



**We are a diverse network of health and human services advocates, allies, and consumers that support creating and protecting jobs and putting California on the path to economic and family recovery.**

The HHS Network of California strongly encourages lawmakers and state leaders to work together to pass a budget that helps get families back on track and back to work, ensure that our state's essential services remain intact and fully functioning, and puts us on the path to a more prosperous future.



### **LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PASS THE BUDGET IN THE LEGISLATURE AND GET CALIFORNIA WORKING AGAIN**

Californians are counting on our legislators and Governor Jerry Brown to work together to produce a budget that puts California on the road to economic and family recovery.

We can accomplish this goal if state leaders are willing to stand above the partisan divide and recognize California's overwhelming need to secure a budget that creates and maintains jobs, protects our health care, invests in our schools, and preserves other essential programs including CalWORKS, In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Day Health Care, childcare, and many others.

### **MAINTAIN CURRENT REVENUE STREAMS**

The Governor's May Revise proposal once again offers the legislature an opportunity to put California's fiscal house back in order and get our seniors, families, kids, and people with disabilities back on the track to recovery. Maintaining existing revenue streams by adopting the Governor's proposal is essential for preventing even more devastating cuts.

### **COMMIT TO MAKING NO MORE CUTS!**

Californians have already suffered **\$22 billion in dangerous spending cuts to critical health care and human services programs over the last three years** – this includes \$6 billion in steep cuts back in March. Because of these cuts:

- Families will have fewer opportunities to move from welfare to work, even as the stagnant economy makes finding employment harder than ever.
- Health care costs are higher than ever, and fewer doctors have their doors open to Medi-Cal patients.
- Seniors and people with disabilities will be forced to enter costly state-run institutions and hospitals rather than living independent lives at homes with their families.

### **DON'T "CAP" CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE!**

If steep cuts to health and human services make life worse for seniors, kids, and families – spending caps guarantee it will never get any better by creating an artificial ceiling and limiting California's ability to respond to the needs of a growing and aging population.

- California doesn't have a "spending problem," we have a REVENUE problem. General fund spending has been relatively flat since Ronald Reagan was governor. Spending on corrections, debt service, and transportation has increased, while spending on virtually all other parts of the budget has declined in recent years.
- A spending cap would also force additional cuts to health and human services because it fails to take into account rising health care costs – which are growing faster than inflation.