

## NEWS

### FYs 2006 and 2007 oversight hearings scheduled

In February and March, the City Council will hold hearings on District government agencies about budget and program implementation issues (successes, challenges, etc.) The public is encouraged to testify. Below is a list of child- and youth-related hearings.

*Kicking off the hearings is the Committee of the Whole (Gray, chair) briefing on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, (CAFR), on February 5 at 10:00 am in the Council Chamber. The briefing will feature the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 and testimony from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO). The OCFO "ensures that the CAFR is released each year on time and with a clean opinion from the city's independent auditors. A clean opinion indicates that the District's financial books are in order, that the CAFR fairly presents the city's financials, and that the results of the city's fiscal year operations are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles." (<http://www.cfo.dc.gov/cfo/cwp/view,a,1322,q,590082,cfoNav,|33210|.asp>)*

#### Agency (in alpha order)

Board of Social Work

#### Hearing information

February 15, 4:00 pm, Council Chamber  
To testify, contact Adam Maier (CHS), 724-8072,  
[amaier@dccouncil.us](mailto:amaier@dccouncil.us)

Child and Family Services Agency

February 15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Council Chamber  
To testify, contact Adam Maier (CHS), 724-8072,  
[amaier@dccouncil.us](mailto:amaier@dccouncil.us)

Children and Youth Investment Trust

March 2, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Room 412  
To testify, contact Adam Maier (CHS), 724-8072,  
[amaier@dccouncil.us](mailto:amaier@dccouncil.us)

Commission on Poverty

March 2, 6:00 pm, Room 412  
To testify, contact Adam Maier (CHS), 724-8072,  
[amaier@dccouncil.us](mailto:amaier@dccouncil.us)

DC Public Library

February 12, 10:00 am, Council Chamber  
To testify, contact Angel Hicks (CLPR), 724-8107,  
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DC Public Schools\*

-Superintendent

-Board of Education

\*See "Public Education in DC"  
hearing information

February 27, 4:00 pm, Council Chamber  
To testify, contact Aretha Latta (COW), 724-8196,  
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## **Agency (in alpha order)**

### Department of Employment Services

## **Hearing information**

February 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Council Chamber  
*To testify, contact Aretha Harvey (CWDGO), 724-8105, aharvey@dccouncil.us*

### Department of Health

-Policy Planning and Research  
-Primary Care and Prevention  
-Maternal and Family Health

February 22, 10:00 am, Room 412  
*To testify, contact Paul Dionne (COH), 724-8170, pdionne@dccouncil.us*

-Medical Assistance Administration  
-Health Care Safety Net Administration  
-Health Care Regulation and Licensing

February 28, 10:00 am, Room 412  
*To testify, contact Paul Dionne (COH), 724-8170, pdionne@dccouncil.us*

-Addiction Prevention and Recovery  
-Administration for HIV Policy

March 9, 10:00 am, Council Chamber  
*To testify, contact Paul Dionne (COH), 724-8170, pdionne@dccouncil.us*

### Department of Human Services

February 21, 3:00 pm, Room 412  
*To testify, contact Adam Maier (CHS), 724-8072, amaier@dccouncil.us*

### Department of Parks and Recreation

February 16, 10:00 am, Room 412  
*To testify, contact Angel Hicks (CLPR), 724-8107, ahicks@dccouncil.us*

### Department of Mental Health

February 26, 10:00 am, Council Chamber  
*To testify, contact Paul Dionne (COH), 724-8170, pdionne@dccouncil.us*

### Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

February 23, 10:00 am, Council Chamber  
*To testify, contact Janene Jackson (CPSJ), 724-7808 or jjackson@dccouncil.us*

### Office of Budget and Planning (OCFO)

March 1, 2:30 pm, Room 412  
*To testify, contact Aretha Latta (COW), 724-8196, alatta@dccouncil.us*

### Public Education in DC\*\*

\*\* This hearing is about oversight of public education AND Bill 17-1, the education reform legislation.

February 7, 10:00 am, Council Chamber  
*To testify, contact Aretha Latta (COW), 724-8196, alatta@dccouncil.us*

## **FY 2008 update**

The City Council recently approved a resolution relating to the budget to be presented by Mayor Fenty. The date by which the budget must be submitted is March 19. In addition to the delivery date, the Council included a number of provisions which seek to ensure that basic and important data and information is transmitted as part of the budget. Some of the provisions are:

- Copies of all documents referenced in and supportive of the budget justification for FY 2008, including any proposed legislation and proposed FY 2008 Budget Request Act, that are necessary for implementation of the proposed budget for the District for FY 2008
- For the entire District government and each agency, information about legislation enacted in FYs 2006 and 2007 that impact FY 2008 and not accounted for in the FY 2008 baseline



- For Medicaid data, a summary statement or table showing the FY 2008 baseline Medicaid budget by responsibility center including current reprogrammings that will have a recurring fiscal impact, the total Medicaid expenditures per month for FY 2006 compared to the anticipated Medicaid expenditures for each month of FYs 2007 and 2008, the total number of actual Medicaid enrollees for each month of FY 2006 compared to the number of anticipated Medicaid enrollees for each month of FYs 2007 and 2008 (by type or category, i.e., aged, TANF adult, TANF child) and projected Medicaid reimbursement for FYs 2007 and 2008 for the agencies responsible for Medicaid billing (e.g., DCPS, DMH).
- For all District government agencies, a summary statement or table showing all reprogrammings for the last two fiscal years. Included in this statement or table shall be information that details what agency sent or received the reprogrammed funds and identifies the reprogrammed funds by source (local, federal, intra-district, private, and other)
- A summary statement or table showing the fiscal year 2008 baseline budget, including a presentation of FY 2007 reprogrammings that will have a recurring fiscal impact in succeeding fiscal years.

## TA

### ***What's in it for kids?***

DC Action for Children's new edition of our annual budget analysis is now available. To receive a copy, complete and return the attached order form.

### **Map of the DC budget process:**

This 11x17 map of the District's budget process is colorful and easy to use to keep track of where the city is in the process. The map also includes advocacy tips for the various steps in the process. *Download from <http://www.dckids.org/ourwork/bappublications.php>.*

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