

What Mr. B Lost in California's Last 5 Budget Cycles

Between 2008 and 2012, budget cuts eliminated or severely compromised cost-effective supports that helped hundreds of thousands of Californians avoid the nursing home and emergency room and live safely in the community. In Alameda County, some programs remain open thanks to local and federal grants, yet access to supportive services is severely limited.

Here's what seniors in our county lost:



Income...\$92/month SSI (individual grant levels now \$866 a month)

Coverage... Medi-Cal no longer covers Dental, Podiatry, Audiology, Optometry & optical services, Speech, physical & occupational therapy, Incontinence supplies

Premium Assistance... For many, Medical no longer pays the Medicare premium of \$97/month

Case Management... Linkages eliminated, MSSP slots cut to 340 (total loss of over 300 case management "slots")

In-home help... IHSS hours and funding cut, help with share-of-cost eliminated, paperwork increased, emergency response program eliminated, private registry of qualified workers closed

Day Care...Safe and Medically appropriate day care (Adult Day Health Care access limited; state funding for Adult Day Care eliminated, resulting in a loss of \$151,000 for Alameda County)

Food... state Brown Bag funding eliminated

Respite care for Mr. B's caregiver (Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center and Respite purchase of services funding eliminated, Caregiver Resource Centers funding drastically cut)

Property tax assistance and Renter's Tax Credit (both eliminated)

Oversight and Protection for older adults (LTC Ombudsman and Adult Protective Services cut, Senior Legal Hotline eliminated)

Adult Education Classes (Adult Ed for seniors and people with disabilities essentially eliminated)

Job and Employment... state and federal funding cut for training/placement

Housing Assistance... federal funding cut for Section 8 and reverse mortgage counseling

Connection... state funding for Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs eliminated

THE SAFETY NET OF SENIOR SERVICES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY HAS BEEN SEVERELY COMPROMISED. IT CANNOT SURVIVE THE FEDERAL SEQUESTRATION CUTS THAT WILL HIT BEGINNING IN JULY 2013.