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## Governor's budget cuts devastating to children and families around the state

*We urge legislators to look at more creative solutions, including raising revenue, to weather Washington's budget crisis*

December 18, 2008 (Seattle)—The Children's Alliance today released the following statement in response to Governor Chris Gregoire's proposed budget cuts:

"Cuts in the governor's proposed budget yank the safety net out from under hundreds of thousands of children around Washington State," said Jon Gould, Deputy Director of the Children's Alliance. "Without a more creative approach—one that looks at increasing revenue through closing loopholes and other means—children and families in our state will suffer. Now more than ever children and families need the economic stability and support that programs like Apple Health for Kids, child care subsidies and food stamps provide. We look to our legislators to show the vision being demonstrated by president-elect Barack Obama who is investing in families to bring our nation out of the economic difficulties we now face."

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