



Advocates for Ohio's Future
37 West Broad Street, Suite 1100
Columbus, OH 43215
614-602-2463 | 614-721-1761
www.advocatesforohio.org

PRESS RELEASE
June 16, 2015

CONTACT
Bill Sundermeyer, 614-721-1761
Col Owens, 513-300-3042
Mark Davis, 513-218-5991

Use State Resources to Help Ohioans Overcome Their Rainy Days

COLUMBUS – The latest version of the 2016-17 state budget bill locks millions in state resources away in the state's Rainy Day Fund, leaving many Ohioans to face stormy weather with insufficient support from the state.

Thirty-four percent of Ohioans live below the self-sufficiency line, the level where family income is not enough to afford the basics every month. Working parents face the difficult choice of taking a raise at work or keeping their child care benefit. Ohio's youngest and oldest residents face neglect and abuse while counties lack sufficient funds to provide needed services. Ohio's health and human services programs play a critical role in stabilizing families, supporting low-wage workers, and ensuring that all Ohioans are safe and healthy.

"The state is coming back strong from difficult times a few years ago and we want to see the state pay it forward by reinvesting in the safety, health and economic improvement of Ohioans," said Col Owens, Co-Chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF). "There are sufficient resources available in the budget for lawmakers to use additional resources to support Ohioans who are in unsafe circumstances or continue struggling in a low-wage economy."

Ohio's financial outlook is positive. AOF encourages lawmakers to take this opportunity to not just save, but to invest in Ohio's future through health and human services programs that support Ohio's workforce, families and communities.

For additional information on AOF's budget priorities, see: [Not Too Late for Ohio Senate to Do the Right Thing \(AOF press release 6.12.15\)](#)

- 30 -

Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of over 475 local and statewide organizations that promote health and human service budget and policy solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.