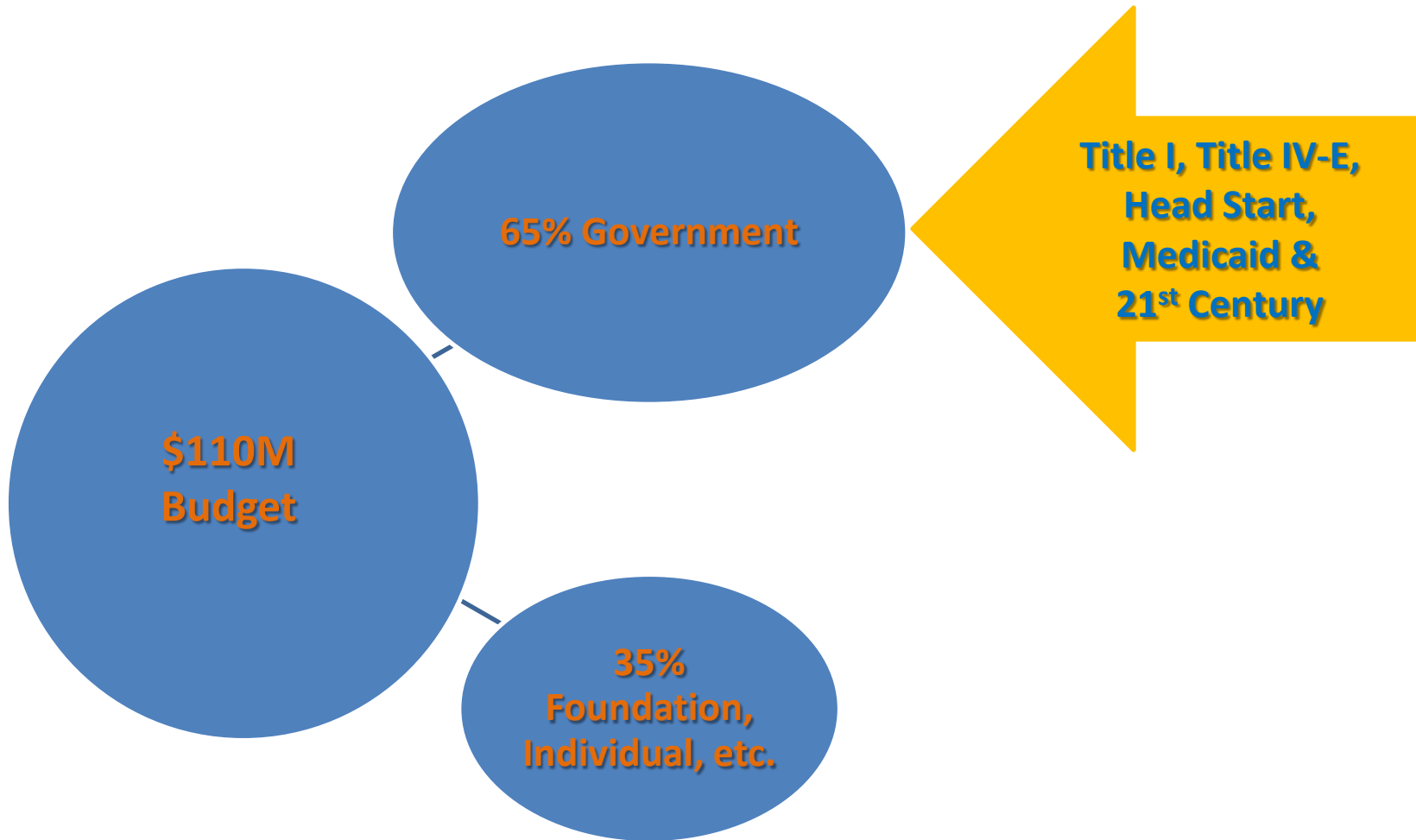
- **Office of Client Advocacy**
 - **Founded in 1997**
 - **Provides advocacy on legal issues**
 - **Access to public benefits**
 - **Access to the New York Times Neediest Cases Fund**

Since inception more than 21,000 families have been helped

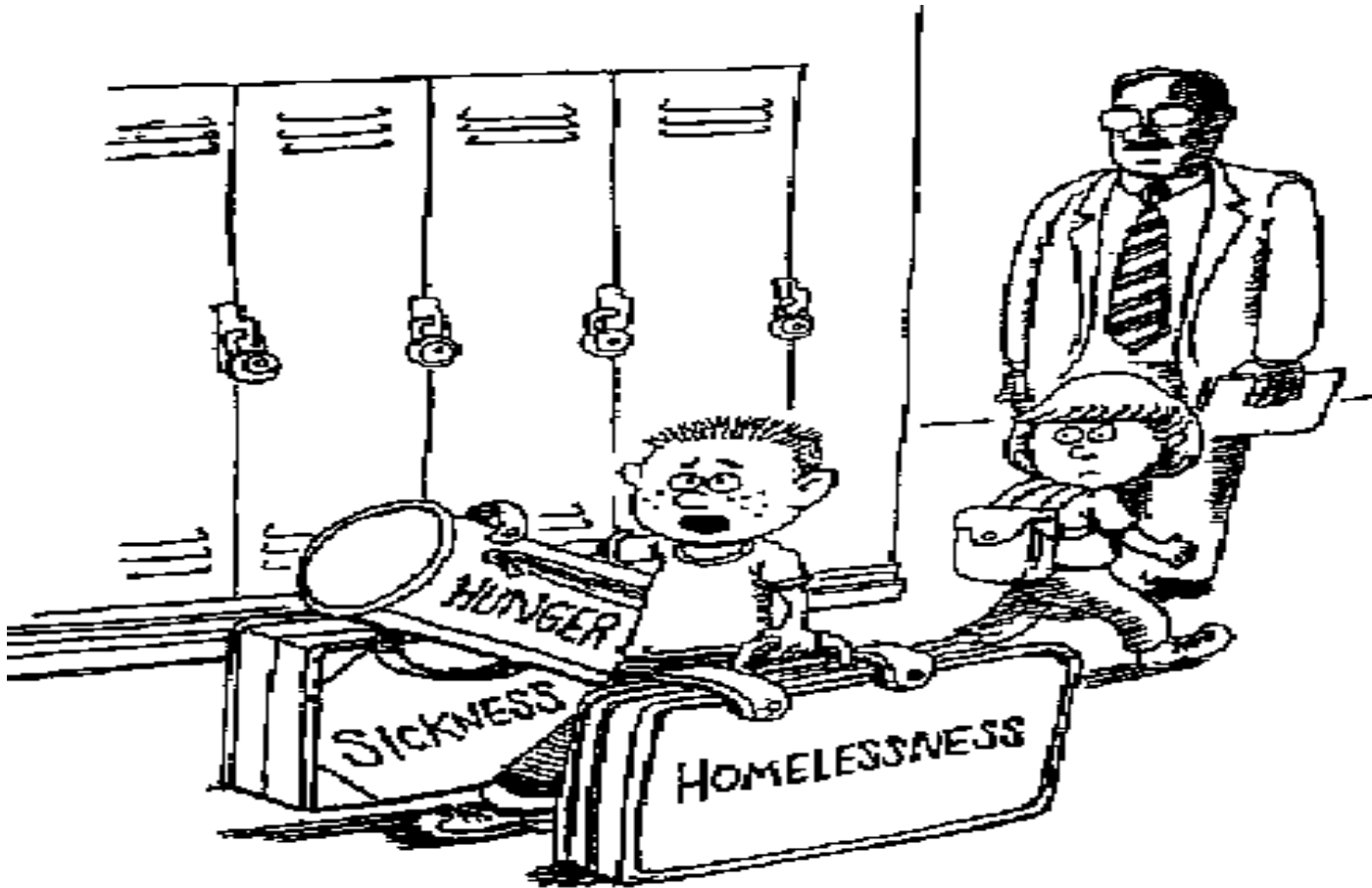
- **Health Care Access Program (HCAP)**
 - **Started in 1998**
 - **Facilitated enrollment program based in schools, community centers, health clinics, etc.**

Since 2008 more than 42,000 individuals have been enrolled

Funding the Services



Why Sequestration Doesn't Help.....



***“Could someone help me with these?
I’m late for math class.”***

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