



Beyond the Numbers: The Human Face of Program Cuts Included in House and Senate Budget Committee Proposals

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Under the House and Senate Budget Committee proposals, Connecticut would face devastating cuts to important programs. A few of these cuts have been translated into human terms below.¹

If these cuts go through, what will be the estimated impact over the five year period?²

- **EITC cuts -- \$28.4 million → 18,159 families** working hard to make ends meet won't benefit from an EITC;
- **TANF cuts -- \$38.4 million → 3,704 4-person families, or 4,359 3-person families** won't receive TANF/TFA benefits;
- **SSI cuts -- \$33.6 million → 79,122 total recipients; or → 66,892 blind or disabled children; or → 105,708 senior citizens (44% of whom are blind or disabled)** won't receive their SSI benefits.



¹ For greater detail on the proposed budgets, see S. Geballe, *Making Matters Worse: The House and Senate Budget Committees' Proposals Enlarge the Federal Deficit and also Require Deep Cuts in Programs Essential to Children and Families*. These estimates are based on the most recent available data for per person, per family, or per enrollee expenditure.

² These are totals for the period 2006-2010.