

HURTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE

On May 31 the General Assembly passed a partial budget that has a devastating effect on the people of Illinois. Here are some of the possible consequences:

- 65,000 people with alcohol and substance addictions would lose treatment;
- 80,000 low-income working mothers would lose childcare services that allow them to keep their jobs;
- Over 20,000 seniors would lose the services they need to stay in their homes;
- 15,000 kids' foster parents would see their support cut in half;
- 23,000 adoption subsidies would be cut;
- 175,000 people would lose community mental health services, dramatically increasing homelessness, institutionalization and incarceration rates;
- All rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities would be eliminated;
- 56,000 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault would lose services;
- 5,500 people with disabilities would lose their community-based services;
- 463,000 children and teens would lose critical services in areas such as substance abuse, teen pregnancy, violence and delinquency;
- 190,000 students would lose college scholarships.