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The Final Stretch on FY 2015 Budget Hearings: What to Watch, How to Get Involved

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If you care about what the FY 2015 budget will look like — and of course you do! — the next two weeks are really important. The Council will hold lots of hearings to wrap up its review of the mayor's budget — and to get public input on what's good in the budget and what is missing. The DC Fiscal Policy Institute will be following and testifying at many hearings — and we hope you plan to do so, too!

To help you out, here is a list of hearings that will happen in the next two weeks that you may want to follow or provide your testimony. We've linked to materials provided by DC government agencies to explain their budget, and we've highlighted important DCFPI blog posts that offer our take on an agency's budget.

DC Public Schools (Government Witnesses Only)

Monday, April 28, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> <u>Our Thoughts for Tomorrow's DC Public Schools Budget Hearing</u>

Department of Healthcare Finance

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 10AM **DCFPI's Analysis:** Expanding Health Care Access to All Residents DC Needs More Staff to Help Families Apply for Public Benefits **Budget Materials from the Department:** Department of Health Care Finance

District of Columbia Housing Authority

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> <u>How Does the FY 2015 Budget Propose to Tackle DC's Affordable Housing Challenges?</u> <u>Budget Materials from the Department: DC Housing Authority</u>

Department of Human Services

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 11AM DCFPI's Analysis: Our TANF Families Can't Wait Until 2017 With Rec Centers Eliminated as Shelter Option DC Needs to Re-Double Efforts to Address Family Homelessness Budget Materials from the Department: Department of Human Services

Department of Health

Thursday, May 1, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> Local investment in Home Visiting Will Sustain Critical Supports for Early Childhood Development

Office of State Superintendent of Education

Thursday, May 1, 2014, 10AM **DCFPI's Analysis:** Improving Child Care in the District: How Will the FY 2015 Budget Help? **Budget Materials from the Department:** Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Department of Human Services

Public Charter School Board and Deputy Mayor for Education

Friday, May 2, 2014, 10AM DCFPI's Analysis: <u>FY 2015 Education Toolkit</u>

Department of Housing and Community Development

Friday, May 2, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> <u>How Does the FY 2015 Budget Propose to Tackle DC's Affordable Housing Challenges?</u> <u>Budget Materials from the Department:</u> Department of Housing and Community Development

Department of Behavioral Health

Monday, May 5, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> <u>Childhood Interventions Keep DC Healthy</u>

Department of Employment Services

Thursday, May 8, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> From Basic Skills to Good Jobs: Connecting DC's Adult Learners to Career Pathways <u>Budget Materials from the Department: Department of Employment Services</u>

Office of Motion Picture and Television Development

Thursday, May 8, 2014, 10AM <u>DCFPI's Analysis:</u> <u>Out-of-State Film Subsidies Are a House of Cards</u>