

Action Alert!

Time-sensitive facts regarding legislation affecting Michigan's children and families.

for Child and Family Advocates



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On February 11, 2011, the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee released a comprehensive list of spending cuts included in the Continuing Resolution (CR) bill (H.R. 1). Total spending cuts exceed \$100 billion, including \$81 billion in non-security spending reductions. Cuts to the U.S. Department of Education total nearly \$4.9 billion and cuts to the U.S. Department of Labor total approximately \$2.9 billion. The CR specifically targets funding provided within the Labor, Health, and Human Services (L-HHS) budget for job training programs managed by the U.S. Department of Labor. With national unemployment rates still hovering around 9% and youth unemployment rates at an astounding 26.3% for youth ages 16-19 and 16.3% for youth ages 20-24, cuts to critical job training, education and skills programs only serves to further devastate efforts to put Americans, both young and old, back to work. **If the spending reductions and terminations are enacted, all funding for the Workforce Investment Act (youth, adult and dislocated worker) would be eliminated for Program Year 2011.**

In addition to extensive cuts, the House CR eliminates all federal funding for several key programs. The table below contains some highlights of the CR that may be relevant to your work.

Program	FY2010 Enacted	House CR FY 2011
U.S. Department of Labor		
Training and Employment Services	\$3,828,530,000	\$221,699,000
WIA Grants to States	\$2,969,449,000	\$0 (effectively eliminates funding available at start of PY2011)
Adult	\$861,540,000	\$0 (no July 1 allotment and no advance for FY2012)
Youth	\$924,069,000	\$0 (no April 1 allotment)
Dislocated Workers	\$1,183,840,000	\$0 (no July 1 allotment and no advance for FY2012)
Job Corps	\$1,711,000,000	\$1,411,000,000
Youth Build	\$102,500,000	\$0
Re-integration of Ex-Offenders	\$108,493,000	\$0
Green Jobs Innovation Fund	\$40,000,000	\$0
Career Pathways Innovation Fund	\$125,000,000	\$0
U.S. Department of Education		
TRIO	\$910,090,000	\$910,089,975
GEAR-UP	\$323,210,000	\$323,190,700
Pell Grants	Maximum award per student: \$4,860	Maximum award per student: \$4,015
High School Graduation Initiative	\$50,000	\$0
Tech Prep State Grants	\$102,920,000	\$0
State Grants for Incarcerated Youth	\$17,170,000	\$0
Independent Agencies		
AmeriCorps	\$372,550,000	\$0
Corporation for National and Community Service	\$1,200,000,000	\$0

The House began debate on the CR today and hopes to have it ready to send to the Senate by the end of next week. Due to a scheduled recess the week of February 21 – 25, the Senate will not be able to take up the bill until the first week of March.

What You Can Do

Whether your program was eliminated, reduced, or spared in the CR, we encourage you to contact Your Members of Congress to highlight the value and the need for youth programs and to urge them to maintain funding for youth employment, education, and training. The House and Senate will recess next week providing you with an excellent opportunity to invite Members to visit your programs in their home districts. These visits will allow Members to witness firsthand the negative implications the proposed cuts will have on our nation's most vulnerable if this legislation moves forward in its current form. By following this link

http://michiganschildren.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=109:legislative-contacts&catid=87&Itemid=170 you can find the name of your Congressional Member and his or her contact information for offices both in state and in Washington, D.C.