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Connecticut's Budget

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Agenda

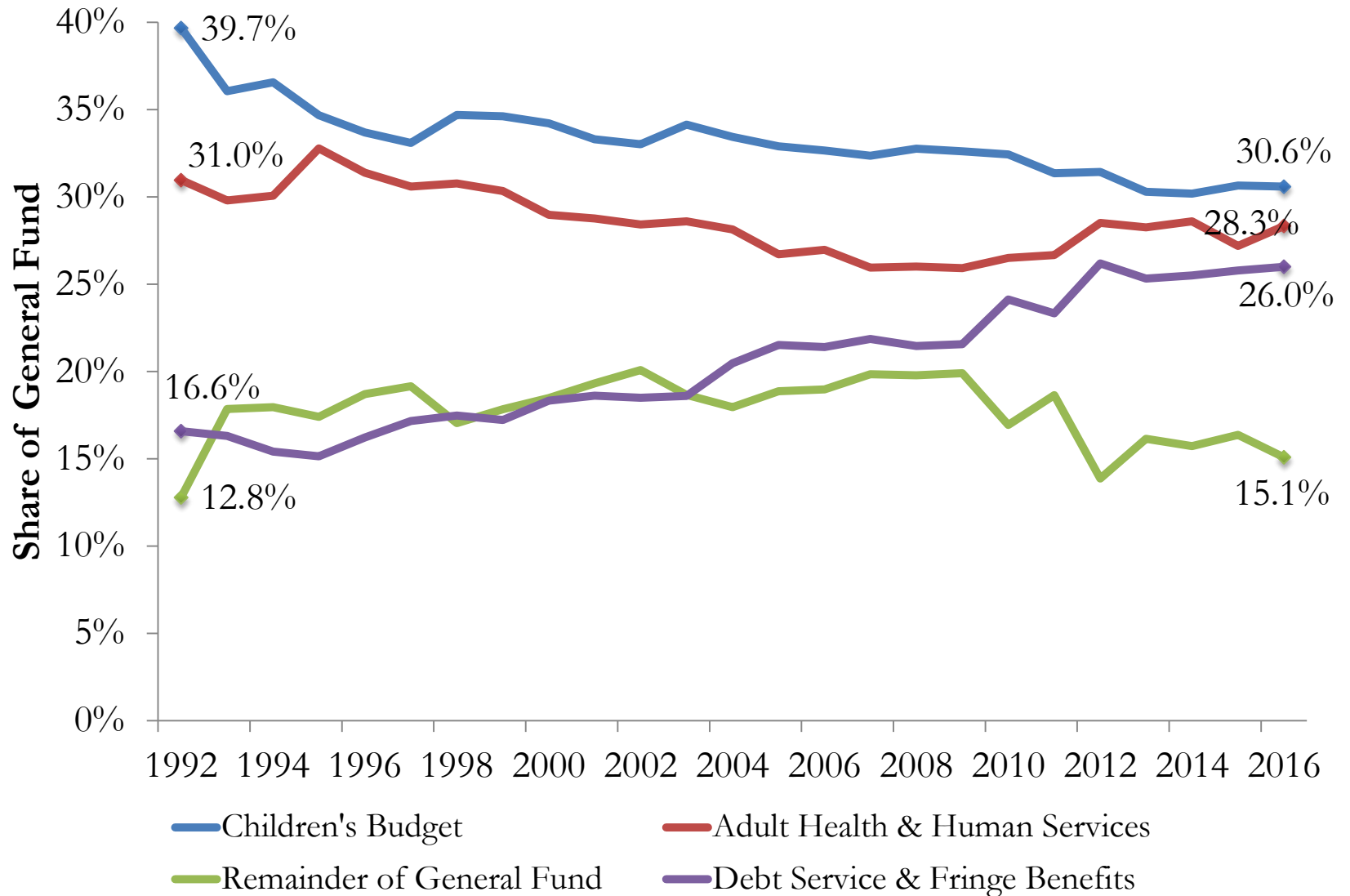
1. How does the budget process work?
2. Where does our budget stand?
3. What can we do?

How Does the Budget Process Work?



- Budget passed back and forth between Governor and Legislature, with time for public input
- Final budget will depend on tax revenue in April

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?



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Table 1: Largest Cuts to the Children's Budget in the Governor's FY 2017 Budget Reductions Proposal

	FY 2017 Appropriated	FY 2017 Recommended	FY 2017 Proposed Cuts	Percent Change
Young Children				
State Department of Education	\$3,100,190,364	\$3,030,786,963	\$69,403,401	-2.2%
Office of Early Childhood	\$297,352,885	\$292,875,687	\$4,477,198	-1.5%
Department of Children and Families	\$833,527,745	\$792,355,458	\$41,172,287	-4.9%
DSS Medicaid (HUSKY A) ²	\$813,692,160	\$800,740,000	\$12,952,160	-1.6%
DSS TANF	\$98,858,030	\$90,831,330	\$8,026,700	-8.1%
DSS HUSKY B (CHIP)	\$36,250,000	\$36,250,000	\$0	0.0%
DSS CT Children's Medical Center	\$14,800,240	\$14,074,833	\$725,407	-4.9%
DDS Behavioral Services	\$30,818,643	\$29,046,571	\$1,772,072	-5.8%
DOL Jobs First*	\$18,039,903	\$17,002,609	\$1,037,294	-5.8%
DPH School-Based Health Clinics*	\$11,898,107	\$10,653,268	\$1,244,839	-10.5%
Youth				
Board of Regents	\$358,002,116	\$331,836,214	\$26,165,902	-7.3%
University of Connecticut	\$248,969,082	\$229,424,862	\$19,544,220	-7.9%
Office of Higher Education	\$45,958,259	\$43,065,636	\$2,892,623	-6.3%
DOL Workforce Investment Act	\$32,104,008	\$32,104,008	\$0	0.0%
DMHAS Young Adult Services*	\$85,961,827	\$81,019,022	\$4,942,805	-5.8%
JUD Juvenile Alternative Incarceration*	\$56,504,295	\$53,255,298	\$3,248,997	-5.8%
JUD Youthful Offender Services*	\$18,177,084	\$17,131,902	\$1,045,182	-5.8%
Total Children's Budget	\$6,101,104,748	\$5,902,453,660	\$198,651,088	-3.3%
Non-Children's Budget	\$12,610,053,927	\$12,239,230,670	\$370,823,257	-2.9%
Total General Fund	\$18,711,158,675	\$18,141,684,330	\$569,474,345	-3.0%

Where Does Our Budget Stand Now?

- Abandoning “current services,” ignoring caseload growth/inflation
 - Result: budget understates actual effect of cuts
- Programs consolidated into “Agency Operations,” cut 5.75%
 - Result: difficult to determine how specific programs affected
 - Includes critical programs in DSS, DMHAS, DPH
- Other specific cuts to health include:
 - Orthodontia coverage for children on HUSKY A (\$3.2 million)
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (\$2.3 million)
 - School Based Health Centers (\$1.2 million)
 - Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (\$725,407)
 - HUSKY Independent Performance Monitoring (\$178,143)
- **Bottom line: programs could be cut deeply without us knowing, and could be cut further when tax revenue starts coming in**

What Can We Do?

- Contact your legislators
- Speak at public hearings, or submit written testimony
- We must make better choices: deep cuts or more revenue?



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