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Connecticut's Budget
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Agenda

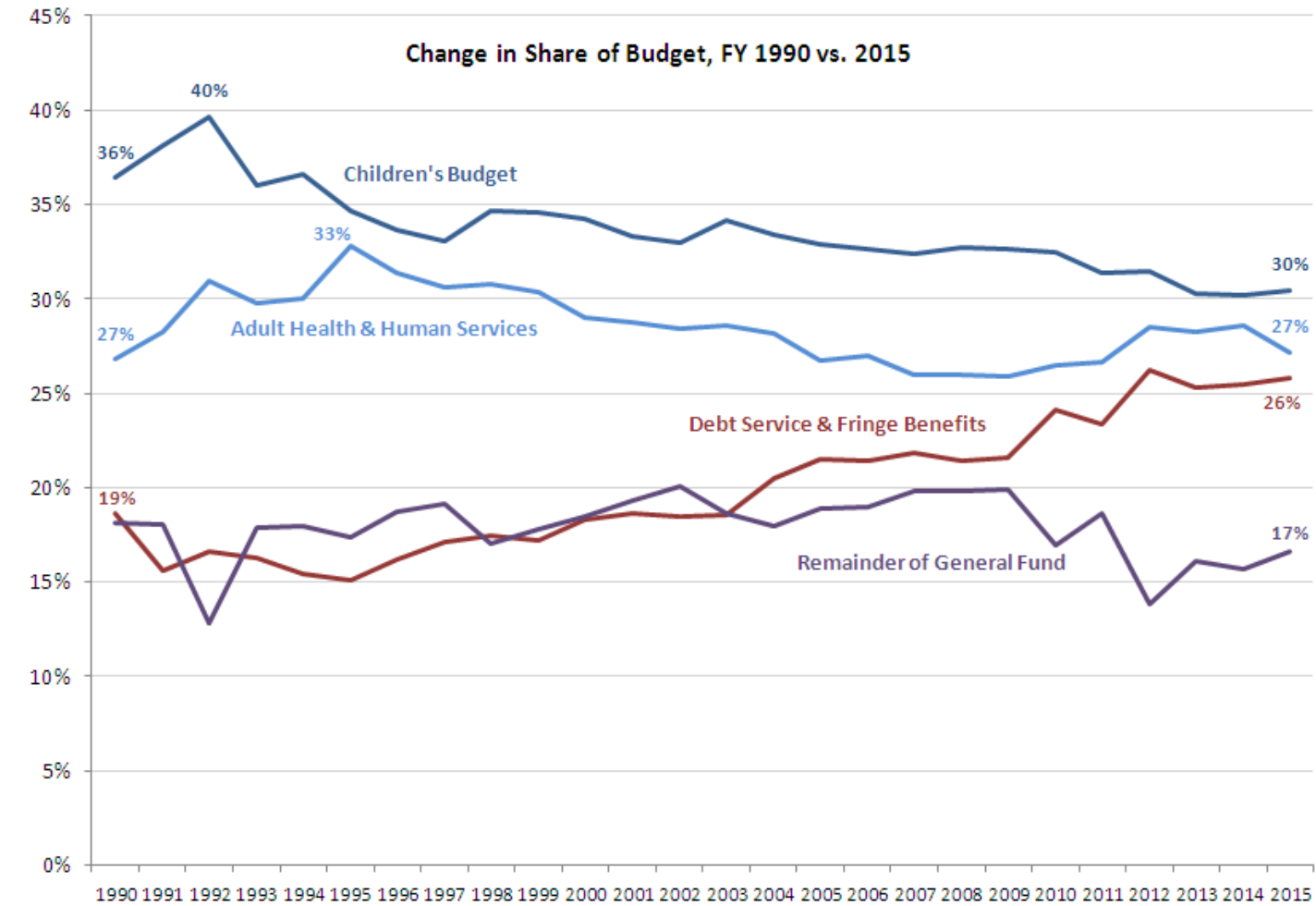
1. How does the budget process work?
2. Where does our budget stand?
3. What can we do?

How Does the Budget Process Work?



- Budget passed back and forth between Governor and Legislature, with time for public input

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?



➤ The Children's Budget: long-term decline in spending on children

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?

	FY 2016 Current Services	FY 2016 Proposed ²	Change from Current Services	Percent Change
Young Children				
State Department of Education	\$3,209,426,866	\$3,051,406,083	-\$158,020,783	-4.9%
Office of Early Childhood	\$277,262,440	\$270,766,769	-\$6,495,671	-2.3%
Department of Children and Families	\$828,498,662	\$812,820,810	-\$15,677,852	-1.9%
DSS Medicaid (HUSKY A) ³	\$805,459,200	\$748,914,800	-\$49,294,400	-6.1%
DSS TANF	\$104,370,000	\$102,625,380	-\$1,744,620	-1.7%
DSS HUSKY B (CHIP)	\$33,690,000	\$33,690,000	\$0	0.0%
DSS CT Children's Medical Center	\$15,579,200	\$15,579,200	\$0	0.0%
DDS Early Intervention	\$39,186,804	\$39,186,804	\$0	0.0%
DDS Voluntary Services	\$33,017,277	\$12,986,713	-\$20,030,564	-60.7%
DOL Jobs First	\$18,051,623	\$18,040,423	-\$11,200	-0.1%
DPH School-Based Health Clinics	\$12,048,716	\$11,024,576	-\$1,024,140	-8.5%
Youth				
Board of Regents	\$353,813,840	\$336,774,676	-\$17,039,164	-4.8%
University of Connecticut	\$258,812,447	\$219,377,020	-\$39,435,427	-15.2%
Office of Higher Education	\$47,178,537	\$42,276,326	-\$4,902,211	-10.3%
DOL Workforce Investment Act	\$31,284,295	\$31,284,295	\$0	0.0%
DMHAS Young Adult Services	\$82,898,847	\$80,206,667	-\$2,692,180	-3.3%
JUD Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	\$28,442,478	\$28,442,478	\$0	0.0%
JUD Youthful Offender Services	\$18,177,084	\$18,177,084	\$0	0.0%
Total Children's Budget	\$6,197,198,316	\$5,873,580,104	-\$316,368,212	-5.1%
Non-Children's Budget	\$12,394,901,684	\$12,128,219,896	-\$266,681,788	-2.2%
General Fund	\$18,592,100,000	\$18,001,800,000	-\$590,300,000	-3.2%

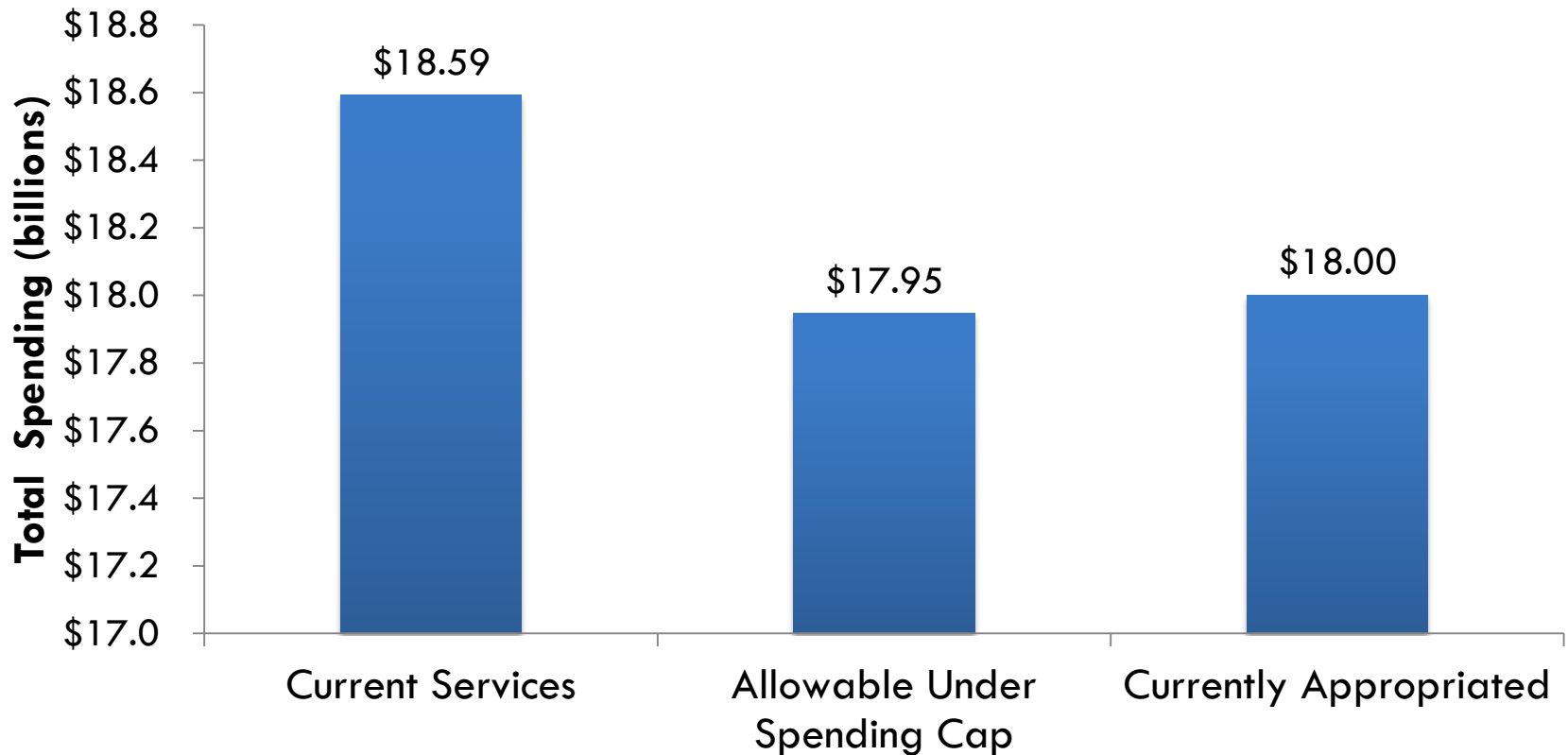
➤ Programs supporting children and families: one-third of budget, one-half of cuts

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?

- Cuts affect **every town** in the state
- EITC: **over \$11 million** in support to 190,000 low-income working families
 - Average benefit of ~\$500 to families with average income below \$18K
- Education Cost Sharing grants are flat funded in **every town**:
 - Translates to significant cut taking into account current services growth
- There are children & parents covered by Medicaid in **every town**:
 - A total of 14,477 births on HUSKY A in 2010
 - 39% of all births on HUSKY A
- Elimination of many small programs critical to Connecticut: Help Me Grow, Parent Trust, Parent Leadership, Family School Connection, Discovery Match, and many more

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?

Connecticut FY 16 Budget



➤ The spending cap limits our ability to address fiscal challenges.

What Can We Do?



End 1999 tax break for
home renovations:
\$25.2 million

Restore state support for
developmentally disabled
children by 60 percent:
\$20.0 million

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Maintain 1997 tax break
for Internet services:
\$62.2 million

Maintain health insurance for
low-income parents & pregnant
women *and* restore the EITC:
\$60.3 million

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