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WHAT WE DO IN ADVOCACY



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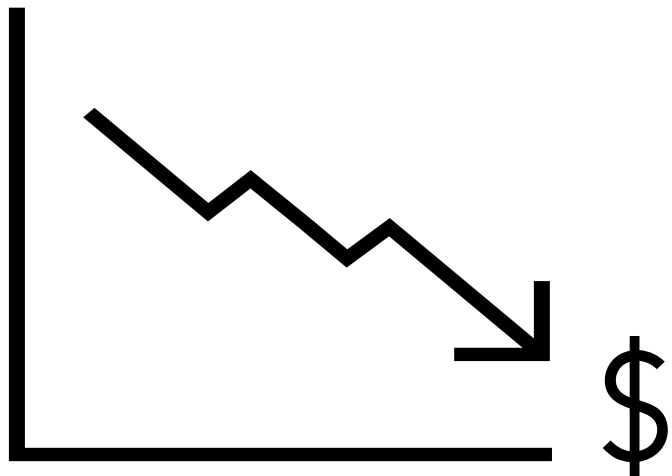
- Help people understand what is going on
- Help people connect with elected officials and other civic leaders to share how decisions affect their lives
- **Goal:** Informed public policy and investments for a strong, stable safety net and inclusive communities
- **Public policy** =
 1. Support/laws for public, and
 2. Informed BY the public



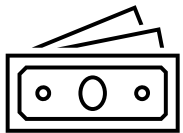
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WASHINGTON HAS A BIG BUDGET GAP

This means the state does not have the money to pay for the support people need.



No Money = Cuts to Supports



The state relies on money from taxes to pay for **schools**, **healthcare**, **housing** and **food** aid, **disability** supports, and more

Big Problem

- When everyone had to stop working and stay home, it meant they did not buy things, and the state didn't collect as much in taxes.
- This problem affects all kinds of support. But right now, **we are most worried**



**about cuts to disability
supports**



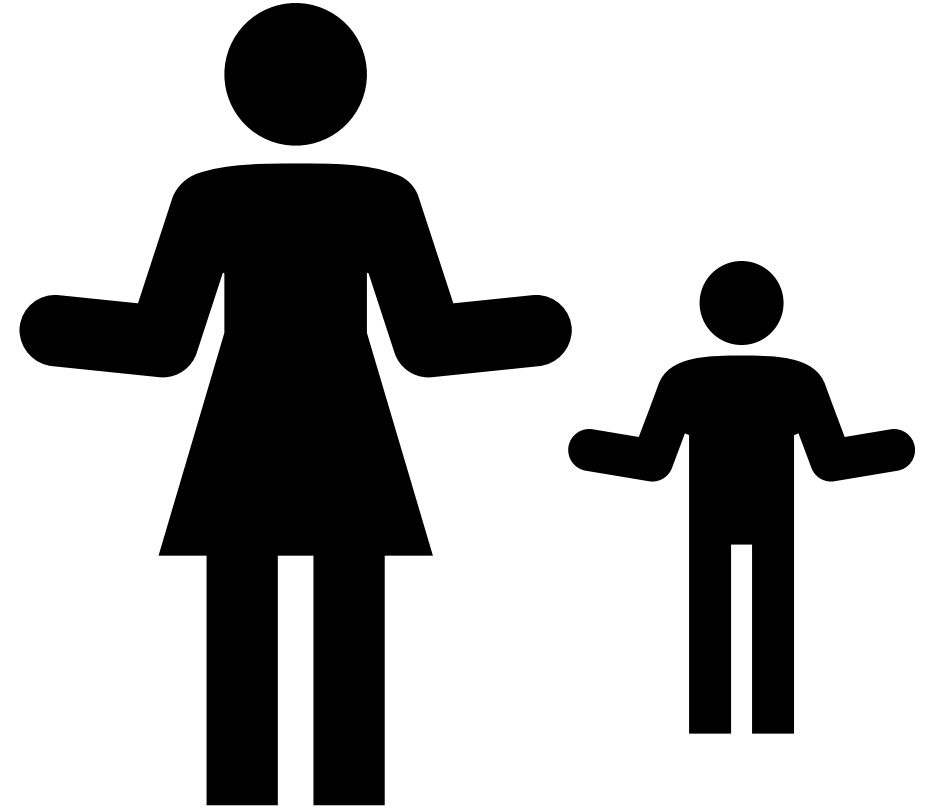
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- Some parts of the budget are protected
- Most of Medicaid is protected, but **NOT** waiver services through the DDA.
- This means some services - like supports for people with developmental disabilities - are last to be funded and first to be cut



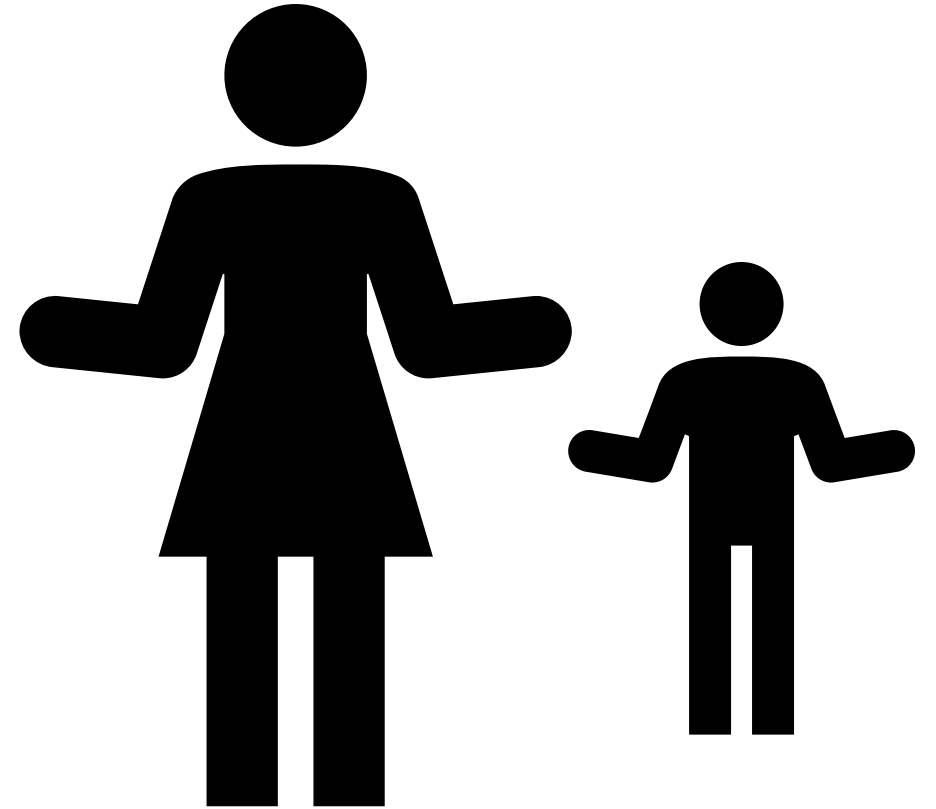
Is There Help?

- There is some federal stimulus money, but there are lots of rules about what it can be used for
- There is state money set aside for emergencies, but there is **not enough to fix the problem**



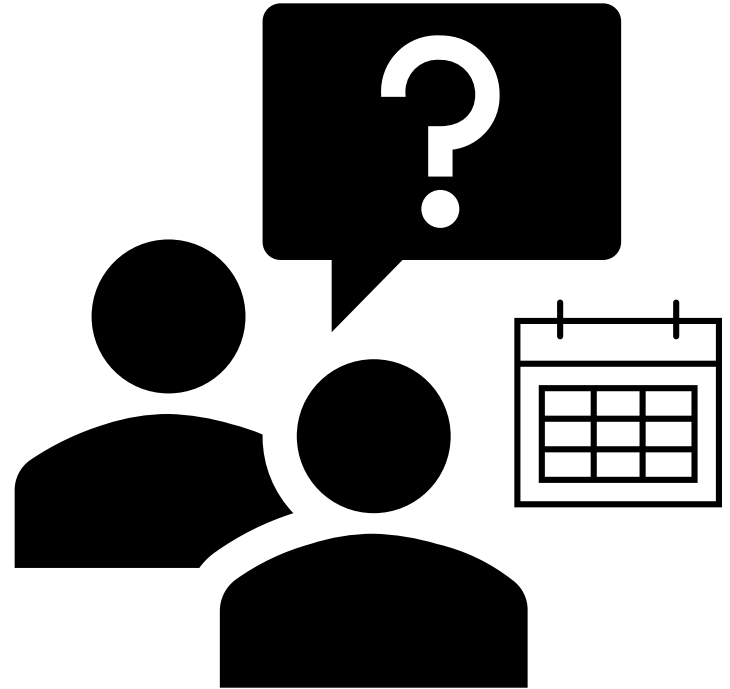
Is There Help?

- Advocates asked Congress to fund more home and community-based services. These are another name for DDA waiver services.
- So far, Congress has not increased those funds.




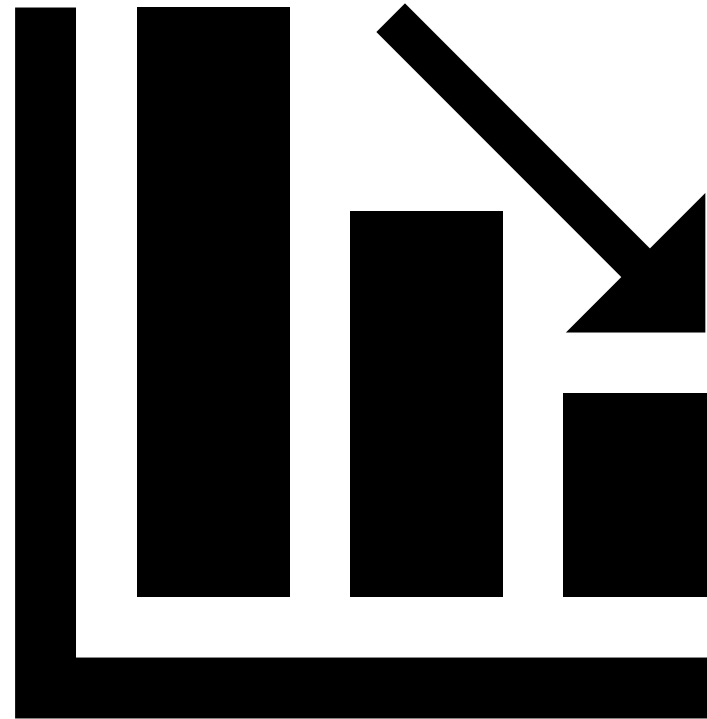
This May Last a Long Time

- The state also doesn't know when things will get better
- They expect this will be a big problem for at least 6 months
- It may be a problem for several years



Cuts Could Hurt a lot of People

- Without more money, the state may need to cut 15% in the current and next 2-year budget. The governor asked each of the state departments for cut options
- **The options worry us.**
All of them mean less support 



It's Not a Service. It's My Life

One proposed cut that alarms us is changing the eligibility requirements for long-term services.

That means **people could lose the support they need** to live in the community



For People with Disabilities, This Could Mean:

- Losing your job, and connections to friends
- Losing mobility, and being hospitalized
- Losing your home, because you can't live independently

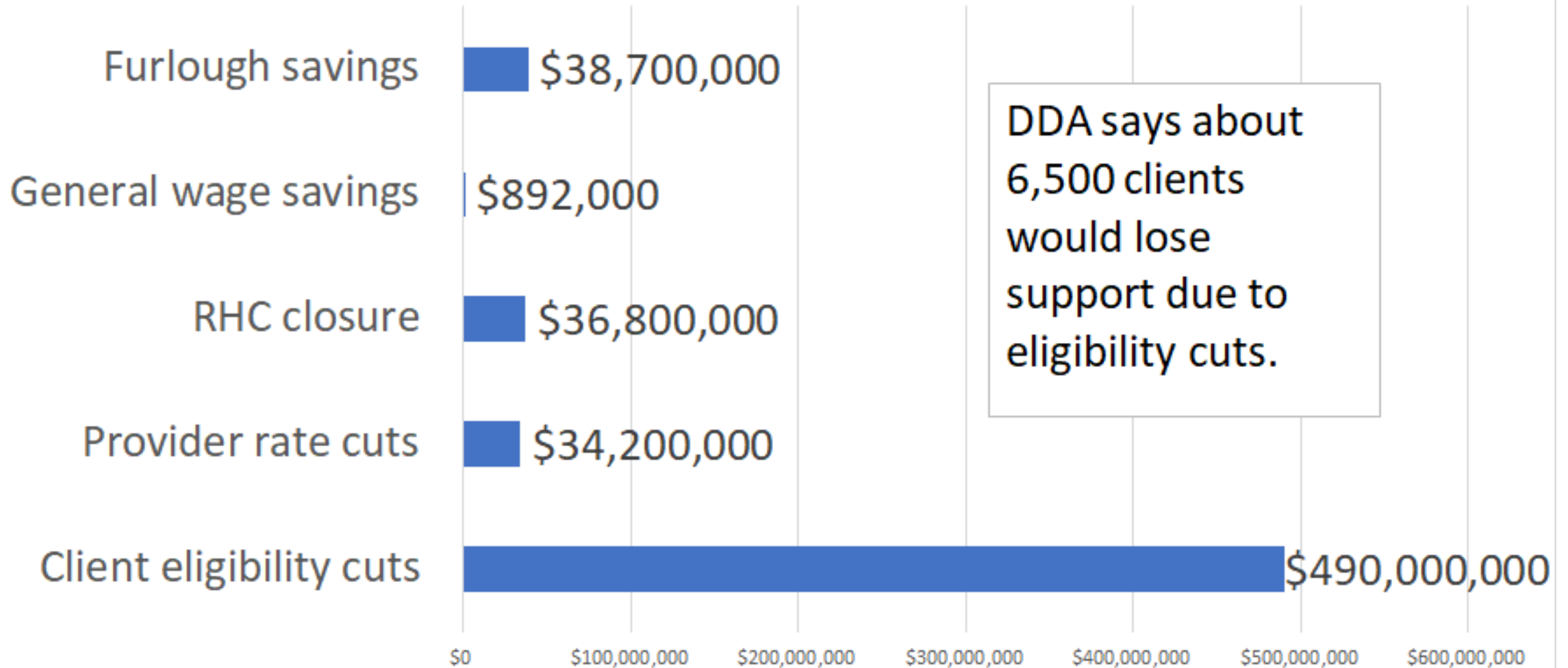
More people may experience **health crisis**

More families may face **economic crises**

Community supports are a lifeline

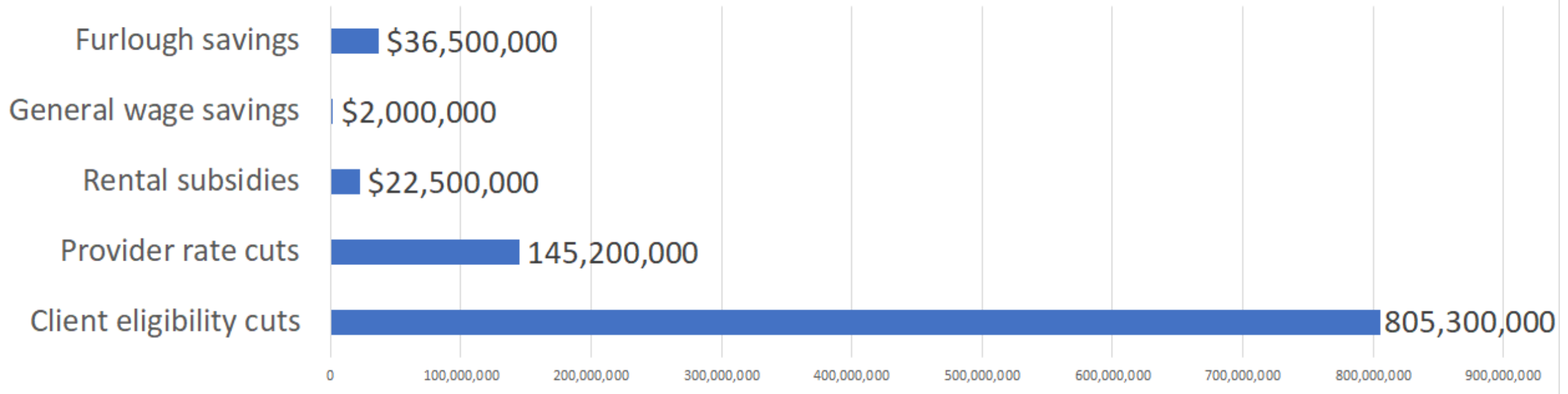


Proposed DDA cuts - FY 2021-23



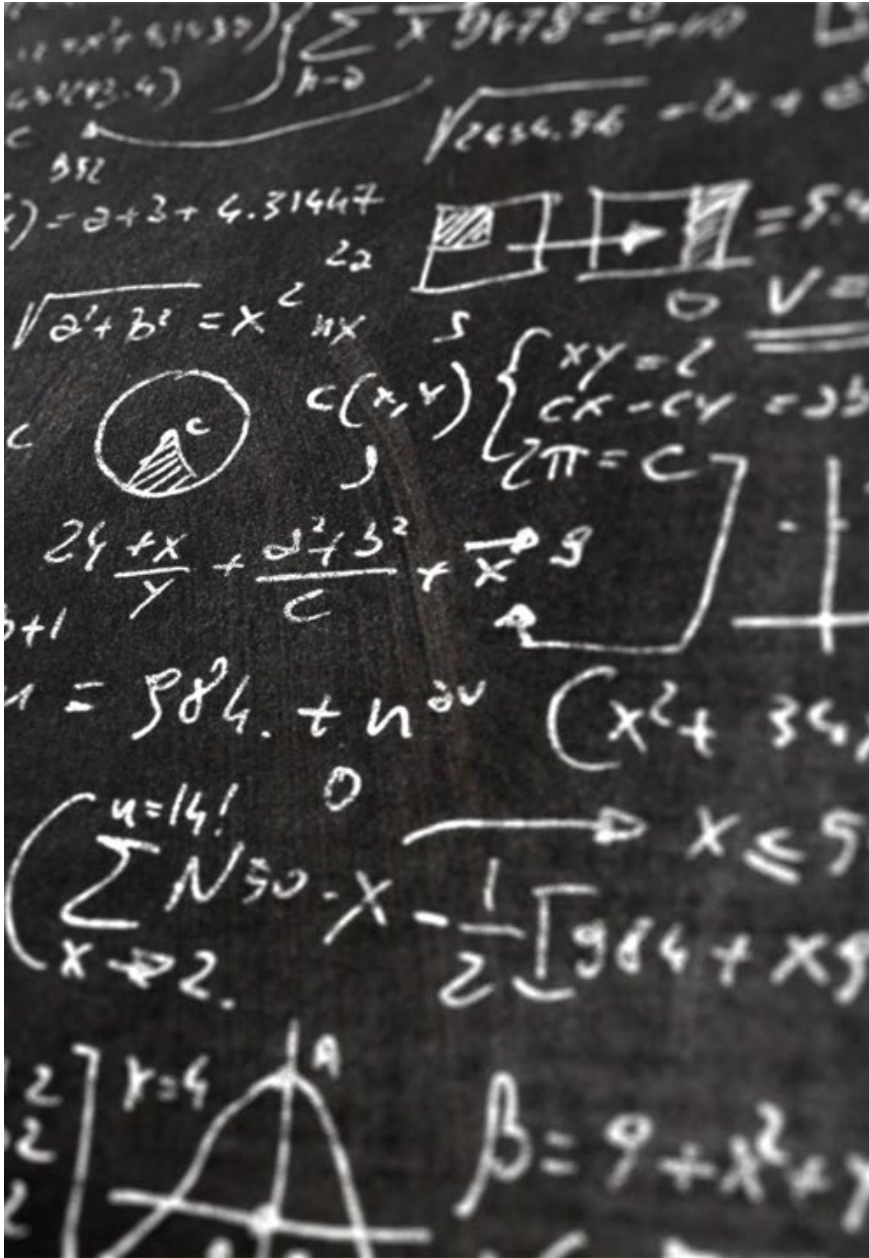
ALTSA budget letter: <https://arcofkingcountyvoice.blogspot.com/2020/09/altsa-budget-request-for-fy-2021-23.html>

Proposed ALTSA cuts - FY 2021-23



CHANGE ELIGIBILITY, END SERVICES

- Functional requirements would be increased
- People who qualified for support may no longer get support
- DDA estimates this would **end services for thousands** in both home and community settings, and in Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs)
- Supported Living is a service on the Core waiver and is a home and community setting



DDA MATH:

950 on Core waiver

2,900 on Basic Plus waiver

6 on Children's CIIBS waiver

200 on Community Protection waiver

1,900 on Individual and Family Services waiver

2,000 on Community First Choice

7,956 individuals **would lose all services**

from the Developmental Disability Administration

if recommended cuts go through

Most at risk of losing ALL services from DDA including their Adult Family Home have a "Classification Level" of A or B, which can be found in the DDA Annual Assessment as well as the Planned Action Notice. All other "Classification Levels" will have services reduced, and possibly cut altogether.

SUMMARY

	Assessed on:	
	07/24/2019	07/02/2020
Total hours per month	22	22
Classification Group	A Low	A Low
ADL score	1	1
Mood & Behaviors	No	No
Behavior Points Score	0.00	0.00
CPS Score	2	2
Clinically Complex	No	No
Exceptional Care	No	No

- DDA does NOT pay for AFHs or determine AFH eligibility. ALTSA is responsible for AFHs.
- In ALTSA proposed cuts, 300 DDA clients living in an AFH would lose their AFH eligibility (18% of DDA clients living in an AFH).
- We are most worried about AFH residents with the “Classification Level” of A or B.
- Note: If DDA cuts their eligibly and ALTSA does not, the AFHs will not be affected. Likewise, if DDA does not make cuts but ALTSA does, the AFHs will be affected.

13. What percentage of total clients would lose eligibility if this level of eligibility cut were taken?

Estimated Number of Clients by CARE Classification Group (this is taken from June 6 modeling. Actual impacts would vary.):

NFLOC Level Reduction - Scenario 5

Acuity Order	Classification Group	Total HCBS	Assisted Living	ARC/EARC/ Dementia	ESF	PACE	AFH	Agency Provider	IP	Subtract Duplicate client w/ both IP/AP	Total Reduction
		% Client reduction	Client	Client	Client	Client	Client	Client	Client		Client
1	A Low	80%	1,186	178		128	84	654	456	4	2,682
2	B Low	76%	485	680	31	73	650	1,200	782	7	3,894
3	A Med	73%	356	57		48	43	1,138	1,253	12	2,883
4	B Med	52%	196	237	3	71	366	1,838	2,187	63	4,835
5	C Low	76%	71	32	1	6	28	173	139	4	446
6	A High	54%	63	16		20	20	511	776	10	1,396
7	D Low	9%	3	8		-	13	3	31	-	58
8	B Med-High	17%	9	97	7	8	96	40	74	1	330
9	B High	6%	3	28		1	66	15	68	2	179
10	C Med	28%	50	33		33	101	1,408	2,186	91	3,720
11	D Med	0%	1			2	1	1	5	-	10
12	C Med-High	1%					1	56	86	4	139
TOTAL			2,423	1,366	42	390	1,469	7,037	8,043	198	20,572

If AL TSA cuts occur, this visual shows where the projected changes will occur.

CUT PROVIDER RATES

- In-home providers
- Adult Family Homes
- Employment support and community integration
- **Destabilizes workforce**

RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION CENTERS

- Options include: Reduce staff positions, consolidate cottages; and close Rainier School entirely.
- Closing Rainier and transitioning clients costs more in FY21, but leads to savings in the next biennium

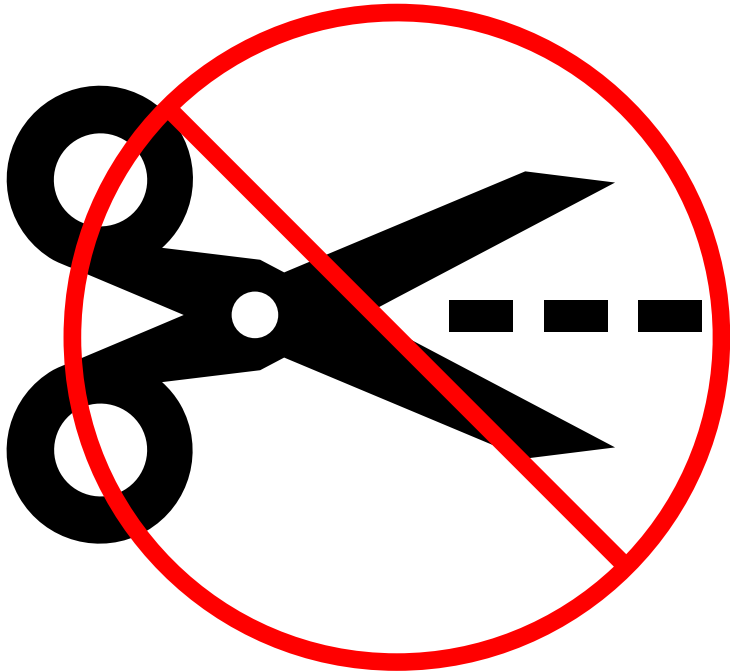
STAFFING COSTS

- Affects state DDA employees, not DSPs
- Unpaid furlough days. Now in effect

OPTIONAL MEDICAID SERVICES

- Adult dental
- Interpreter services
- Therapies: OT/PT/ST
- Hospice, breast and cervical cancer treatment, and more
- Services through Aging and Long-Term Supports could also take a huge hit. Again, mostly by changing eligibility

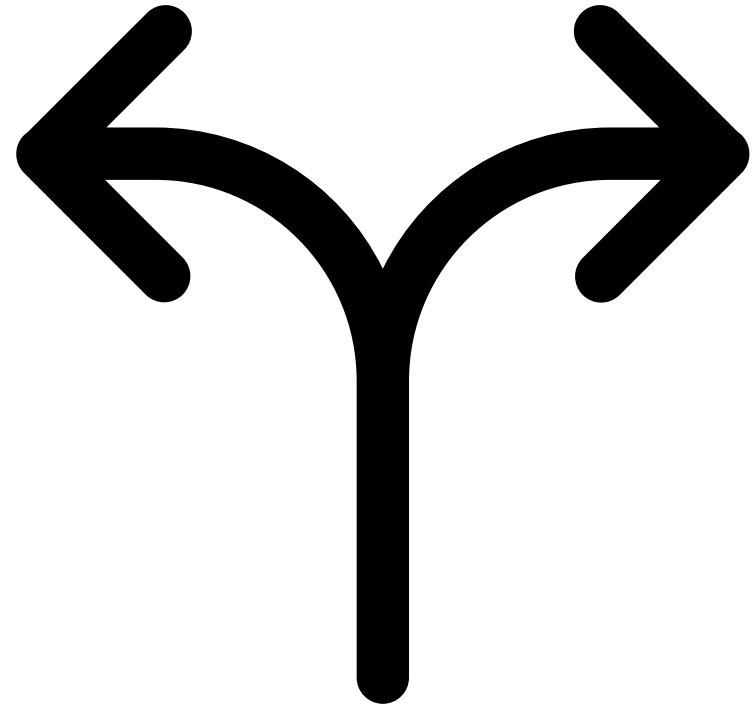
YOU CAN'T SHRED SAFETY NETS



- Safety nets catch people, so they don't fall into crisis
- Supports help people build connections and resiliency
- When you cut holes in nets, lots of people fall through
- **ALL SERVICES ARE CRITICAL** - even if support means just a few hours a week. When you cut "low touch" support, you push people into another "system," such as homelessness response.

No Decisions, Yet

- State leaders have not decided, yet, to pull people off long-term supports
- But **we are worried** they will make it more difficult for people to get the support they need to live and be a part of their community





CLOCK HAS STARTED

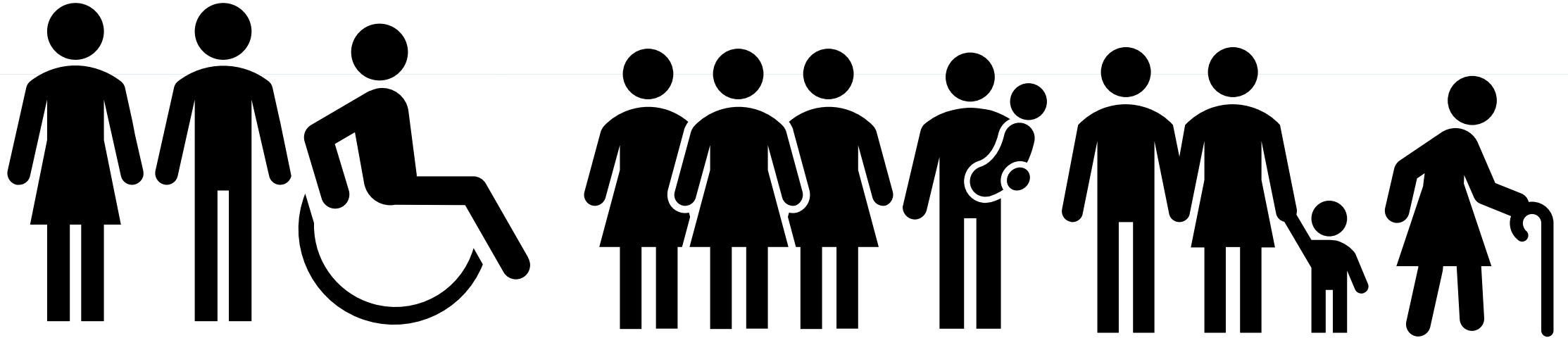
This is step 1 of the budget process:

- **Agencies send proposals to the governor**
- The governor sends a proposed budget to the legislature
- Legislators write and vote on the final budget
- Governor can veto all or parts

Stay engaged. Be loud

QUESTIONS?

We Need Your Help



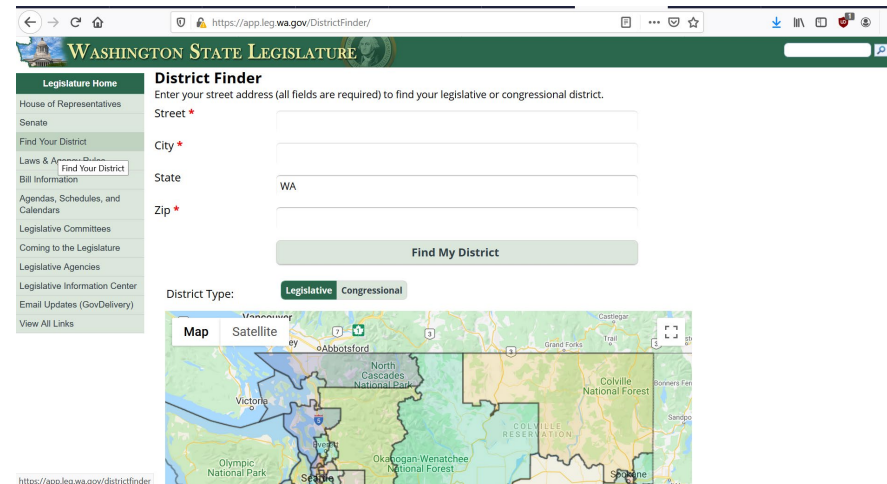
We want to make sure people who cut supports understand they will hurt people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and the workers who support them

✓ You can help: **Share your story. Be loud.**

What can you do?

Let leaders know cuts would be devastating

- Contact your state and federal representatives
- **Contact the governor**
- Sign up for action alerts
- **Be an informed voter**



The screenshot shows the Washington State Legislature's District Finder tool. The page title is "WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE" and the sub-header is "District Finder". Below the header, there is a navigation menu on the left with options like "Legislature Home", "House of Representatives", "Senate", "Find Your District", "Laws & Appointments", "Bill Information", "Agendas, Schedules, and Calendars", "Legislative Committees", "Coming to the Legislature", "Legislative Agencies", "Legislative Information Center", "Email Updates (GovDelivery)", and "View All Links". The main content area contains a form with the following fields: "Street *", "City *", "State" (pre-filled with "WA"), and "Zip *". Below the form is a "Find My District" button. Underneath the form, there are two radio buttons for "District Type": "Legislative" (selected) and "Congressional". At the bottom of the form is a map of Washington state showing legislative districts. The URL in the browser's address bar is "https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/".

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BE AN INFORMED VOTER

<https://arcofkingcounty.org/advocacy/be-an-informed-voter.html>

North King County – State legislative candidate information

You can look up your legislative district (LD) here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

Be an informed voter. Do the candidates who want your vote understand and support the issues you care about? How to find out? Ask them! Attend voter forums. Research their websites.

- All state representatives are up for election; only some state senators are.
- Candidates who filled out a questionnaire from [The Arc of Washington](#) are noted under “Candidate Response.” If yes, link takes you to their response.
- Didn’t fill out the questionnaire? Email them the link and ask them to: <https://arcwa.org/content/uploads/sites/35/2020/06/Legislative-questionnaire-2020.pdf>. Explain it will help you make an informed choice.
- You can email about any issue you care about. Find out how they would represent you.
- We also noted which incumbents attended our 2019 King County Legislative Forum for Developmental Disabilities. That indicates some familiarity with issues that affect people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- **Advocacy tip:** If you are contacting a candidate about a campaign matter (such as asking them to complete a questionnaire), use their campaign website for contact information. If they hold office, they cannot use their office email addresses or phone lines for electioneering.

https://arcofkingcounty.org/advocacy/be-an-informed-voter.html					Contact info	Website	Notes
			response	forum			
1	Rep, Pos 1	Davina Duerr	No	No	davina@electdavina.com	https://www.electdavina.com/	Incumbent
1	Rep, Pos 1	Adam Bartholomew	No	n/a	electadam4wa@gmail.com	https://www.adambartholomew.org/	
1	Rep, Pos 2	Shelley Kloba	No	Yes	info@votekloba.com	http://votekloba.com/	Incumbent
1	Rep, Pos 2	Jeb Brewer	No	n/a	https://www.voteforjeb.com/contact	https://www.voteforjeb.com/	
1	Senator	Derek Stanford	No	No	derekstanford@pm.me	https://derekstanford.com/	Incumbent
1	Senator	Art Coday	No	n/a	votecodaytoday2020@yahoo.com	no website found	
32	Rep, Pos 1	Cindy Ryu	No	No	friendsfordryu@yahoo.com	https://cindyryu.com/	Incumbent
32	Rep, Pos 1	Shirley Sutton	No	n/a	shirley@voteshirleysutton.com	https://www.voteshirleysutton.com/	
32	Rep, Pos 2	Lauren Davis	No	Yes	lauren@electlaurendavis.com	https://electlaurendavis.com/	Incumbent

This [link](#) will take you to page with resources to reach out to legislative candidates

What to say?



How to contact your legislator:

<https://arcofkingcountyvoice.blogspot.com/2020/09/how-to-contact-your-legislator-and-what.html>

Sample messages: <https://arcwa.org/action-center/>
(click on Cuts Cause Crisis and Petition to the Governor)

Who are you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name• Your legislative district• Any group affiliations, if appropriate
What is your issue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe your issue. Your legislators track many issues and may not know yours
Why do <i>you</i> care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why does this matter to you?• Why does it matter enough for you to take the time to write, call, or visit?• How will it change your life? The lives of people you know?• Tell a personal story
Why should <i>I</i> care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should your listener care?• What is happening in their district, community?
What do you specifically want <i>me</i> to do about it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always have a clear call to action – a “to-do”• Always ask for an outcome or follow-up• Be specific in your request – don’t ask for support – that is vague. Ask for a yes or no vote. Ask that they help get a bill heard in committee or brought up for a vote, etc• Sometimes the best action you can hope for is keeping the dialogue open – ask if they would be willing to read some supporting materials and then get a follow up phone call from you

Sign up for advocacy newsletters,

<https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1894973/1898164/>

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Advocacy resources:

- King County Parent and Family Coalition, general advocacy for DD issues
- Community Change Champions, advocacy support for people with disabilities

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STAY IN TOUCH