



DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform

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Virtual Rally Instructions

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Chairman

Following is information that can be used to help your agency conduct a virtual rally if you are unable to be with us in person June 19, 2009 at 2 PM in Wheaton in the courtyard of the DuPage County Courthouse.

Richard Endress
*Immediate Past
Chairman*

- Use email, phone, Facebook and Twitter sites for our legislators.
- If you have your own Facebook or Twitter accounts, post to those.
- Complete a You Tube video telling the impact these cuts will have on you or your agency
- Link the video to the Federation You Tube site (instructions are at the end). We will be linking the You Tube site to the Federation website. Feel free to put a Link on your sites.

Candace M. King
Executive Director

Thank you for all you are doing. Together we can have an impact and ensure our voices are heard.

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Draft e-mail/letter to employees, advocates, clients and donors (sample below)

When the Illinois General Assembly left Springfield on June 1, they left with their jobs undone and their obligations unmet. One of the primary obligations for elected officials of both parties is a shared responsibility to enact a budget that meets the state's moral and legal obligation to protect public safety, safeguard public health, strengthen our economy, and ensure every child has the educational opportunity they deserve.

Privately, lawmakers from both parties recognize the need to raise additional revenue due to both the downturn in state revenues caused by the current economic crisis and a state structural budget deficit that dates back over several administrations. But publicly, both have failed to do what is necessary, instead leaving a massive budget hole and resorting to political finger-pointing about who is to blame.

Even though the disagreements among legislators are the same as we see every year, this year is different. In prior years when a budget impasse was reached our legislators stayed working in Springfield until a budget compromise was reached. This year members passed a budget on time, but it is a budget that forced many services to be cut 50% to 100%.

Illinois families, who depend on services such as home care for seniors and day care for children, are being held hostage to politics, and our agency and those we partner with throughout the state are facing devastating cuts to our ability to deliver vital services to the public. Unlike the state, our agency is not able to wait to the fall legislative session to meet their fiscal obligations. Failure of the state to fund programs now, means that people will begin to lose essential services now.

[INSERT DETAILS ABOUT HOW CUTS ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT YOUR AGENCY, IF KNOWN]

As we approach the new fiscal year and the real possibility of a Doomsday budget, we need your help and leadership in demanding that lawmakers from both parties stop the finger-pointing, set aside partisan politics and work together to craft a responsible budget.

We are also asking you to call both your State Senator and your State Representative and seek their help to avert this human disaster. You can use one of the following messages or one of your own

- Cutting public services in the midst of an economic crisis is irresponsible. The worst economic downturn in memory and the highest unemployment rate in decades mean that the need for state supported services is greater than ever. To substantially reduce such funding, even given the state strained budgetary dollars, is to default on state's constitutional obligations to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people, eliminate poverty and inequality while providing for the fullest development of the individual. The need for health care, education, income assistance and family services, among others, is increasing and state support for them should as well.
- Cutting vital preventative programs will cost taxpayers more in the long run and make our economy worse. Study-after-study shows that every dollar invested in the state's prevention programs saves taxpayers an average of \$6 to \$8 down the road. For example: One in 11 Illinois teens uses illegal drugs on a monthly basis, and the resulting special education costs account for more than 10% of our state's education budget. But instead of increasing our investment to prevent teen drug use, knowing

that every dollar we invest in substance abuse prevention saves taxpayers \$7 down the road, lawmakers have eliminated funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment altogether.

Sample Twitter message (limited to 140 words this is 108 words) or Facebook Post

Ending key services for children, working parents, and persons with disabilities is too costly. Study-after-study shows that every dollar invested in the state's prevention programs saves taxpayers an average of \$6 to \$8 down the road since individuals are diverted from using costly services provided in hospital emergency rooms, courtrooms, jails, prisons and state institutions. During the worst economic downturn in memory and the highest unemployment rate in decades the need for state supported services is greater than ever. It is too costly for Illinois leadership to wait. Act now to pass a responsible budget including meaningful finance reform. Take action NOW to resolve the Illinois budget crisis.

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Facebook and Twitter Information

Illinois House Republicans
Facebook: Illinois House Republicans (public)
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Illinois Senate Republicans
Facebook: Illinois Senate Republicans
Twitter: ILSenateGOP

Illinois Senate Democrats
Facebook: Illinois Senate Democrats (public)
Twitter: ILSenDems

Illinois Senate Republican Caucus
Facebook: Illinois Senate Republican Caucus (public)

Illinois Senate Democrat Caucus
Facebook: Illinois Senate Democrat Caucus (public)

Posting Video to You Tube

- Complete a video using your camera, phone or other video recording device.
- Upload your video from your phone, camera or computer to the You Tube website.
- Go to You Tube and create a new user account. This is a free service.
- Once you have created an account, go to the upper right hand corner of the website and hit the Upload button.
- You will be prompted to browse your files and upload the video file of your choice.

We are asking that all videos that are uploaded for the purpose of this DuPage County virtual rally use the following titles and tags. (Please use all of the tags provided below.) By entering the same title and the same tag we will make sure all posted videos are linked together.

- **Title:** Human Impact of Illinois Budget Cuts in DuPage County
- **Tags:** DuPage County, Illinois Budget Cuts, DuPage Federation
- Feel free to enter your own description of the video and whatever other contact information that you feel necessary.