

Take Action to Fight More Cuts to Programs for Children!

After fighting hard to preserve funding for health care, education, and other critical public services for thousands of children and families, some of the revenue changes in the budget may be removed. **Without replacement revenue, this could mean additional cuts of nearly \$100 million to the programs we care about.**

These cuts, on top of millions already in place, could mean:

- \$80 million from Medicaid (including the HUSKY insurance program for parents and pregnant women);
- \$6.5 million from community residential services in the Department of Developmental Services;
- \$1.2 million from youth services in the Department of Mental Health and Addictions;
- \$1.8 million from Care4Kids;
- \$5 million from community colleges and Connecticut State University; and
- Millions more from crucial investments in our next generation.

Please call (preferable) or e-mail the legislator who represents you, as well as legislative leadership, and urge them not to allow any more cuts.

The budget as passed is fair and balanced. If the Legislature feels it must accept some changes to the revenue side, it should choose among a number of options, such as making our personal income tax more progressive, and eliminating unnecessary tax expenditures to avoid further cuts that would harm children and families.

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The time is now. Please take a few minutes now to call your [local legislators](#), thank them for their hard work this session and let them know you stand behind their support for a family friendly budget.

Thank you.