



Howard Area Community Center

7648 North Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60626

Dear Howard Area Community Center family,

I am asking for your help.

Illinois is in its last week of the special General Assembly session and fiscal year. We are currently poised to enter our third year without a full budget, increasing the damage to our communities, schools, human services, and healthcare sectors.

The time for advocacy in support of a full-year, adequately funded state budget is NOW. The Governor and the General Assembly need to hear from you –their constituents–to support a full-year, fully-funded budget.

- *Act today to pass a full-year, fully-funded budget, with enough new, permanent revenue to stop the cuts and repair the damage that has already been done.*
- *We are against any Stop Gap proposal.*
- *Only a bi-partisan brokered agreement (bi-partisan being essential to get the package passed) will work.*

This continued budget crisis negatively impacts almost all not-for-profit and educational organization and those they serve. HACC's adult education programs, family literacy services, domestic violence services, employment services for individuals recently released from prison, afterschool youth programming and even subsidized child care are most at risk.

PLEASE SPEAK OUT and DEMAND THE PASSAGE of a fair and fully-funded full-year budget that protects our state's most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you,

Bruce Rasey
Executive Director