

## ACTION ALERT

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Governor briefed health and human services advocates on the specific contents of her 5-point budget proposal. Her appropriations proposal for FY 2010 is markedly better than any proposals offered by the House or Senate Republican leadership. Unlike the legislative proposals, the Governor's budget funds caseload growth and other critical service areas. There are no cuts to behavioral health programs in ADHS, overall cuts to DES are significantly less than those proposed by leadership and the \$1M of Lottery funding for the DES Homeless line item remains in tact. In addition, there are no reductions in KidsCare or KidsCare Parents, and many critical health and human services programs are preserved.

Beyond FY 2010, there are some concerns. The Governor's budget proposal is built on a temporary tax increase (through 2012), future cuts to corporate taxes, constitutional expenditure limit changes, possible revisions to Proposition 105 (that currently sets AHCCCS eligibility at 100% of FPL) and a long term strategy to set a cap on state spending. There is concern that this proposal is only a short term fix because of the temporary nature of both the proposed tax increase and the federal stimulus funds.

Despite these concerns, it seems prudent to support the Governor in her effort to preserve critical health and human services in FY 2010. We urge you to take the following steps IMMEDIATELY:

- Call and **THANK** the Governor for her preservation of FY 2010 critical health and human services funding.
- Request the Governor's **VETO** of the Republican budget that will be presented to her on Monday.
- Write, e-mail or call the Governor at:

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
Telephone: 602-542-4331  
Toll Free: 1-800-253-0883  
Web site: [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov)

- Call House and Senate leadership and tell them you **OPPOSE** the Republican budget proposals, which will have a devastating impact on Arizona's health and human services safety net.

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- Call your own legislators and ask them to **OPPOSE** to the Republican budget proposals which will destabilize Arizona's health and human services safety net. (To identify your legislators, go to <http://www.azleg.gov>).

**PLEASE ACT NOW**