

Support the National Children's Study



BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

President Obama's Fiscal Year 2011 budget proposed **\$194.4 million**

for the National Children's Study, an increase from the FY 2010

appropriation of \$193.8 million. The **Public Policy Council**, in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, March of Dimes and others, supports this next installment in funding for 2011. Over 50 organizations signed onto a letter supporting funding the study at this level.

The Public Policy Council applauds and appreciates the \$193.8 million National Children's Study appropriation in the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Despite constraints on federal resources, it is crucial that Congress fully fund the pilot phase of the National Children's Study and thereby continue to demonstrate its commitment to this extremely valuable research and to America's children.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY

The National Children's Study, conducted by the National Institutes of Health, is the largest and most comprehensive study of children's health and development ever planned in the United States. Currently, the "vanguard centers" are recruiting pregnant women and over 150 children have been born into the study. When fully implemented, this study will follow a representative sample of 100,000 children from across the United States from before birth until age 21. The data generated will inform the work of scientists in universities and research organizations, helping them identify precursors to disease and to develop new strategies for prevention and treatment. Identifying the root causes of many childhood diseases and conditions, including preterm birth, asthma, obesity, heart disease, injury and diabetes, will reduce health care costs and improve the health of children.

ADVOCACY ACTION REQUESTED

Urge your members of Congress to support **\$194.4 million** for the National Children's Study in Fiscal Year 2011.

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