General Assembly's "50 Percent Budget"

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To close the General Assembly's budget gap, the State must:

- Cut community-provided services by $5 billion
- Cut State-provided services by $4.2 billion

These cuts will:

- Eliminate vital services for families throughout Illinois
- Force layoffs of more than 10,000 state workers
- Cost Illinois $2 billion in lost federal matching funds this year
- Endanger up to $3 billion in federal stimulus funds over the next two years

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Department of Human Services

To close General Assembly's budget gap, DHS must:

Cut funding for community-provided services by over $1 billion. Cuts include:

- Eliminating child care assistance for 142,085 children **$271 million**
- Cutting rates by 40 percent for providers who serve children and adults with developmental disabilities **$251 million**
- Eliminating programs for people with developmental disabilities
  - Autism programs
  - Respite and family assistance programs
  - Home-based support systems
  - Children's residential and group home services **$103 million**
- Ending addiction treatment for 20,800 adolescents and adults **$56 million**
- Reducing funding for community mental health programs **$108 million**
- Cutting funding for community health programs by 75 percent, including
  - Teen REACH
  - Healthy Families
  - Domestic Violence **$78 million**

Cutting these and other community-provided programs will eliminate vital services for hundreds of thousands of men, women and children.

Cut funding for state-provided services by $232 million. These cuts include:

- Closing six of nine state-operated psychiatric hospitals **$94 million**
- Closing four of nine state-operated developmental centers **$71 million**
- Closing 42 of 120 DHS Family and Community Resource Centers **$49 million**
- Closing Illinois School for the Deaf, Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education **$18 million**

Closings and cutbacks will result in layoffs of 5,400 full-time state employees.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

To close the General Assembly's budget gap, DCFS must:

Cut community-provided services by $388 million. These cuts include:

- Cutting payments by 50% to 23,000 families who adopt or serve as guardians for children in foster care **$109 million**
- Cutting payments by 50% on average to foster parents caring for 14,000 children **$54 million**
- Reducing services for youth with developmental disabilities, chronic mental illness and severe emotional disturbances **$46 million**
- Tripling foster care caseloads from 15 children to 50 children **$41 million**
- Eliminating daycare for 5,257 children **$26 million**
- Eliminating adoption preservation services **$6 million**
- Eliminating all foster care respite and support services **$8 million**
- Eliminate all state funding for 36 Child Advocacy Centers that serve abused children **$4 million**

Cutting these and other DCFS programs will eliminate necessary services to 16,000 children and their families.

Cut state-provided services by $72 million. These cuts include:

- Closing 15 of 70 DCFS Field Offices **$13 million**
- Tripling DCFS staff workers' foster care caseloads from 15 children to 50 children **$12 million**
- Nearly doubling DCFS investigative caseloads from 11 to 20 active cases per investigator **$12 million**

These closings and other cutbacks will result in layoffs of 1,171 full-time state employees – 38 percent of the Department's workforce.

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Department on Aging

To close the General Assembly's budget gap, the Department on Aging must cut community-provided services and grants to Illinois seniors by $388 million. These cuts include:

- Eliminating all community care program services for 20,000 lower-income seniors who are not eligible for Medicaid and reducing benefits to 55 percent for the remaining 35,000 Medicaid-eligible community care clients **- $315 million**

- Reducing case management service for 55,000 frail seniors - **$18 million**

- Cutting Circuit Breaker grants by 50 percent, which provide property tax relief for 238,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities **- $24 million**

Cutting these programs will affect almost 300,000 seniors and people with disabilities throughout Illinois.

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Illinois Student Assistance Commission

To close General Assembly's budget gap, ISAC must:

Cut financial aid to Illinois college students by $275 million. These cuts include:

- Reducing MAP scholarship awards by 75 percent for 145,000 low-income students **$242 million**
- Cutting book stipends by 50 percent for 2,500 low-income, first-time college students **$5 million**
- Eliminating Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program for 580 students **$3 million**
- Eliminating Future Teacher/Golden Apple Scholarships for 900 students **$7 million**

Eliminating these and other scholarship programs will affect 184,000 Illinois students.

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

To close the General Assembly's budget gap, the Department of Public Health must:

Cut community public health services by $61 million. These cuts include:

- Reducing from 38,500 to 17,000 the number of women screened and treated through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program **$9 million**
- Eliminating Vaccines for Children Plus program **$5 million**
- Eliminating grants to Local Health Departments for food, water, sewage and infectious disease services **17 million**
- Eliminating grant to Illinois Poison Control Center for 24-hour hotline, prevention and treatment **$2 million**
- Eliminating Community Health Center Expansion sustaining funds **$3 million**
- Eliminating grants to 11 Regional Perinatal Centers providing services to high-risk newborns throughout the state **$2 million**
- Eliminating Vision and Hearing Screening grants funding services to 100,000 schoolchildren statewide **$600,000**
- Eliminating the Communities of Color Prostate Cancer Initiative providing outreach, education and screenings to 75,000 Illinois men **$1 million**
- Eliminating the Communities of Color HIV/AIDS Initiative providing education and HIV testing to more than 300,000 youth and adults **$3 million**
- Eliminating Juvenile Diabetes Research grant **$1 million**

Cutting these and other grant programs will eliminate preventive services that protect the health of the people of Illinois.

Cut state-provided preventive services by $9.5 million. These cuts include:

- Laying off 64 state workers who investigate possible neglect and abuse of nursing home residents **$4 million**
- Laying off 40 state workers who monitor and regulate water quality at public swimming pools, beaches, youth camps, and wells **$2 million**

These cutbacks will result in layoffs of 104 full-time state employees.