Effect of the Recession on Child Well-Being

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Children’s Budget 2014

✓ 180+ investments in kids
✓ Traditional & nontraditional
✓ 5-year lookback
The children’s share of the federal budget has **declined by nearly 6% since 2010**. Kids are being disproportionately cut, although have regained some ground since low in 2012.
Total Federal Children’s Spending (not adjusted for inflation)

Funding has dropped by $19 billion, or 6%, since 2010.

However, adjusting for inflation, funding for children is

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Gridlock/Status Quo = Long-Term Disinvestment in Kids

Source: Kids’ Share, Urban Institute
Public in Convinced by Message of Need to Invest in Children

Is the following statement convincing or not convincing as a reason to SUPPORT increased spending on children’s programs?

Spending on children and education now is an investment in jobs for the future by guaranteeing that our children will be prepared to compete in a global economy, develop the innovations and technologies that will power America’s economy in the future, and have the skills for the jobs of tomorrow.

America is a great nation because we’ve always invested in the future. But now, some in Congress want to cut investments in children’s education, health care, and nutrition. Politicians should remember what makes this country a success and create a budget that invests in the future: our children.
Extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

CHIP has cut the uninsured rate for kids in half #CHIPworks

No Health Insurance Coverage Among Children (0-17) and Adults (18-64) from 1984-2012


Genevieve Kenney National Child Health Policy Conference (February 2014)
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We should not put the health of children at risk
Pass the Homeless Children and Youth Act
S. 256, Sens. Portman (R-OH) & Feinstein (D-CA)
H.R. 576, Reps. Stivers (R-OH) and Loebsack (D-IA)
Reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act

- Defend the important gains made in the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act in 2010 to ensure kids have continued access to healthy, nutritious food.

- Child Nutrition Act provides about 30 million lunches and 13.5 million breakfasts to students every school day, along with 3.5 million children in child care centers & 6.8 million infants & children through WIC every month.
Establish a National Child Poverty Target

Figure 1: Absolute Poverty in the U.S. & U.K. 1989–2009


The British anti-poverty strategy had three parts:

1) Promoting work and making work pay
   - National minimum wage
   - Working Families Tax Credit
   - Reduced payroll taxes for low-income workers

2) Raising incomes for families with children
   - Child Benefit
   - New Child Tax Credit for low-income families
   - New Child Trust Funds

3) Investing in children

What Did Britain Do to Reduce Child Poverty?: Lessons for the United States
Thank You

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