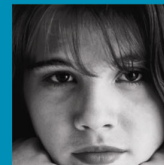
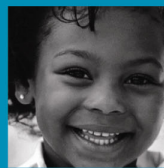


# CONNECTICUT VOICES FOR CHILDREN



## Federal Funding for Public Health & Medical Research at Risk

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Connecticut residents depend on federal funding for health care (e.g., Medicaid & Medicare), cutting-edge medical research, and important health-related programs and services such as community health centers and substance abuse treatment. Despite this, President Bush's FFY 2006 Budget proposes to make deep cuts in our investments in health and research.

### How Much Does Connecticut Depend on this Federal Funding?

#### For Medicaid: Nearly \$2 billion

This year (SFY 05), Connecticut expects to receive a net \$1.99 billion in federal Medicaid funds (about half of Connecticut's total Medicaid bill) that help more than 400,000 Connecticut seniors, children, and adults receive basic health care and long-term care.

#### For Medical Research: More than \$200 million in FFY 03

The federal government funds cutting-edge medical research at Yale, the University of Connecticut and other research centers across the state on issues including

- ✓ Mental Health \$30 M
- ✓ Heart, Kidney, and Cell Biology \$72 M
- ✓ Neurological Disorders \$34.5 M

#### For Local Health Programs: More than \$400 million in FFY 03

Connecticut residents also benefit from federal grants to various health-related programs and services, including:

- ✓ Community Health Centers \$16.3 M
- ✓ Maternal Health programs \$12.5 M
- ✓ HIV / AIDS Prevention and Treatment programs \$27.1 M
- ✓ Prevention / Treatment of Substance Abuse programs \$17.2 M

Among the health-related programs for which the President proposes *elimination of* (or a *sharp reduction in*) funding are:

- ✗ Emergency Medical Services for Children
- ✗ Healthy Community Access Program
- ✗ Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- ✗ Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
- ✗ Health Professions Training grants
- ✗ Local and Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Grants

The President's FFY 06 Budget would cut all federal health grants to states (i.e., other than Medicaid and Medicare) by **4.5% from 2005 levels and by 13.9% by 2010**. By 2010, annual funding for health care services would be cut by about 14.4%, for health research and training (including the National Institutes of Health) by 13.4%, and for consumer and occupational health and safety by 15.9% (including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission).

These proposed cuts in federal funding would *compound* the cuts in *state* funding for the Connecticut Department of Public Health that have been made since state deficits began in 2001. DPH's SFY 05 budget is now **11% less** than its actual SFY 02 budget (not even adjusting for inflation).