

Governor's Renewed Plan to Cut TAFDC Where the Caregiver has Severe Disability Please Say NO AGAIN!

What is the Governor's plan?

- The Governor plans to cut off families' TAFDC when the caregiver has a severe disability and gets SSI.
- **4,400 families would lose all of their TAFDC; 1,400 families' benefits would be drastically cut**
- For a typical family, income would be cut to \$763 a month, a cut of about 40%.
- Many families would not be able to pay rent and would become homeless. If 800 families whose incomes are cut access shelter, DHDC would need another \$30 million for EA shelter for them.
- Families with a housing subsidy would have their rents reduced but housing authorities would have less money for repairs and maintenance.
- The Legislature enacted budget language last year barring a similar proposal. The Governor vetoed the budget language and **the Legislature overrode the veto!**
- As the Governor said in his State of the Commonwealth speech, the TAFDC caseload has dropped dramatically. We don't need to save money by taking away benefits from children whose caregiver has a severe disability.

The House is committed to fiscal responsibility while making sure "that we care for the most vulnerable of our residents."

- Speaker DeLeo, Boston Globe, April 13, 2016, unveiling budget rejecting Governor's proposal to count SSI

We believe that "direct assistance is most important"

- Chairman Dempsey, Boston Globe, April 13, 2016, commenting on House rejection of Governor's proposal

"It's not going to work."

- Theresa Hubbard, Caregiver, Boston Herald, July 14, 2016

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