

How Does the U.S. House Budget Resolution Affect the Children of New Hampshire?

The children of New Hampshire face substantial challenges every dayⁱ

- 20,254 live in poverty
- 17,000 do not have health insurance
- 17,315 were reported abused in the last year examined
- 1,795 (11.2%) 2 year olds have not been immunized
- 15,316 (49.0%) 3-4 year olds are not enrolled in a nursery school, pre-school, or pre-kindergarten education program
- 25% of fourth graders scored below basic reading levels



The budget resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, and currently being worked on by the House and Senate, will place even greater burdens on children and families. In New Hampshireⁱⁱ:

- 99,000 children and adults are on **Medicaid**, and 6,000 children receive health insurance from the **NH Healthy Kids** program. Congress is considering cuts that could cost these children and families in New Hampshire from **\$55,000,000** to **\$74,000,000** in Medicaid and other child health insurance funding.
- 48,000 families, many with children, receive **food stamps**. Congress is considering cuts that could cost these families New Hampshire from **\$5,000,000** to **\$9,000,000** in food stamp assistance.
- 58,000 families receive an **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, a **refundable tax credit** that provides tax relief and wage supplements to low-income working families. Congress is considering cuts from this tax credit that could cost these families in New Hampshire **\$10,000,000**.
- 14,400 low-income families receive support, including **child care**, from the **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program. Congress is considering cuts from this program that could cost these families in New Hampshire **\$5,500,000**.
- 1,100 abused or neglected children and their adoptive families receive federally-funded **foster care and adoption assistance**. Congress is considering cuts from this program that could cost these children in New Hampshire **\$5,500,000**.
- New Hampshire could lose as much as **\$1,000,000** in federal grants from the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), a prime source of federal support for **abused and neglected children**.

To make up for these federal cuts to programs to support low-income families, cuts that could range from \$91,000,000 to \$115,000,000, the state of New Hampshire will have to consider raising state and/or local taxes as well as cutting vital services for vulnerable children and families.

This week, the U.S. Congress will return from recess and the House and Senate will work out their differences in a conference. **If you believe that the budget passed by the U.S. House, containing the cuts described above, harms New Hampshire's children and does not address vital needs in developing the 21st century workforce, call your U.S. Senators and tell them to vote against any budget that contains these cuts.** You can reach Senator Judd Gregg at (202) 224-3324 and Senator John Sununu at (202) 224-2841. Too much is at stake for the needs of America's children to be elbowed off the table.

Please visit www.everychildmatters.org for frequent updates on the federal budget and what it means for New Hampshire.

Invest in Kids – Yea!! Irresponsible Budget Cuts – Nay!!



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ⁱ See https://secure2.convio.net/ecm/admin/DocServer/ecm_datasources.html?docID=1405 for source citations

ⁱⁱ See <http://www.cbpp.org/3-30-05bud.htm> for details on the effect of the budget cuts in House budget resolution for all states and how the numbers were arrived at. All dollar amount costs are cumulative and apply from the years 2006 to 2010.