

INNOVATIONS TO BUILD ON

The de Blasio administration will need to tackle a number of serious social policy challenges when it takes office in January, but there is much to build upon. This report profiles 10 important anti-poverty innovations from the Bloomberg administration that deserve to continue.

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CENTER FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

New York's test lab for tackling poverty, CEO incubated dozens of innovative anti-poverty programs, got every city agency to focus on addressing poverty and helped break down silos between agencies

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CUNY ASAP

A partnership between CEO and CUNY, this pioneering program has succeeded in more than doubling community college graduation rates for participating students, who receive an array of support services aimed at reducing barriers to college completion

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JOBS-PLUS

Addressing the alarming rate of unemployment among public housing residents in New York, this place-based program offers a mix of services and incentives aimed at helping more NYCHA residents obtain and hold onto jobs

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SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Teen pregnancy rates across the five boroughs have declined significantly, thanks in part to new city initiatives that expand sexual health education, condom availability and counseling services for teens—with a particular focus on young adults living in low-income neighborhoods

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CHILD SUPPORT MANAGEMENT

Instead of merely punishing "dead-beat dads" for failing to make child support payments, a new initiative helps non-custodial parents to find employment, reduce debt and pay child support leading to higher rates of compliance

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

Opening up an important new front in the fight to reduce poverty, OFE provides an array of services that help low-income New Yorkers build assets, reduce debt and make smarter financial decisions

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

As a part of the NeON Initiative, the Dept. of Probation has transformed probation sites into neighborhood-based resource hubs, where probationers can learn about a wide variety of educational opportunities and social services and meet with mentors as they transition back into society

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CLOSE TO HOME

Housing juvenile offenders in New York City rather than upstate and providing them with rehabilitation services, reduces recidivism and allows these young offenders to retain important connections with their families and communities

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THE YOUNG MEN'S INITIATIVE

This \$43 million three-year initiative provides mentoring, training and rehabilitation services to young black and Latino men who drop out of high school and experience much higher rates of incarceration than their white and Asian counterparts

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OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME

At a time when the public schools are cutting back on extracurricular course work and working parents are struggling to find affordable child care, Out-of-School Time brings after school programming to communities that need it most