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Implications of the federal government shutdown on young children and families

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Advancing policy solutions for people with low incomes with the understanding that poverty in America is inextricably tied to systemic racism.



Children, Youth & Families



Federal Spending Priorities



Health and Mental Health



Public Benefits Justice



Education, Labor & Worker Justice



Racial Equity

Current Status of the Shutdown

- Today is day 22 of the government shutdown
- A government shutdown occurs when a budget or a continuing resolution are not passed and there is a lapse in government funding.
- The last time Congress passed a budget ahead of the deadline was in 1996



Impact on Young Children & Families

- Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- Head Start
- Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Additional Impacts

- Government-wide Reductions in Force: 4,000 employees impacted
 - Departments of Education and Health and Human services were heavily impacted
 - Department of Ed & HHS offices that administer special education, afterschool programs, and the Preschool Development Grant B-5 were decimated
 - Ongoing litigation: Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) granted last week in the courts blocking RIFs for federal employees represented by AFSCME and AFGE

Questions