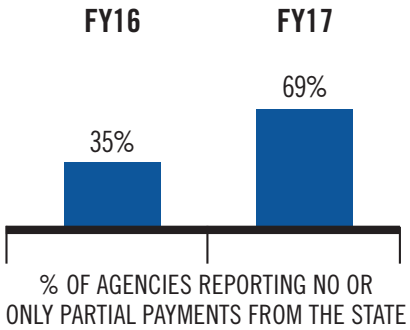
UNITED WAY OF ILLINOIS POST-STOP GAP FUNDING SURVEY: HIGH LEVEL FINDINGS

The findings below were drawn from 463 responses to a survey conducted March 3 – March 17, 2017, of human service agencies across Illinois. **Twenty-one months into the budget stalemate, and less than three months after a stop-gap budget that released funds from July 1 – December 31, 2016, survey respondents answered questions related to service delivery and organizational stability.** Survey respondents represent every region across the state and every category of social service agency.

69% of agencies have received no or only partial payment for services delivered in FY17

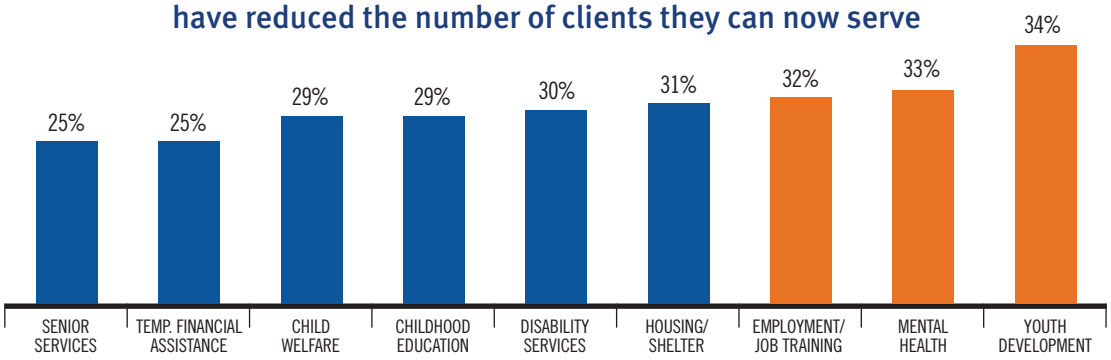


"Two years of a state budget impasse has forced Catholic Charities to close much-needed programs and locations in our most underserved communities … [including] family shelters, day-care centers, one Headstart center and a substance abuse recover home for veterans."

Catholic Charities, Chicago

Less than 3 months since the stop-gap budget ended, 46% of all agencies surveyed have reduced the number of clients they serve

In some service categories as much as 30% or more of agencies have reduced the number of clients they can now serve



"We are not able to serve [students with IEPs] in our community which will impact their ability to earn a high school credential, creating a challenge in finding a good paying job."

Urbana Adult Education, Urbana

"We are providing 200 fewer clients with psychiatric services."

Josselyn Center, a community behavioral health center in Northfield

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Sample size: 463 Illinois human services agencies

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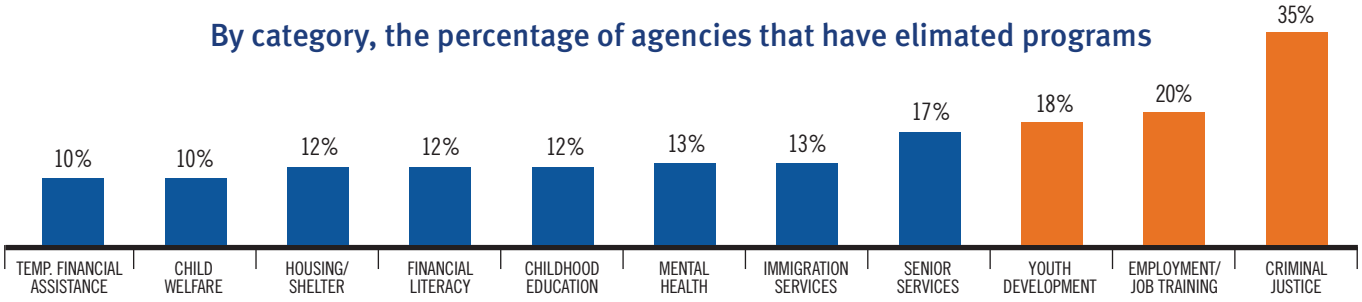
Since the stop-gap budget ended, 25% of all agencies surveyed have shuttered programs; criminal justice, employment training and youth development programs have experienced the most significant closures

By category, the percentage of agencies that have elimated programs



"Hospitals, law enforcement, State's Attorneys …housing and city/ community staff are asking when services will start again as they have no other resources to take care of the quite dire situations in their communities."

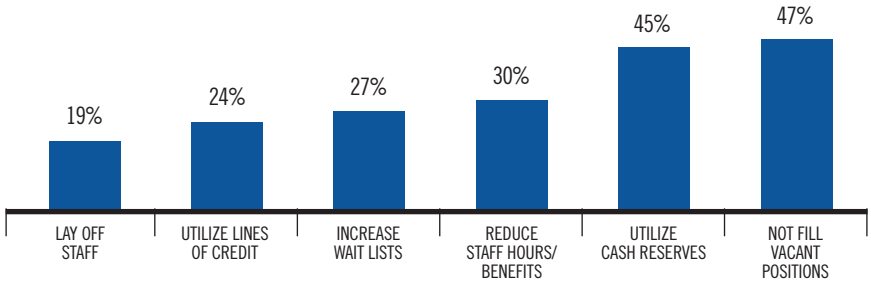
Alternatives, a youth and family-serving agency in Moline

"…there are no longer any residential facilities in our area for the homeless or at risk of being homeless. As a result, many of these youth end up in DCFS."

Family Counseling Center, Vienna

Due to continued lack of funding, agencies are taking the following unsustainable actions to keep their doors open

Percent of agencies taking action in order to remain open



"We are discharging clients with exceptional needs as we can not hire the staff to support them."

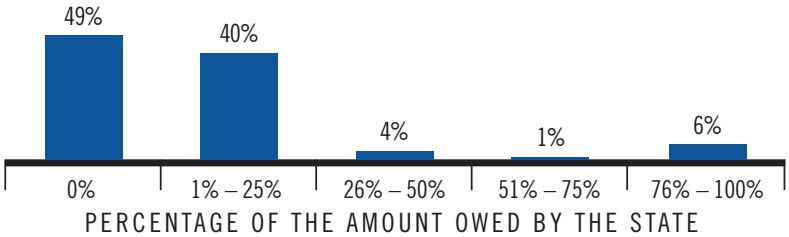
Cornerstone, a disability services agency in Joliet

"[There is] less availability of staff to respond to the need of abused and neglected children."

Advocate Network for Children, Quincy

9 out of 10 agencies were unable to raise 25% or more of the funding owed to them by the State

Percent of organizations that were able to raise alternative sources of revenue



Shifting the State's obligation to private philanthropy is not viable. According to the Illinois Department of Human Services, as of March 15, 2017, the amount owed to human services agencies totaled $213 million.

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