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Many Challenges, Take ONE Action

We are thrilled to report that all of our voices were heard! Today we learned that the Governor plans to reverse the "Good Friday cuts," including Teen REACH, Community Youth Services, and Addiction Prevention. This news comes via Rep. Greg Harris (D-Chicago), who chairs the House Human Services Appropriations Committee and has convened hearings across the state to examine how the FY15 - and proposed FY16 - budget cuts impact human services. [Rep. Harris released a statement](#) about what he has learned and calls on us to continue working together to explore revenue generating solutions and sensible cuts to balance the budget. The Federation and ACT Now Coalition thank Rep. Harris for his leadership and willingness to stand up for our youth, our families, and our communities.

This is a great victory for us and the youth and families we serve, but the fight continues as efforts over the next month shift towards FY16 budget negotiations.

Your voices continue to be critical to this process! Let your [elected officials](#) know the importance of [community schools](#) and [afterschool programs](#) and the need for [adequate revenue](#) to support these critical resources in our communities.



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