

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

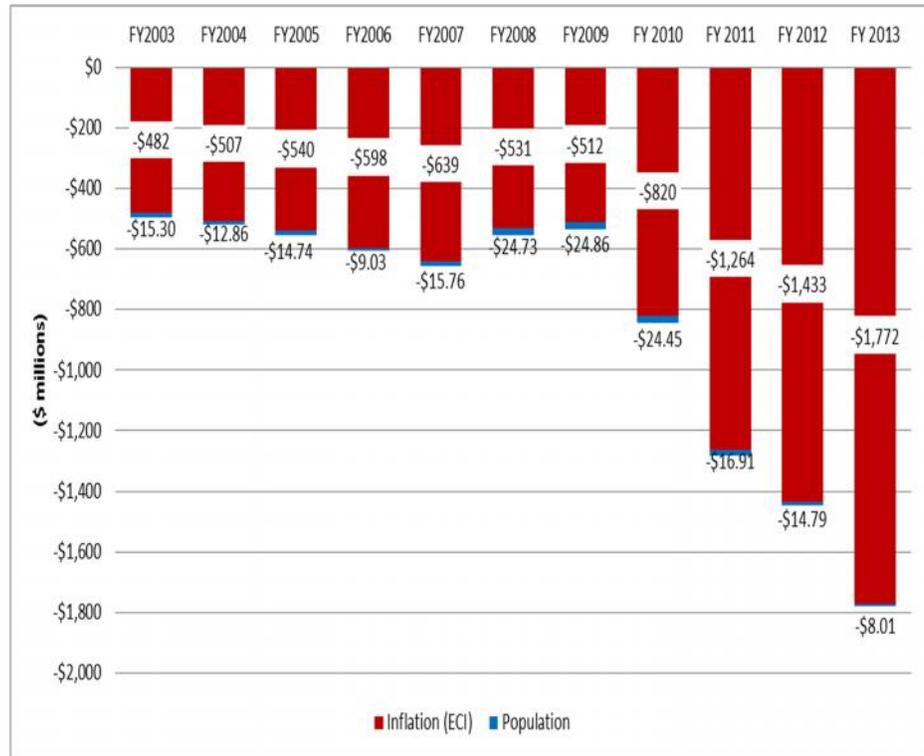
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# IL Cuts to Human Services Spending

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