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Elevating the Value
of Vital Public Services



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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.



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Goals

- Make vulnerable Ohioans a priority in our state budget
- Raise awareness of vital public services
- Human services = economic stability
- Build networks of supporters
- Highlight efficiencies



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State Budget Overview

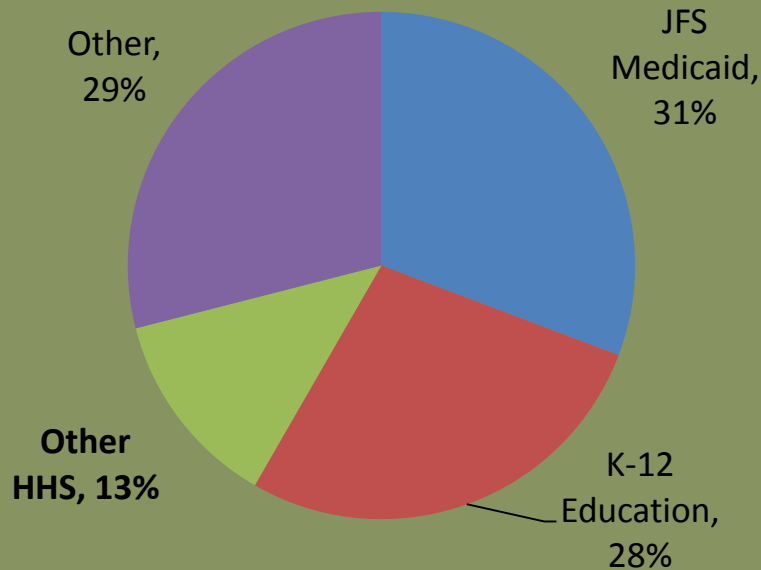


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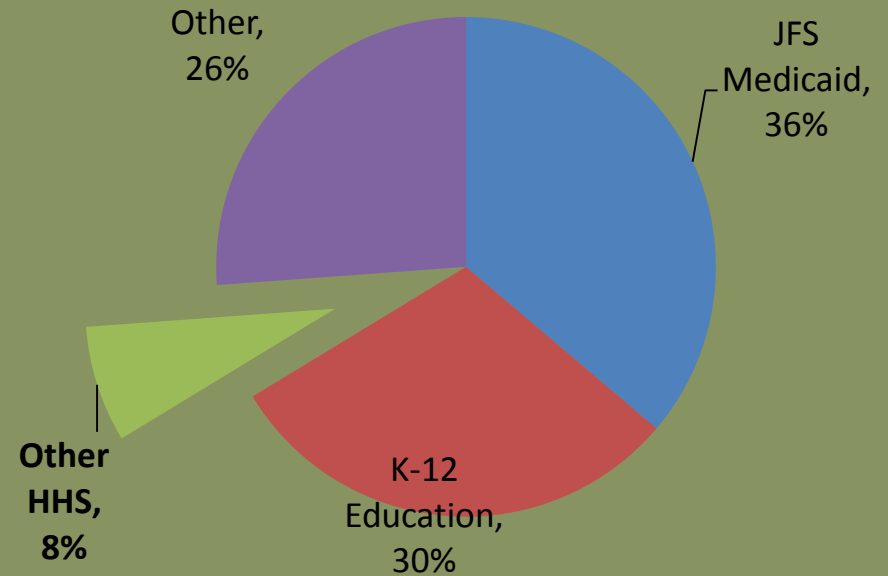
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Health & Human Services Losing Ground

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



**Health & Human Services
Spending: 2010 (as a share of Total
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How Services Are Funded in the State Budget

JFS Medicaid

(Entitlement services; currently 36% of GRF)

Nursing homes
Intermediate Care Facilities (developmental disabilities)
Hospitals
Physicians and other acute care
Pharmaceuticals
Managed care

Other HHS

(Flat funding at \$2B since 1997; 8% of GRF)

PASSPORT
Community Behavioral Health
State-run institutions for developmental disabilities and mental health
Home- and community-based programs for developmental disabilities
Department of Health (BCMHS and vaccines)
Vocational rehabilitation services
Child welfare and adoption assistance
Eligibility determination
Financial assistance (for those waiting for SSI)
Child support enforcement
TANF state match



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

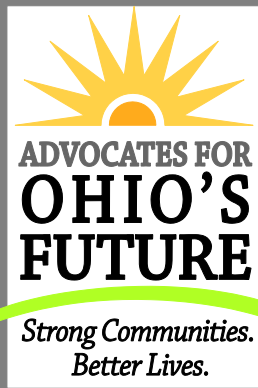


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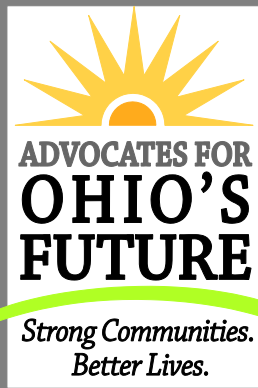
The Next State Budget

- \$6 to \$8 billion shortfall
- 20% across-the-board cuts needed to balance the budget with cuts alone
- Deep cuts will eliminate some state programs and severely limit the ability of others to deliver services
- Resources from The Center for Community Solutions
 - Thinking the Unthinkable
 - Financing Ohio's Future: Human Services in Tough Times



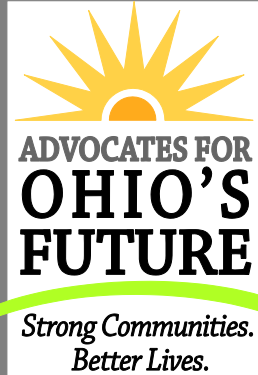
Our Message: Improving on What's Working

- Elevating the value of vital services
- Highlighting efficiencies: doing more with less
- Fact Sheets and Talking Points
- Looking for public hearing witnesses



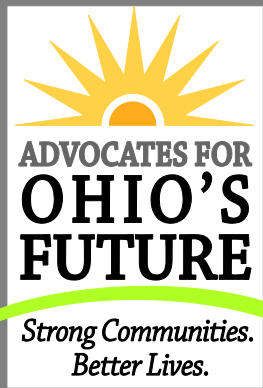
How Organizations Can Help

- 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!



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