

## Illinois' Budget Crisis is Harming Families & Communities RIGHT NOW

*As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the state has stopped funding vital services for children, families, and communities. Providers have already been forced to cut off families from vital services and eliminate essential jobs. Some have closed their doors. Illinois' families, communities, and economy are being harmed RIGHT NOW.*

- **90% of working families applying for childcare assistance are no longer eligible.** Parents who applied for childcare after July 1<sup>st</sup> and are working more than 20 hours a week at minimum wage **do not qualify** for the program, including [Sharron Newsom's family](#) in Chicago. Even parents whose children have been previously enrolled in the program are **losing** their childcare if they take their child out for 30 days, which happened to [Tony Celani's family](#) of Belvidere when he attended school to receive his EMT certification.
- **TAP (The Autism Program) is not being funded for nearly 1,800 families.**
  - The Charleston TAP facility **CLOSED**.
  - Families in the Metro East region are losing access to home therapy services, **including Tara Miller's family**.
  - Chicago & Rockford **are running at 50% capacity**, meaning only one staffer is working at each location.
- **Epilepsy grants are not being funded**, which caused the Epilepsy Resource Center in Springfield to **CLOSE**.
- **After school programs have CLOSED.** The state has stopped funding the Teen REACH grant, causing after school programs at YMCAs in [Chicago](#), [Rockford](#), and [across the state](#) to shut down.
- **Early Intervention therapists are not being paid.** [Jackie Bruns of Troy and her two year-old son, Trey](#), are among those harmed. Bruns' son's therapist told her he would not be offering services after August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Seniors and those with disabilities who apply are not receiving needed independent living services. Additionally, the Governor is seeking rule changes that would cut off 34,000 individuals from their attendant and homemaker services.** The Northern Illinois Center for Independent Living **CLOSED** and people like [Michelle Garcia](#) of Chicago who are waiting to receive attendant services are not receiving them.
- **60,000 families are enduring extreme temperatures without cooling assistance.** [Eighty-year-old Helen King](#) of Chicago is one of the seniors being harmed. If the crisis continues into the winter, 155,000 families would lose heating assistance.
- **Good-paying jobs and critical infrastructure are at risk.** The Capital Development Board — which oversees construction of state facilities, such as prisons, college classroom buildings, and mental health hospitals — **suspended \$462.6 million** in work around Illinois.

- **Public transit is no longer available in some downstate communities.** The Monroe Randolph Transit District in Southern Illinois – which allowed seniors to get to medical appointments, children to travel to day care, and parents to get to work - announced it would [CLOSE](#) indefinitely on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Illinois stopped funding college tuition assistance for 120,000 students.** Low-income students who were promised funding from the MAP program [may not receive the money](#) and may have to leave school.
- **Eastern Illinois University announced it [is cutting](#) 67 staff and leaving 51 positions unfilled.**
- **The state stopped funding grants for psychiatrists,** forcing providers to [turn away](#) new patients with serious mental illness who do not have health insurance.
- **Substance abuse programs have been shuttered and treatment for [70,000 Illinoisans](#) are at risk.** A substance abuse treatment program at a youth detention facility in Southern Illinois has been [CLOSED](#).
- **Illinois stopped funding for 75,000 survivors of domestic violence.**
- **Services for immigrants are not being funded by the state,** which has caused the Latino Organization of the Southwest to completely [SHUT DOWN](#) operations after more than 20 years of service. Mujeres Latinas En Accion - a Chicago nonprofit that provides services to immigrants and victims of domestic violence – is operating at [60% capacity](#) and had to put domestic violence victims on a waiting list.
- **The state stopped funding breast and cervical cancer screenings for thousands of women.**
- **Public health organizations have cut staff and services.** 65 staffers – including food inspectors and those who provide health care to children – [were let go](#) at the East St. Louis Health District.
- **Those with HIV/AIDS will [no longer](#) receive prescription assistance that allows them to afford vital medications.**
- **Providers of homeless services have been forced to lay off case managers,** including [three of seven](#) at Inspiration Corporation in Chicago.
- **The 138-year-old State Museum is in danger of closing.** The Museum [brings in](#) \$33 million in tourism revenue and \$2 million in federal grants, but only costs \$6.29 million to operate.
- **The Governor has sent [lay off notices](#) to museum curators and librarians and those who work on nuclear safety, tourism, recycling, and utilities oversight.**

[See linked info graphic](#) for more information on the types of services that are not being funded by the state during this budget crisis