

ALERT! Ask Your Legislators to Protect Programs that Serve Children

Thanks to all who wrote letters, emails or made phone calls asking your legislators not to make cuts to programs that help our children. The budget resolution that was passed had fewer cuts than anticipated, so all of your advocacy efforts were a big help to reduce the amount of these cuts.

The House-Senate Conference Committee has passed their federal budget resolution which gives instructions to committees of the House and Senate to reduce entitlement programs by \$35 billion through reconciliation bills. September 16th is the deadline for Committees to make their cuts. According to the Child Welfare League of American there is still the possibility of spending cuts to Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs.

What Can You Do?

Continue to call, write or email your Senators and Representative and ask for their support in protecting funding and programs that serve children and ask that they oppose cuts, block grants or capping of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs.

For more detailed information you can go to:
<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/update050503.htm>.

To find your Representative's contact information you can go to <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> and to find your Senator's contact information you can go to <http://www.senate.gov/>, or you can call the U.S. switchboard at 202-224-3121.