Advocates for Ohio’s Future

Vital Public Services and the Proposed FY2012-2013 State Budget
Mission

Advocates for Ohio’s Future works to maintain vital public services—health, human services, and early care & education—at a level that meets people’s basic needs and protects our state’s most vulnerable populations.

To that end, Advocates for Ohio’s Future supports a budget solution that protects vulnerable populations.
State Budget
How did we get here?
The $8 billion shortfall
The Economy Is Improving, But Job Creation Lags
Growth in GRF Tax Receipts Is Weak
More Ohioans Need Safety Net Services

Food Stamp Recipients 49%
Medicaid Recipients 22%
Cash Assistance Recipients 35%

Dec. 2007 – Sept. 2010

Source: ODJFS, Public Assistance Monthly Statistics
Health & Human Services
Losing Ground

Health & Human Services Spending: 1997 (as a share of Total GRF)

- Other, 29%
- JFS Medicaid, 31%
- Other Education, 28%
- Other HHS, 13%

Health & Human Services Spending: 2010 (as a share of Total GRF)

- JFS Medicaid, 36%
- K-12 Education, 30%
- Other HHS, 8%
- Other, 26%
## How Services Were Funded in the Past

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The Last Budget Slashed the Safety Net

- $196 M to mental health and addiction services
- $25 M for persons with developmental disabilities
- $63 M to protect children and elderly from abuse
- $34 M for adopted children with special needs
Executive Budget Proposal
FY 2012-2013
Medicaid Changes in the Next State Budget

- Preserves Medicaid eligibility
- Preserves access to Medicaid’s “optional services” (e.g., dental and vision)
- Elevates behavioral health financing to the state
- Rebalances long-term care (policy)
- Reforms payment system for large providers
More Good News in the Proposed 2012-13 Budget

- Preserves investments made in early care & education
- Focuses on prenatal care
- Preserves Ohio Housing Trust Fund
- Emergency food and cash assistance
- Preserves key youth services
Three Areas of Concern

1. County Cuts - pressure shifted to counties and local providers
2. Increases or improvements in services accompanied by disinvestments in infrastructure, capacity or delivery system
3. Many critical programs face 1-2 punch of both federal and state cuts
Increased Pressure on Counties / Local Providers

- Local Government Fund Cut 50%
- County Human Service Agencies funding reduced by $100 million ($200 million cut in the last budget)
- Child Care - $80 million reduction in TANF for child care investment, 7.9% cut in GRF
  - Impact - initial eligibility changes from 150% to 125% of poverty, but current and newly qualifying families can maintain slot until family reach 200%
  - Child care provider rates will decrease by 7%
  - Investment for Star rated quality decreases.
  - Eligible children served: 103,865 in 2012 and 104,350 in 2013
  - BCMH – 14% reduction, expected to be picked up by counties
- BCMH: 14% cut absorbed by counties
Disinvestments in Services for Seniors

- Cuts in service plans to PASSPORT of 23% over the biennium
- 3% provider cuts
- Area Agencies on Aging - 15% cut
- Line 534 - Adult Protective Services - 10% cut
Disinvestment in Child Welfare

- Line 523 - State Child Protection Allocation - 10% cut
- Line 528 - Adoption Services - 10% cut - state based adoption assistance subsidies from $250 to $230/month. PASSS funding maintained
- Line 541 - Kinship Permanency Incentive program eliminated
- Line 533 - Children, Family, Adult Community/Protective Services - 13.5% cut
- Line 502 - Child Support Match - 15.2% cut
Disinvestments in Behavioral Health

- Insufficient funding
- Utilization Controls
Federal Cuts
The 1-2 Punch

• Foodbanks
  State Funding: $1 million cut at a time when 1 in 4 agencies are rationing food
  Federal Funding: Loss of Community Service Block Grant (Americorps and Community Action Agencies)
  Federal Funding: 4,706 seniors lose monthly food box

• Federally Qualified Health Centers
  State Funding: Eliminated
  Federal Funding: Eliminated

• Child Care
  State Funding: $80 million reduction in TANF for child care investment
  Federal Funding: Head Start loss of $66 million (7,500 slots)
We Need One Voice

- Make sure the state budget prioritizes the basic needs of the vulnerable
- Elevate the value of vital services
- Highlight what’s working and potential cost savings
How Organizations Can Help

- **Endorse** Advocates for Ohio’s Future
- Educate your board, staff, volunteers, and clients
- **Recruit** other agencies and organizations to endorse
- Invite AOF to community meetings to educate and build support
- Meet with elected officials
How Individuals Can Help

• **Sign up** for emails
• Find us on **Facebook**
• Participate in online **Action Alerts**
• Stay informed and gain skills through regular **webinars** and trainings
• Become an Area Coordinator
• Share your stories with us, your community, the media, and your elected officials!
• Looking for public hearing witnesses
Resources We Provide to YOU

- Action Alerts before key votes
- **Fact Sheets** and **Talking Points** for conversations with lawmakers
- Connect you to a coordinator in your area
- **HHS news and Information**
- **Webinars** to equip you with info and tools: Lobbying 101, Social Media 101, Political and Field Updates
- Resources to work with the local media
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