



BUILDING BETTER LIVES

## Protecting Kids and Families During a State Fiscal Crisis Story Bank

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Under what category does your story fall?

- Child care       Health care       Food bank       Substance abuse  
 Home-visiting       Children's mental health       K-12 education       Child welfare  
 Youth services       Early childhood education       Early Intervention  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is the story about an organization you work for?       YES       NO

If yes, what organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of situation (related to state budget crisis and needs of kids/families/communities):

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### If you are a provider...

Please describe your organization's mission and what services you provide.

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Have you seen an increase in need or participation at your organization?       YES       NO



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Have you had to decrease or altogether cut programs and/or services to your organization's participants?  YES  NO

If so, how?

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Given the current climate, how are you helping those individuals and families in need on a tight budget?

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Do you have any final thoughts or comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit this form to: Melissa Baker by e-mail at [mbaker@voices4kids.org](mailto:mbaker@voices4kids.org) or fax at 312-456-0088.**

Telling your and your organization's story is a crucial step toward helping others in a similar situation, and publicity may move others to get involved. With this in mind, however, there is no guarantee that your story will be used. If the opportunity for release does arise, Voices for Illinois Children will immediately contact you to gather more information and for your permission.

*Thank you so much for your time. We will be in touch.*

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