

## Expansion of the Domestic Violence Task Force Recommendations

In October 2017, NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray announced an expansion of supports and programming to prevent and combat domestic violence in New York City, adding to the unprecedented investment in domestic violence initiatives previously announced in May 2017.

The City dedicated an additional investment of \$3.9 million to expand healthy relationship programming to New York City middle schools, develop the country's most comprehensive one-stop web portal for domestic violence services, and expand supports to help keep survivors in their own homes.

The expanded initiatives included:

- **Early-RAPP:** An expansion of healthy relationship education to 128 middle schools throughout all five boroughs. An estimated one in 10 teens in a dating relationship report experiencing physical dating violence in the past year, and that number is double for LGBTQ-identified youth and triple for pregnant or parenting teens. Through the Early-Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (Early-RAPP), existing high school-based teen dating abuse programs will be retooled and expanded to provide a continuity of learning to Department of Education middle schools—reaching students earlier, when relationships most often begin.
- **NYC Hope:** A web-based portal to provide centralized access to information, education and resource for domestic violence survivors, providers and community members and stakeholders.
- **We Understand:** A domestic violence public awareness campaign, which launched in February 2018 and focused on telling the diverse and wide-ranging stories of domestic violence survivors that are not always visible and provide critical ways for New Yorkers to connect to the community and government resources for help.
- **Safe Families NYC:** A network of free supervised visitation resources in each borough providing a safe place for children to attend court ordered visitation with a non-custodial parent.
- **Home+Safe:** An innovative program that will enable domestic violence survivors and their children to safely stay in their homes with access to high-tech alarm systems.