



HHS Network of CA January 2013 CA Budget Talking Points

Restore. Rebuild. Reinvest.

Restore: Since 2008, California has been cutting and gutting vital programs for California's most vulnerable residents – our children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities. These cuts amount to well over \$15 billion cut from the Golden State's social safety net between 2008 and 2011 alone. These cuts have resulted in massive holes in our social safety net, and almost a quarter of California's children living in poverty. It's time to put that money back.

Rebuild: We passed Proposition 30 on the November 2012 ballot to stop the downward spiral of program cuts and disinvestment in CA. Now we have a chance to rebuild our safety net and reboot our economy with a stabilized general fund.

Reinvest: California's fiscal health must be used to protect families, children, seniors and people with disabilities. Now is the time to reinvest in our critical safety net programs and grow our economy.



The Opportunity: The people of California sent a strong message of support for our social safety net in the November elections by passing Proposition 30 and electing a new legislature with a powerful two-thirds Democratic majority.

It's now time for those legislative leaders to act on the will of California voters and pass a budget built on revenue solutions that truly meets California's needs and repairs our damaged social safety net.

Revenue solutions and the social safety net must be a cornerstone of California's budget conversation. With Proposition 30, the wealthiest Californians are now paying their fair share. It's time to see that our state's corporations do too. California's Democratic leaders must consider the following priorities for the Golden State:

Our Policies for the Coming CA Budget Cycle

1. **Restoration** of social safety net cuts being implemented NOW (2012 – 2013 fiscal year) and those cuts made to vital California programs in the last few years. California's families and children are struggling with astounding poverty rates and a scarcity of services NOW and we must use our new fiscal strength to fix this problem.
2. Continue to work for **Revenue Solutions** to close budget gaps in future budgets. Californians have made it clear that revenue solutions are a vital part of our budget, and our state's priorities.
3. **Corporations Must Pay their Fair Share Too.** Corporations are paying historically low taxes and raking in huge profits in California. It's time to ensure that corporations are paying their fair share to our communities by taking a careful look at corporate tax rates, loopholes and breaks.

Who We Are:

The **Health and Human Services Network of California** is a coalition of advocates, consumers, and allies working together for strong health care and human services in California. Our network includes people who care about health care, home care for seniors and disabled people, emergency food and food stamps, CalWORKs, domestic violence shelters, independent living centers for people with disabilities, childcare, child abuse and neglect prevention, women's health care, community health clinics, AIDS prevention and care, and more — in other words, the basic human needs we all share.

Convening groups for the network include the [Western Center on Law and Poverty](#), [Health Access](#), [California Partnership](#), and [California Immigrant Policy Center](#).

