Briefing Takeaways

• Housing Policy Issues Raised by *Evicted*

• Interconnectedness of Policy Areas

• Money Matters
Congress Invests Less Than 8% in Kids
Cutting Investments in Kids Disproportionately

Children’s share of overall spending has **dropped by 7.3%** in six years.
Children: Small Fraction of All New Spending

New Federal Spending Over Last 5 Years (2011-2016)

- Children: 2.1%
- All Other Federal Spending (97.9%)
Children: Just 2% of All New Spending

**Figure 8** Share of Projected Growth in Federal Outlays from 2015 to 2016 Going to Children and Other Major Budget Items

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<td>Interest on the Debt</td>
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**Source:** Urban Institute, 2016. Authors’ 2015 estimates based on the *Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2017*; authors’ 2026 estimates based on CBO’s *Updated Budget Projections: 2016–26.*

**Note:** The Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid category excludes spending already captured as children’s spending.
Children’s Housing: 0.3% of Federal Budget

**Bars**
- 2012: 0.31%
- 2013: 0.31%
- 2014: 0.33%
- 2015: 0.31%
- 2016: 0.30%
- 2017 (Proposed): 0.29%
WINNERS AND LOSERS IN TRUMP’S FIRST BUDGET

Percent change in discretionary spending

-31%  Environmental Protection Agency
-29%  State Department
-21%  Agriculture
-21%  Labor
-21%  Justice
-16%  Health and Human Services
-16%  Commerce
-16%  Education
-14%  Transportation
-13%  Housing and Urban Development
-12%  Interior
-12%  Energy
-6%   Veterans Affairs
-4%   Treasury
-1%   NASA
+6%   Homeland Security
+7%   Defense
+10%  

SOURCE: White House
Budgets Matter: Kids Should Not Lose Ground

Children didn’t create budget deficits, but they are bearing the full brunt of austerity measures to pay for defense, border wall, and tax cuts.

**Figure 8:** Share of Projected Growth in Federal Outlays from 2015 to 2016 Going to Children and Other Major Budget Items

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Children are 69% more likely to live in poverty than adults.
FFCC: Policy Recommendations

- Increase the supply of affordable housing
- Expand access to civil legal services
- Pass the Homeless Children and Youth Act (S. 611/H.R. 1511)
- Strengthen family tax credits
- Reform the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program
- Support transition-aged foster youth and stabilize families at risk of entering care
- Protect Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Invest in early childhood education
- Improve equity in public schools
- Address environmental hazards in housing
- Create a right to housing for children