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DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS GIVE NEW BUDGET FAILING GRADE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations representing more than 40 member groups is giving the new biennial budget failing grades in its support of Wisconsin's most vulnerable citizens.

Today's report card assesses impacts on people with disabilities based on funding and policy decisions contained in the new budget. Funding for community-based long-term adult care and public education both received F grades; funding for long-term community-based supports for children, transportation, mental health, and county-based programs all received D's.

"This budget was sold to the public as necessary in balancing our state's budget," says Lynn Breedlove, Survival co-chair.

"In reality, there is an imbalance in shared sacrifice here. While people with disabilities have been disproportionately hurt by significant cuts in education and long-term supports, the budget contains new or expanded tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy at a cost of more than \$90 million in this budget and \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years."

Policy experts from multiple groups representing the interests of people with disabilities analyzed the new budget for impacts on people with disabilities. They say this budget contains the worst consequences for people with disabilities in recent years.

Survival Coalition is a cross-disability coalition working in partnership with local organizations, coalitions, consumers, advocates, and families statewide to promote policies, programs, and practices that advance integrated, individualized, community-based supports and services.

See attached report card for a full policy analysis of the biennial budget's impact on people with disabilities.

Organizational Structure

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