Responsible Budget Coalition

Governor's Cuts Undermine Illinois' Future

Cuts on Spreadsheets = Lasting Harm to Families, Communities, & Illinois' Economy





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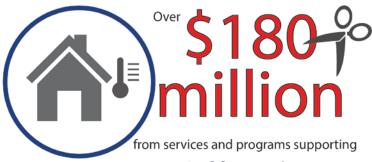
Strong Workforce & Local Communities

- Child care out of reach for more working families due to budget cuts that increase copayments for child care and restrict participation for children over 5 years
- Greater difficulty accessing higher education at public colleges & universities due to 30% cut and likely tuition increases
- Devastating cuts to local police, fire, & public works in municipalities across the state and increased pressure on local property taxes
- Increased costs for commuting to work due to fare increases and service reductions following budget cuts to public transit agencies

- Increased hospitalizations and incarcerations of thousands of individuals with serious mental illness from loss of psychiatry, care coordination, & housing supports
- Thousands of adults with severe disabilities & seniors would lose in-home services that allow them to avoid entering far more expensive nursing homes
- Medicaid 4-prescription limit harms adults & kids with complex medical needs
- Lost residential & respite services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities will lead to higher use of state development centers & higher cost services
- Over 21,000 individuals with epilepsy will lose access to case coordination, case management, & outreach services
- Significant reductions in life-saving medications to people with HIV, as well as prevention & supportive housing services
- Hundreds of thousands of adults would no longer be able to access non-emergency dental care other than having their teeth pulled; dental coverage was just reinstated last year after it was found that denying such coverage led to far costlier emergency room visits
- 12,000 fewer cancer screenings, causing women with breast & cervical cancer to go undetected
- Stalled progress in preventing sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), treating MS & sickle cell disease, & providing access to health care in underserved communities

Budgets reflect priorities--

Are these yours?

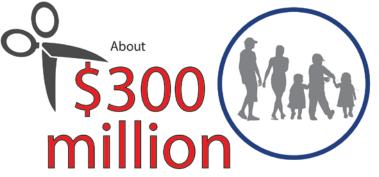


Stable Housing

- 1,300 homeless youth denied access to shelters & other services
- Over 10,300 recently homessless households would have no access to supportive housing services
- 955 at-risk households prevented from receiving temporary assistance that could keep them in their homes
- 155,000 households would no longer receive assistance needed to heat their homes

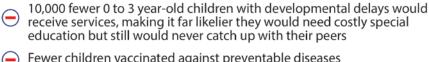
No more cuts to vital programs and services!

The Responsible Budget Coalition is a group of over 150 organizations united to preserve vital services for Illinois families and communities. We are committed to fighting for revenue to invest in the valuable resources that put us on a path to sustainable prosperity.





Children and Youth's Healthy Development



Fewer children vaccinated against preventable diseases

Thousands of fewer screenings to prevent infant mortality among at-risk pregnant women & new mothers

All DCFS services for 18 to 21 year old wards would be eliminated

Higher DCFS caseloads

14,000 youth lose access to after school programs in over 57 communities

Elimination of agricultural ed, arts/foreign language classes, regional safe schools, & preschool for toddlers from HIV/AIDS-affected families