

AgeOptions Alert

Services Are in Jeopardy

Aging services are on the chopping block at the state and federal levels of government. Calls to elected officials are suggested to assure that they know a vote for the current budget proposals will have real impact on their older constituents.

Illinois General Assembly is proposing up to \$28,175,000 in cuts to senior citizen services and programs including:

- Up to 60% cuts in Grandparents Raising Grandchildren services
- Up to 100% cuts in Intergenerational Programs
- Up to 60% cuts in Senior Employment Specialist funding
- Up to 44.6% cuts in the Senior Helpline
- Up to 14% cuts in Home Delivered Meals impacting 3,041 home bound older persons by cutting 468,814 meals
- 100% cut in Circuit Breaker impacting over 348,000 low-income older Illinoisans
- Up to 16.1% cuts in Care Coordination for homebound and severely impaired elders (impacting 11,270 older persons)
- Up to 26.7% cuts in home and adult day care services for homebound and severely impaired low income elders
- Up to 20.8% slashes in Community Based Services designed to patch together community responses when service disruptions and elimination of services occur. This will impact over 22,925 older persons who receive information, in-home, respite, legal assistance and other services.
- Up to 20.8% cuts in Foster Grandparent programs
- Up to 20.8% cuts in RSVP Programs
- Up to 20.8% cuts in Planning and Service Area Grants that draw down over \$40 million in federal funding and support 259 community agencies, 84 nutrition projects and 512,000 older persons statewide.

Federal Proposals being advanced in the U.S. House of Representatives will eliminate \$18 billion from Health and Human Service programs. The entire Older Americans Act equals 8% of that total reduction. The actual plan for reducing services and programs is not being shared at this time. (over)

Suburban Cook County Members of the Illinois General Assembly

Please dial the AARP Hot Line – (800)664-9903 – which will lead you to your State House Member when you dial in your zip code.

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