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Dear Colleagues,

Below you will find lists of upcoming activities and information (including attached "doomsday" message).

If you should have other events/information/updates you would like to pass on to our larger e-mail distribution list, please let us know.

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## 1.

There will be a briefing of the budget situation by the gov's staff in Chicago on Tuesday at the Bilandic building, 160 N. LaSalle Street in the 5th floor auditorium at 10:30 am. This is not a rally or any kind of a mass event (I know such are planned on other days by you and others) but rather an opportunity to go over the big picture numbers about the shortfall in the legislature's 50% budget. This meeting is not unlike the briefings that we had in Springfield at the time of the budget presentation in March.

Jerome Stermer  
Chief of Staff to Governor Pat Quinn

## 2.

**RALLY FOR OUR CLIENTS!**

**Clients in danger of losing vital services due to Illinois budget cuts!**

**Help us save funding for our programs.**

The current Illinois budget leaves human services programs with only 50 percent of the funding requested. This cut would have devastating consequences for the women, children and families our organizations serve. [Click here to get the full story.](#)

Join us at our rally at **11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16 2009 at the James R. Thompson Center.** Bring your posters, wear your t-shirts and bring your rallying spirit. Encourage your clients and supporters to also attend. We need to show the faces of our work!

If your organization has a client that would like to speak, or for more information, please contact Sarah Frick at [sarah.frick@ywcachicago.org](mailto:sarah.frick@ywcachicago.org).

For additional resources or ideas for communication materials, feel free to visit the YWCA's website at [www.ywcachicago.org](http://www.ywcachicago.org).

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00 a.m.** for rally calling for full funding of health and human services by the State of Illinois

which is currently threatening to slash human service budgets by as much as 50%. The rally will take place at the **Thompson Center**, featuring State legislators including Representative Julie Hamos, immediately following a press conference.

I don't need to tell you that we are on the brink of a social service collapse if this budget stands. You can make our stance even stronger by helping us illustrate the effects of inadequate funding on **children, the elderly, the disabled, the homeless, victims of violence, the hungry and many other people in need**. Please forward any information that may compel the State not to walk away from human services that we can include in our press kit. Feel free to submit information that you already have prepared and that clearly captures the issue areas at risk of elimination. We'd like this information no later than **3 p.m. on Monday, June 15**.

Thank you for lending your voice to this important cause.

**Here is an example of what we are looking for:**

SPECIFICALLY TO MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCIÓN, BUDGET CUTS WOULD ELIMINATE OR DRASTICALLY CUT THREE VITAL PROGRAMS, LEAVING FAMILIES WITHOUT ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, TEEN PROGRAMS AND CHILDCARE. THIS MEANS BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,500 WOMEN WOULD NOT RECEIVE SERVICES INCLUDING COURT ADVOCACY AND INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING FOR BOTH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SURVIVORS OF RAPE.

Submitted by United Way Agency Partner *Mujeres Latinas en Accion* in Chicago

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**3.**  
**RALLY TO STOP DEVASTATING CUTS TO SERVICES!**

**Thursday June 18th, 11:30am, 100 W. Randolph St. (Thompson Center)**

The top four legislative leaders and Governor Quinn will meet again Thursday June 18th at noon to discuss the budget. The Illinois legislature's budget still cuts 50% of programs that help people survive during this economic crisis.

Affordable childcare for working parents, home care for seniors and people with disabilities, mental health treatment, domestic violence services, homeless prevention, after-school programs and many other services are at risk of being cut in half or eliminated completely - causing a loss of over 100,000 jobs!!!

In addition to the rally, call your state legislators and tell them to put people over politics and fix this mess! You can find your legislators by clicking here and entering your address.

SPREAD THE WORD AND TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

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**4.**

IADDA will be hosting a major rally the week of June 22, to coincide with the leaders meeting that week. The tentative location is the Thompson center, but that will be subject to the time and location of the leaders meeting. We are inviting all human service agencies to attend this event. Once we know the exact date, time and location, I will send an invitation to you to forward to your membership.

**5.**

Voices for Illinois Children has created some great materials which can be found at their website: <http://voices4kids.org/getinvolved/callforkids.html>

- Talking points for speaking with legislators
- Responses to some of legislators' more common explanations of why they didn't/won't vote for an income tax increase

- Roll calls on income tax votes
- Frequently asked questions on the current budget situation
- A press release template for orgs. that want to declare their support of an income tax increase

## 6.

The Coalition Steering Committee discussed this yesterday and we felt that the time for such a mass rally should be the week after next, when all agencies know what and how much the cuts will affect people. It would be either in Chicago or Springfield but at the location that the four leaders and Governor are meeting. Don

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Don and others, isn't it time to stage a major rally in Chicago about the cuts to human services?  
In my opinion, we need a major media event.

**Don't know your legislator, go here: <http://www.votesmart.org/>**

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**In a message dated 6/12/2009 8:13:58 A.M. Central Daylight Time, [dmoossinc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmoossinc@sbcglobal.net) writes:**

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## HUMAN SERVICES COALITION CALLS FOR HUMANE STATE BUDGET

The Human Services Coalition, a statewide collaboration of 125 organizations and social services providers, is calling on legislative leaders, Governor Quinn and legislators in both political parties to quickly resolve the State budget impasse by developing a humane budget that adequately addresses the human services needs of Illinois residents. The Coalition is urging the legislature to pass a State income tax increase and other necessary measures that will create an adequate and sustainable flow of revenue so that the needs of our most vulnerable residents will be met now and into the future.

A "doomsday" budget, such as the one that passed both houses on May 31st, will have catastrophic consequences for individuals, families and communities all over the State, said Don Moss, Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois, speaking on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Coalition.

Phil Milsk, a member of the Coalition's Steering Committee, added that, in addition to the human cost of cutting or eliminating services to thousands of people, there will be adverse economic and public safety consequences under a "doomsday" budget. Many of the grants and Medicaid-funded programs on the chopping block are preventive programs that save millions of dollars each year. Much more expensive services in undesirable settings, including the unnecessary institutionalization of older adults and persons with disabilities, will be required when prevention services grants are slashed or eliminated, Milsk said. In addition, many of the services that will be cut, like State-assisted childcare, currently allow parents to work. Without those services many parents who rely on childcare subsidies will have to quit their jobs. Youth services programs that keep at-risk young people engaged in constructive activities will go away, putting a tremendous burden on State and local law enforcement agencies, courts and correctional facilities, he added.

Janet Stover, Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Services and a member of the Coalition's Steering Committee, noted that the disability services system is already under-funded. The waiting list for services for persons with developmental disabilities is well over 16,000. Further cuts in DD service grants will add thousands to the waiting list, cut services to current recipients and force parents to quit jobs to stay home to care for their sons and daughters with significant special needs, Stover said.

Even if the social consequences of a doomsday budget aren't enough to persuade the leaders and some legislators, the economic consequences should at least make them pay attention, Moss said. Hundreds of thousands of jobs in their communities will be lost and the responsibility will fall on local governments to pick up the slack if we do not pass a full and humane budget in Illinois, he added.

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**7.**

**Action Highlights: Northern Illinois (Heartland Alliance)**

**Monday**

We'll be contacting **Representative Coulson** at her district office Monday evening. She's been a fighter for human services for years and is a Republican that can and should be standing up to stop the cuts!

**Tuesday:**

**Rockford Action** – on the west side of the state we'll be contacting Representative Jerry Mitchell.

**SW Suburb Action** – we'll also be contacting Representative Bellock at her office in Westmont.

**Wednesday:**

**NW Chicago Legislator Action Tour** – we're starting out at Representative Fritchey's office and then moving north to hit Mell, D'Amico and Lyons. For folks who want to help hit all four there will be transportation options to carpool from one spot to the other.

**NW Suburbs Legislator Action Tour** – we're starting out at Representative Froehlich's office and then moving over to Representative Crespo's office.

**Thursday:**

Action for Children in coordinating another **Huge rally at the Thompson Center**. The rally will focus on the economic impacts that the cuts will have on the state of IL. The goal is to have this action be much larger than the last – let's see if we can help push turnout **over 2000 people!**

**Friday:**

**Representative Franks is having a downtown fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort** – please turnout out if you can – this is a huge opportunity to put the pressure on Representative Franks! If you have a member who would like to speak or would like to have a story highlighted in the press advisory please email [Sadie.kliner@seiuhcil.org](mailto:Sadie.kliner@seiuhcil.org) today!

Also to other actions will be happening: one at Representative Joyce's office and the other at Representative May's office.

	Location	Information
17	Coulson	3801 W Lake Ave, Glenview
47	Bellock	1 S Cass Ave, Westmont Centre #205m Westmont
90	Mitchell, Jerry	100 E 5th St, Rock Falls
56	Froehlich (D)	15 W Weathersfield Way, Schaumburg
44	Crespo (D)	1014 E Schaumburg Rd, Steamwood
11	Fritchey (D)	2539 N Southport Ave, Chicago
40	Mell (D)	3657 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago
15	D'Amico (D)	4404 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago
19	Lyons (D)	5205 N Milwaukee, Chicago
		Thompson Center - Citywide rally to stop the cuts!
58	May (D)	427 Sheridan Rd, Highwood
35	Joyce(D)	6965 W 111th St, Worth

63	Franks (D)	he's having a fundraiser in downtown Chicago	19th start picketing at 4:45pm. Fundraiser 5-7pm Dick's Last Resort, 315 N Dearborn
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### ***Next Week's Actions-- Downstate Illinois***

Folks are hitting the streets downstate too! If you know of any organizations downstate who'd like to participate pass this on!

117	Bradley, John (D)	501 W DeYoung, Ste 5, Marion	15th, 10am-1pm (bus starting at Old Walmart in Marion that's going to both). Individual actions: Bradley: 11:30, Phelps: 12:45
118	Phelps (D)	2 N Vine, 5th Fl, Harrisburg	
99	Poe	Office at Stratton Building	16th, 11am. Meet in rotunda at 10:45am
100	Brauer	Office at Stratton Building	
112	Hoffman (D)	126 Vandalia, Ste 1, Collinsville	17th, 9:30am-1pm (bus starting at East St. Louis SEIU office that will go to both). Individual actions: Holbrook 11:00am, Hoffman 12:15
113	Holbrook (D)	9200 W Main St, Ste 4, Belleville	
101	Flider (D)	132 S Water, Ste 101, Decatur	18th, 11am
111	Beiser (D)	528 Henry St, Alton	19th 11am

For more details on any of the above actions please email [Jessica.angus@seiuhcil.org](mailto:Jessica.angus@seiuhcil.org) or call 312-296-2900.

## **8.**

From: Dave Clarkin [[daveclarkin@gmail.com](mailto:daveclarkin@gmail.com)]  
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I got a call from Citizen Action late yesterday.

They're organizing a press conference next Wednesday calling for all of the leaders to step up to the plate and act responsibly.

Several of the big unions are interested in participating.

They're hoping we have some advocates who would as well.

I'd also like to have one or more folks from the faith community, and since this would be in Chicago, I was thinking of someone on behalf of the Chicago Archdiocese.

- Clarkin



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