

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

As some of you may know the Governor's proposed budget is not good news for Youth Service Bureaus. Not only did it cut our Enhancement Funding completely, **\$620,000**, it also cut our Cost Sharing Grant by about **\$700,000**, for a total loss of \$1.3 million.

**This is devastating news for the 102 Youth Service Bureaus in CT!** There are Youth Service Bureaus in the state that will surely have to close their doors if this carries through, and the loss to the youth and families in these communities will be profound!

The other issue is the plan to move Youth Service Bureaus under the management of the Department of Children & Families (DCF) which will cause Youth Service Bureaus statewide to lose the ability to leverage other funds, and we also lose the years we spent developing a data tracking system with the Department of Education. Barbara has been busy since the release of the news last Wednesday making calls, drafting testimony, scheduling people to testify & fielding calls and emails. We are asking for your support in helping us combat this critical issue. Below is a list of Montville's legislative representation, we urge you to contact them ASAP and ask them to advocate for Youth Service Bureaus!

Calls and emails are needed!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions/concerns!

## **Montville Reps & Their Websites:**

Rep. Kathleen McCarty of the 38th <http://repmccarty.com>

Rep. Mike France of the 42nd <http://repfrance.com>

Rep. Kevin Ryan of the 139th <http://housedems.ct.gov/Ryan>

Senator Cathy Osten of the 19th

<http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/osten.php>

Senator Paul Formica of the 20th

[www.ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-Formica](http://www.ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-Formica)

Thank you for anticipated support!

~Barbara, Kim, Dianne, Alicia, Katie & Rayallen~