ILLINOIS PARTNERS for HUMAN SERVICE

Quality Services. Adequate Funding. Measurable Results.

2012 POLICY AGENDA

Illinois Partners for Human Service is a statewide coalition that advocates for high quality, evidence-based, sustainable approaches to providing human service in Illinois. Over 700 organizations located in all legislative districts have joined the coalition since 2008.

Illinois' human service infrastructure protects and supports two of our state's most important resources –individuals and families. High quality services, grounded in the relationship between provider and client, are key to helping Illinois residents improve their lives. Often, this relationship and the role of the service infrastructure (preparing children to learn, providing supports to those with mental illness and disabilities so that they can live in the community, and protecting those vulnerable to abuse) is invisible. Invisible, that is, until the services disappear and the costs of institutional care -- emergency rooms, nursing homes, correctional facilities -- increase.

Illinois Partners will work on the following policy priorities to advance our agenda in 2012:

QUALITY SERVICES

- Grow public funding for community-based human services so that people get the help they need when they need it in their homes, in their neighborhoods
- Protect the capacity of community-based human service providers to help the vulnerable during the transition of Medicaid patients from the current Medicaid system into one dominated by managed care entities

ADEQUATE FUNDING

- Advocate against policies that reduce the amount of revenue available for community-based human services
- Ensure that the General Assembly uses only one revenue estimate for budget development
- Get the State to pay human service agencies promptly, in contrast to the current six month delay.

MEASURABLE RESULTS

- Create opportunities for human service providers to provide input into the development of recommendations concerning measurement of program performance and investment of state funds at both the *Budgeting for Results* Commission level and the level of state agencies in interaction with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget
- Implement the streamlined auditing process

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