

No Cuts to Services for Missourians with IDD

HB2002: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – HB2010: Division of Developmental Disabilities

When services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are cut, the harm ripples across the state – damaging our economy, weakening social connections, and jeopardizing people's health and safety.

- **Cuts endanger lives:** People with disabilities rely on community-based services every day; funding cuts weaken health outcomes and threaten safety and wellness.
- **Cuts cost more in the long run:** Shrinking or closing programs pushes people into crisis, driving up spending on emergency care, long hospital stays, and more intensive, costly services down the line.
- **Cuts drive away workers:** Flat wages and burnout causes experienced direct support professionals to leave their jobs, and community providers struggle to compete to hire new staff.
- **Cuts undermine independence and community:** Without reliable supports, people with disabilities lose opportunities to build life skills, foster relationships, gain independence, and fully participate in their communities.
- **Cuts hurt families and caregivers:** When people with disabilities cannot access necessary services, families are forced to fill the gaps – cutting work hours, leaving jobs, and absorbing longterm financial and emotional strains.

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