



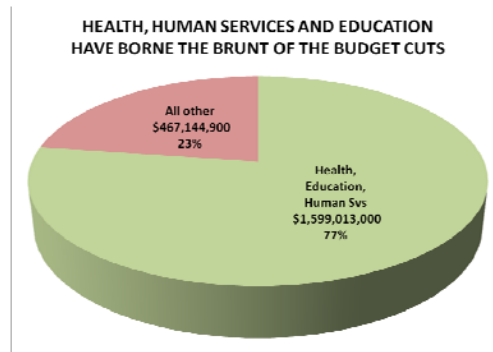
# Children's Action Alliance

*A Voice for Arizona's Children since 1988*

## **MORE THAN 75% OF ARIZONA BUDGET CUTS HAVE BEEN TO HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION**

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*Since February 2009, \$2.1 billion has been cut out of the state budget in an effort to balance the budget. \$1.6 billion of this has been to health, human services and education programs. Many programs have been left completely unfunded, while others have been significantly reduced.*



### **Health Care**

- KidsCare provides health care for children of low-income, working parents. Originally legislation was passed to completely eliminate the coverage effective June 15, 2010. However, due to the passage of federal health care reform, KidsCare remains for children already enrolled but is closed to anyone else. More than 100 children are being turned away each day from the health care they need. Since January 2010, more than 53,000 applications have been submitted but not processed due to the freeze.

**Cost to fund: \$11 million**

- Children's Rehabilitative Services provides specialized, often expensive, medical care for children with special and intensive health care needs who have either exhausted or lack private health care benefits. During the 2009 budget cuts, funding was eliminated for more than 850 children whose families' income is above the federal Medicaid requirements (100% of the federal poverty level). Today, only children who qualify for Medicaid receive services.

**Cost to fund: \$3.6 million**

- Behavioral health services for children and adults who do not meet federal Medicaid eligibility were significantly changed effective July 1, 2010. Services were completely eliminated for 4,200 children. Services for 14,600 seriously mentally ill adults were significantly reduced.

**Cost to fund: \$36 million**

- Prevention programs, including child abuse prevention, transportation, hospitalization and home follow-up for high risk infants, and vaccines.

**Cost to fund: \$21.9 million**

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## Education

- Full day kindergarten funding was eliminated.  
**Cost to fund: \$218.3 million**
- Pre-school, targeted funding for kindergarten thru 3rd grade, dropout prevention, adult education and family literacy programs were eliminated.  
**Cost to fund: \$38 million**
- Per pupil base funding for all K-12 education was cut, as was assistance for charter schools.  
**Cost to fund: \$139.7 million**
- “Soft capital” for K-12 schools – books, computers, and classroom supplies – was cut.  
**Cost to fund: \$21 million**
- Child care monthly subsidies for low-income working families were cut and more than 11,000 qualified families have been turned away.  
**Cost to fund: \$16 million**

## Family Support

- Cash assistance for the poorest mothers and children was reduced by 20% effective February 2009 and the maximum length of time a family could receive cash assistance was reduced from 60 months to 36 months effective July 1, 2010. Assistance was restricted for grandparents raising their children, disqualifying an estimated 10,000 families and 17,000 children from benefits.  
**Cost to fund: \$34.4 million**
- Supports that allow children involved in the Child Protective Services system to remain safely in their own homes as well as support for adoptive families.  
**Cost to fund: \$5.3 million**
- Emergency services, domestic violence shelters, and in-home assistance for older Arizonans were cut.  
**Cost to fund: \$16 million**
- Grandparent kinship care provided a small monthly stipend plus one-time assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren. The assistance was eliminated during the 2010 mid-year cuts.  
**Cost to fund: \$900,000**