

Proposed state cuts to human-service agency budgets ‘unprecedented’

A coalition of human service organizations in Boone and Winnebago counties compiled a list of how service agencies could be affected by proposed cuts to the state’s 2010 budget.

The coalition has plans to meet on a regular basis to have a collective voice. “We go through this every year, and this year is unprecedented,” the YWCA’s Kris Kieper said of the proposed budget cuts.

Programs	Funding cuts	Jobs cut	People losing service
After-school	\$584,909	17	1,360
Child care	\$1,642,233	14	6,507
Developmental disabilities	967,040	16.5	1,162
Homeless prevention/housing advocacy	543,296	1.5	1,483
Mental health	2,400,000	41	3,500
Pregnancy/parenting	240,000	9.5	1,090
Senior citizens	1,093,451	46	4,545
Children and families	2,373,122	54	5,262
Substance abuse	4,596,298	88	3,217

Source: Local human service agencies