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## Massachusetts YMCAs FY18 Budget Priorities

### 1. **Youth at Risk Funding (Line item 4590-1507): \$1.3 million**

- Funding will continue to support programs that address the needs of at risk youth.
  - \$1.3 million to go directly to all 30 YMCAs and 410 locations in Massachusetts to directly serve thousands of youth
  - Funding is used for initiatives such as summer literacy, teen employment, scholarships, and financial aid for low-income children and families.
  - In FY2016, MA YMCAs matched Youth-At-Risk Funding 11:1, leveraging over \$10 million for MA communities

### 2. **Rate Reserve for Early and School Age Educators (Line item 1599-0042): \$36 million**

- Funding will further address quality programming, adequate salaries for the early education and school-age workforce, and administrative duties for dispensing income eligible vouchers and contracts.
- Move reimbursement rate closer to the federally recommended 75% of market rate

### 3. **HomeWorks Program (7004-0101): \$850,500**

- Fund children in the Emergency Assistance Housing Program to attend after-school programs and camps
- Provides funding to nonprofit and community-serving organizations to provide help with homework, socialization, physical activity, and nutrition for Emergency Assistance children

### 4. **Quality Improvement Line Item (Line item 3000-1020). Ensuring \$2 million in direct grants to early education programs & \$1 million in Technical Assistance.**

- To help early education and care programs raise and maintain their level of quality
- Would allow for technical assistance for QRIS to be provided by the Department of Early Education