



Quality Services. Adequate Funding. Measurable Results.

# Budgeting For Results in Illinois

## What It Does

The intention of Budgeting for Results (BFR) is to improve the state budget process by establishing common priorities for the state to invest its money, developing performance-based goals, collecting outcome information, and distributing money based on the goals and data.

Through BFR, Illinois hopes to help rebuild the trust that the citizenry has in government. Critical in this process, for Illinois Partners for Human Service, is building of confidence in human services. This trust is necessary to maintain public support for investing tax dollars on human services.

## Why it Matters that Human Service Providers have a Voice in the BFR Process

- All of us understand the responsibility on nonprofits to demonstrate impact and return on investments.
- 20,000 nonprofits across Illinois do the work of government on behalf of many. But many of these nonprofits have been deeply impacted by the state's ongoing budget crisis and its failure to pay for services already rendered.
- These organizations have a stake in budget decisions, including program evaluation and measurement.

## What We Want

- Illinois Partners for Human Service urges caution, inclusiveness and transparency as the implementation process continues.
- Development of performance measures, especially for human service programs, is a complex task that requires input from those who do the work.
- A system of long-term follow up to assess results and use the knowledge gained to improve the process is essential.