The Alliance for Community Services works to put the HUMAN in human services, organizes those that depend on public human services and front-line service workers, rejects the “austerity” agenda and calls for progressive revenue.

In 2016, the organizations of the Alliance, and our supporters will work together for:

- **Better service with enough staff and decent, accessible local facilities**
  - Hire at least 2,000 additional caseworkers (over Dec ‘15), assigned to people, not tasks (and phase out the ‘task-based’ model), and enable more time to be spent with consumers in need;
  - Encourage the highest levels of professional service by providing proper training and equipment, and a fair contract, for all staff
  - Establish more local offices that are accessible, in decent condition for consumers and employees, and geographically appropriate (at least one DHS office per county)

- **Policies that respect both consumers and workers, and embrace the mission to provide all benefits and services for which someone is eligible**
  - Cancel proposed rules for benefits appeals,
  - Change Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and home care overtime policies, to be workable and fair to both consumers and workers
  - Adopt people-friendly policies including more consumer control over their health care, increasing options for community-based care.
  - Assist and advocate for consumers in navigating the system, including managed care entities

- **Increased public Accountability**
  - Participate in regional advisory councils co-chaired by consumers, front-line workers, advocates and administration;
  - Stop privatization based on exploiting workers, by requiring any private agency receiving more than $100,000 in state funding to pay all employees at least $15/hr, plus health benefits

- **Full funding of Human Services, with progressive revenue**
  - Tax ‘LaSalle Street’ financial transactions
  - Cancel ‘toxic’ interest rate swaps
  - Close corporate loopholes
  - Establish a graduated income tax

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IL Cuts to Human Services Spending

Compared to 2002 levels, adjusted for inflation and population growth

Toxic Swap payments to banks could fund 1,200 human services caseworkers

People needing human services vs. Tim Maloney, Bank of America

Illinois’s Swaps Could Cost Taxpayers $1.45 Billion.

- The state continues to pay the banks another $68 million a year on these swap deals and is expected to pay $832 million over the remaining life of these deals, from fiscal year 2016 through 2033.
- To get out of these deals early, Illinois would have to immediately pay the banks $286 million in termination penalties.

- From Refund America Project’s “Turned Around” report