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Impact of the proposed state budget on Athens County Job and Family Services

- The current budget proposal from Governor John Kasich calls for a cut in funding of more than \$2 million for Athens County Job and Family Services. This loss of funding is spread across several of our agency's programs and will severely impact our programs and services.
- This newly proposed cut is on top of losses of nearly \$3 million in funding in the last three years from state budget cuts.
 - In 2008, Athens County Job and Family Services lost \$400,000 in state funding.
 - In 2009, Athens County Job and Family Services lost more than \$1.3 million in state funding.
 - In 2010, Athens County Job and Family Services lost more than \$1.25 million in state funding.
- Previous budget cuts have forced Athens County Job and Family Services to eliminate or reduce vital public programs and lay off staff members at a time when more and more area residents were turning to the agency for help.
- Athens County Job and Family Services does not have all of the details yet on the proposed budget cuts and how they would affect the agency and its programs.
- The 2005 income tax cuts are responsible for a large portion of the state's budget crisis, and are responsible for the cuts in state funding to schools, colleges, universities, state offices and local government programs.
- Athens County residents are urged to contact state leaders and ask them to roll back the income tax cuts and make changes to the budget to protect services for people in need.