

## **SELECTED BUDGET CONCERNS – HUMAN SERVICES**

**\*\* Priorities** Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council (VLIAC)  
Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights (VCDR)

### **B.300 AHS Secretary's Office**

**\*\*Reduction to VERMONT LEGAL AID (10%) (47,415) Reduction to  
Central Office Direct Service and Service Oppose Cut to VLA**

Coordination grants -(50%) (204,750) Oppose Reduction

### **Department of Children and Families DCF**

**B.324\*\*LIHEAP - Eliminate State Funds (6,000,000)  
Oppose Reduction – Keep state Commitment to LIHEAP  
Reverse Crisis Fuel Restriction from 1 to 2 grants for LIHEAP  
Recipients**

**\*\*REACH UP - Count \$125 of SSI Income in calculating the RU benefit.  
(1,659,000) Oppose policy of counting \$125 against Reach up**

**Reach-Up passed 2014:**

Legislative Change effective 7/1/15: Earned Income Disregard 239,100 OK

E.318.1 Legislative Change effective 7/1/15: Enhanced Child Care Subsidy  
1,397,864 (*Language in the budget to Cap this going forward*)  
**Eliminate CAP**

**B.326 \*\*WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE - GMP Weatherization  
Project Completed (1,979,383) Add 2 Million Increase Gross receipts**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Child Referral Services (200,000)

### **Department of Disabilities Aging and Independent Living**

**B.331 BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**\*\*Reduce Older Blind Grant to VABVI (Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and  
Visually Impaired) (8,946-GF) (33,0540- FF) (42,000) House Action  
Restores Cut Support restoration**

## B. 332 VOCATIONAL REHAB

Eliminate Assistive Technology Reuse Program **(70,000)**  
**Oppose Reduction**

\*\*Eliminate GF portion of Vermont Council for Independent Living (VCIL)  
Independent Living Services Grant PEER Advocacy **(51,250)**  
*(Some Federal 1/10 money available but must be used for youth)*  
**Oppose Reduction**

Eliminate Adaptive Van funding **(21,300-GF) (78,700- FF) (100,000)**  
**Oppose Reduction**

B.333 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES - Initiative(s) to absorb DS caseload pressures **(880,000-GF) (1,963,335-Total)** *(Language to create waiting list in House OK)* **Oppose Reduction**

### **Department of Mental Health**

Wellness Workforce Coalition **(20,000)** **Oppose Reduction**

Washington County Mental Health (WCMH) Collaborative Solutions Integration Project (CSIP ) **(135,610)** *(House replaced funding with federal dollars)* **Agree with House Position**

### **Department of Corrections**

Community High School - **Proposed 50% cut - (House reduced to 6% cut)** **Agree with House Position**

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