



FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2981

Phone (850) 488-4180 • Toll-Free (800) 580-7801

Fax (850) 922-6702 • TDD (850) 488-0956/(888) 488-8633

Support the Use of Alternative Revenue Sources to Fund Human Services and Education

In today's uncertain times, Florida's most vulnerable families are at greater risk of going into a crisis situation. Revenue losses and a slowing economy are leaving the Sunshine State's most vulnerable citizens without a safety net. Individuals with developmental disabilities have already sustained extensive service reductions and service eliminations as a result of budget cuts in 2007 and 2008, and 19,000 individuals with developmental disabilities are currently waiting for services.

There ARE alternatives to simply reducing what remains of our families' services. Florida's leaders must consider new ideas for generating revenue to protect Florida's quality of life, business climate and those most vulnerable.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Inc. is urging Florida's elected officials to look for new ideas and find cost-effective solutions. Our Governor and Legislators must have the support of all Floridians to provide the stewardship that this state's residents and businesses sorely need, even if it means digging a little deeper into our own pockets to help our fellow citizens.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council urges lawmakers to begin approving alternative sources of revenue, such as the elimination of certain tax exemptions and closing tax breaks, as realistic methods for funding human services and education.