



Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition

Key Points on the Proposed Cut to AIDS Services

- The Governor's budget calls for slashing **AIDS services by \$2.5 million** leaving many of the 10,860 People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Connecticut without access to health care, medications, food, insurance and housing.
- This amounts to a **40% cut** to the Department of Public Health's AIDS services line.
- If the cuts go through, we will be **back to pre-2000 funding levels** for care and supportive services for PLWHA.
- The total **number of PLWHA continues to rise** and DPH estimates that approximately 18,000 people are infected in Connecticut, many of whom are unaware of their status.
- DPH has introduced legislation that will make it easier for doctors to test patients for HIV in routine medical settings, thereby identifying even more people with HIV/AIDS and bringing them into a system of care that will not be able to support them.
- The federal funds/Ryan White formula remains unchanged and **will not restore** the \$3.3 million that was lost in 2007. The Governor's cut will result in a punishing impact on AIDS services in CT.