

FACT SHEET

“JOBS ARE THE WAY OUT OF THIS RECESSION”

Governor Chris Gregoire (2010)

- ⇒ Employers were promised the sustained delivery of support services as a critical component of their hiring decisions. Without ongoing supports employers may not continue the employment of people with disabilities. Future hires may also be in jeopardy.
- ⇒ 9,328 Washington citizens with development disabilities rely on supported employment services for the training and follow support to maintain their employment.
- ⇒ National research shows that for every \$1.00 invested there was a return to the taxpayer of \$1.46. A King County study found \$1.74 returned to the taxpayer for every \$1.00 invested.
- ⇒ These cuts will create a crisis for families relying on this income and a loss of taxes paid back to taxpayers by these employees.
- ⇒ When a son or daughter with a developmental disability is employed parents are able to work too - which boosts the economy.
- ⇒ Employees with disabilities have a job retention rate of 93.6%,
- ⇒ There will be hundreds of direct service staff who will lose their jobs, increasing unemployment costs and lost tax revenues.
- ⇒ Consider revenue options proposed by DSHS: The Community First Option Waiver which is \$31M in Federal revenue and the Public Utility Assessment of \$65M
- ⇒ The DSHS 10% budget reduction is unfairly taken from the Adult and Disability Services budget - amounting to 72% of that administration's total budget. Our most vulnerable citizens will bear the brunt of these cuts - t vulnerable citizens will bear the brunt of these cuts – people with disabilities, the elderly, people with chronic mental illness and the poor.
- ⇒ **4100** out of the 9000 people with developmental disabilities will no longer receive supported employment services.
- ⇒ **Statewide this is a loss of \$11,990,352 in wages earned.**
- ⇒ Don't our state's workers with disabilities deserve the right to work, pay takes, and enjoy the same access to a quality of life as everyone else?