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Human Services Safety Net

Each year, over two million Pennsylvanian's and their families turn to counties for human services to meet their needs. Across Pennsylvania today human services accounts for 60 percent of county budgets. Counties face increasing jail populations, budget and recidivism issues due to 80-85 percent of incarcerated persons having drug, alcohol, mental health, housing and/or other human services needs.

State and federal funds have not kept pace with the demand or actual costs of human services. Counties have had to continually increase their local share. Budgets are affected by state and federal mandates, human need and court orders. To fund human services, counties have had to sacrifice other county services. CCAP supports the need for a responsible, long-term solution to address funding.

Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)

HSDF is the only funding stream available to counties that touches all aspects of human services and provides flexible funding to deal with the needs of their residents.

In 2004-05, 683,000 plus individuals were served. These dollars are utilized by counties to address needs of diverse populations including: physically challenged/mentally alert individuals, pregnant teenagers, and homeless families, children with parents in prison, seniors and persons in need of transportation to dialysis.

HSDF provides for the coordination of services and information and referral services in a county. In 2002 the state budget reduced HSDF by \$7.5 million. Since the reduction, CCAP Inter-Governmental Transfer (IGT) funds have supplemented the HSDF. The FY 07-08 state budget must include \$41 million state dollars to restore HSDF to the 2002-03 level.

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